***‘Racialised from the Start' Revisiting Ireland's Citizenship Debate:   
A 20-Year Retrospective***

Hosted by The Centre for Forced Migration Studies TCD and Black Studies, Dept. of Sociology TCD  
The Ideas Space, Trinity Long Room Hub

Friday 18th October 2024

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| PROGRAMME | |
| Time | Speaker |
| **9:00 - Arrival and Registration/Tea and Coffee** | |
| 9.30-9.35 | Dr Phil Mullen - Welcome |
| 9.30-10.00 | Dr Ebun Joseph -Opening remarks |
| 10.00- 11.00 | **Panel 1:The 2004 Citizenship Referendum and Its Racial Dimensions** Moderator: Dr. Suryapratim Roy Presenters: Dr. Phil Mullen (TCD), Soraya Afzali (TCD) and Eve Doran (TCD) |
| 11.00-11.20 | Q&A |
| **11.20 -Break** | |
| 11.45-12.00 | Audio Recording |
| 12.00 - 13.00 | **Panel 2: Legal and Institutional Responses to Race and Citizenship**  Moderator: Dr. Phil Mullen  Presenters: Dr. Suryapratim Roy (TCD) /Dr. Shreya Atrey (Uni. of Oxford), Saymore Masaisai (TCD), Philip Jeremiah Ryan (UCD) |
| 13.00 - 13.20 | Q&A |
| **13.20 - Lunch** | |
| 14.15-15.15 | **Panel 3: Historical, Colonial and Linguistic Perspectives on Race in Ireland** Moderator: Eve Doran Presenters: Dr. John Wilkins (TCD/IMMA), Lylian Fotabong (MIC), Dr. Margaret Brehony (UG) |
| 15.15-15.35 | Q&A |
| 15:35 - 16:00 | Closing Remarks - Dr. Jennifer Okeke |
| **16:00- END** | |

**Schedule**

**Welcome: Dr. Phil Mullen**

**Opening Remarks: Dr. Ebun Joseph**

**Panel 1: The 2004 Citizenship Referendum and Its Racial Dimensions  
Moderator: Dr. Suryapratim Roy**

10:00-10:20- Dr. Phil Mullen (TCD) - Racialising Irishness: The 2004 Citizenship Referendum and Its Enduring Legacy

10:20-10:40-Soraya Afzali (TCD) -Race, Immigration, and the 2004 Irish Citizenship Referendum: The Politics of Belonging in Contemporary Ireland

10:40-11am-Eve Doran (TCD) - Unveiling Black Irish Narratives: Identity formation and (non-)belonging in the aftermath of the 2004 citizenship debate

**Panel 2: Legal and Institutional Responses to Race and Citizenship  
Moderator: Dr. Phil Mullen**

12:00-12:20-Dr. Suryapratim Roy (TCD) /Dr. Shreya Atrey (Uni. of Oxford) - Convenient Exceptions: Citizenship, Race, and Irish Constitutionalism

12:20-12:40-Saymore Masaisai (TCD) - Harnessing the Demographic Dividend or Disaster: Examining the Racialised Exclusion of African Asylum Seekers and Immigrants (AAI) in Ireland's Employment and Education Sectors Post-2004 Citizenship Referendum

12:40-13:00-Phillip Jeremiah Ryan (UCD) - From Soil to Blood: Irish “Anchor Babies” and the Bureaucratisation of Family

**Panel 3: Historical, Colonial and Linguistic Perspectives on Race in Ireland  
Moderator: Eve Doran**

14:15-14:35-Dr. John Wilkins (IMMA) - Black Essentialism’s Impact on “Color Line”, and Irish Migration [Jazz ban in Ireland]

14:35-14:55-Lylian Fotabong (MIC) - Examining Language About the Irish Citizenship Referendum: Perspectives on National Identity

14:55-15:15- Dr. Margaret Brehony (UG) - “Racialised from the Past”: Historical perspectives on the slow violence of race-making [Ireland/Cuba colonialism]

**Closing Remarks: Dr. Jennifer Okeke**