

# 2020 Annual Conference of the Political Science Association of Ireland

9 – 10 October 2020

*DRAFT PROGRAMME*

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**Friday  
9 October**

- 9.00 - 10.15 Gender and Politics Specialist Group: Panel 1  
Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group: Panel 1
- 10.30 - 12.00 Irish Electoral Politics in 2020: The INES 2020  
Conflict and Cooperation in International Relations  
Political Engagement and Knowledge
- 12.00 - 14.00 PSAI Executive Committee Meeting
- 14.00 - 15.30 Roundtable Discussion
- 15.45 - 17.35 Politics and Ideology  
Security and Counter-Terrorism  
Growth of Challenger Parties
- 18.00 - 19.00 IPS Editorial Board Meeting

**Saturday  
10 October**

- 9.00 - 10.15 Covid-19  
Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group: Panel 2
- 10.30 - 12.00 The International Order and Domestic Politics  
Gender and Politics Specialist Group: Panel 2  
Conflict and Geography
- 14.00 - 15.50 Electoral and Political System  
Explaining the 2020 Election Vote: The INES 2020
- 16.30 - 18:00 PSAI Annual General Meeting

# Roundtable

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## Global Ireland

Friday 14.00 – 15.30

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A Roundtable discussion focused on Ireland's global standing, following a year in which the state has gained a seat at the UN, unexpectedly changed EU Commissioner and seen Paschal Donohoe elected as President of The Eurogroup. In the midst of a global pandemic and with Brexit looming the panel will discuss Ireland's diplomatic priorities and place in the world.

Panel: *Niall Burgess*, Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
*Katy Hayward*, Professor of Social Divisions and Conflict, QUB  
*Brigid Laffan*, Director, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI  
*Dan O'Brien*, Chief Economist, Institute for International and European Affairs

Chair: *Ben Tonra*, Professor of International Relations, UCD

## Panels

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### Gender and Politics Specialist Group: Panel 1

Friday 09.00 - 10.15

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At the Table: the impact of the growth in deliberative democracy on gender equality in Ireland.

*Luke Field (University of Iceland)*

'Doing politics in a different way': the establishment of caucuses for women councillors in Irish Local Government

*Claire McGing (Institute of Art, Design and Technology)*

The Gendered Nature of Irish Green Party Politics: the impact of ideology on political representation

*Mary Brennan (University College Dublin); Sadhbh O'Neill (University College Dublin)*

Gender and Political Representation in the Northern Ireland Assembly: Changes in Candidate Selection based on Partisanship and Geography

*Kimberly Cowell-Meyers (American University); Caoilfhionn D'Arcy (Maynooth University); Timothy J. White (Xavier University)*

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### Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group: Panel 1

Friday 09.00 - 10.15

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A deliberative e-rulemaking pilot study. Facilitating online deliberation in law making procedures

*Anastasia Deligiaouri (Dublin City University); Jane Suiter (Dublin City University)*

Where have all the good leaders gone? Empowering ethical democratic leadership to address the climate emergency

*Clodagh Harris (University College Cork); Ian Hughes (University College Cork)*

Citizen Involvement In Political Decision Making During A Pandemic

*Lala Muradova (KU Leuven); Jane Suiter (Dublin City University)*

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## **Conflict and Cooperation in International Relations**

Friday 10.30 - 12.00

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Building Bridges or Breaking Bonds? The Belt and Road Initiative and Foreign Aid Competition

*Krishna Chaitanya Vadlamannati (University College Dublin); Yuanxin Li (University College Dublin); Samuel Brazys (University College Dublin); Alexander Dukalskis (University College Dublin)*

India's Role in the Indo-Pacific – Geopolitics in Times of Uncertainty and Opportunity

*Jivanta Schöttli (Dublin City University)*

When Domestic Constraints Weigh you Down: Italy's Negotiation Success in EU Monetary and Asylum Policies

*Marianna Lovato (University College Dublin)*

The Role of Friendship in International Relations: The Case of Study of Sino-African Relations

*Niall Duggan (University College Cork)*

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## **Irish Electoral Politics in 2020: The INES 2020**

Friday 10.30 - 12.00

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What Shapes Opinion on Directly-Elected Mayors in Ireland?

*Luke Field (University of Iceland)*

Issue voting and policy proximity in Irish elections

*Rory Costello (University of Limerick)*

Hybrid media consumption and production in #ge2020: the battle to own 'change'

*Jane Suiter (Dublin City University); Kirsty Park (Dublin City University)*

Irish Citizen's preferences for political decision-making processes: Participatory, Deliberative and Expert-based governance.

*Colm D. Walsh (University College Dublin); Johan A. Elkink (University College Dublin); David M. Farrell (University College Dublin)*

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## Political Engagement and Knowledge

Friday 10.30 - 12.00

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'Get Brexit done' - The success of cognitively uncomplex political rhetoric

*Joe MacDonagh (Technological University Dublin)*

The Complex Effects of Transparency on Trust and Perceived Corruption

*Michele Crepaz (NUI Galway); Gizem Arikan (Trinity College Dublin)*

Explaining the Variation in Individuals' Conspiratorial Beliefs: The Effect of Exposure to Emotive Conspiratorial Messaging in the Media

*David Hugh Moore (Trinity College Dublin)*

Posters, Podiums, Platforms, and Paraphernalia; A Study of Newly Enfranchised Voters' Political Engagement with #GE20.

*Philip Murphy (University College Cork)*

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## Growth of Challenger Parties

Friday 15.45 - 17.35

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The Compass of Irish Politics is Moving to the Left

*Stefan Müller (University College Dublin); Aidan Regan (University College Dublin)*

All About the Green? Economic Shifts and Green Party Support in Ireland

*Dan Ziebarth (George Washington University)*

Seeking an Adversary: The Radical Right and the Saliency of Immigration in Green Party Speeches

*Samuel A. T. Johnston (Trinity College Dublin); Stefanie Sprong (Trinity College Dublin)*

How Sinn Féin rose in the general election in 2020 drawing on evidence from public opinion polling.

*Kevin Cunningham (Technological University Dublin)*

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## Politics and Ideology

Friday 15.45 - 17.35

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Repost and Like: Securitization Theory in the Digital Age

*Natalia Umansky Casapa (University College Dublin)*

A party system without party competition? Issue competition in Ireland

*Christoffer Green-Pedersen (Aarhus University); Conor Little (University of Limerick)*

A Political Esperanto, or False Friends? – ‘Left’ and ‘Right’ in Different Political Contexts

*Jesper Lindqvist (University College Dublin); Johan Elkink (University College Dublin)*

Choosing Your Target Wisely: Explaining the Variation in Nationalist Appeals in Contemporary Europe

*Samuel A. T. Johnston; Department of Political Science (Trinity College Dublin)*

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## Security and Counter-Terrorism

Friday 15.45 - 17.35

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Just Peace and Presumptive Benefit: Applying Fair Play Theory to Provisional Authority Arrangements

*Kevin Lacourse (Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin)*

The unforgivable?: Irish Republican Army (IRA) informers and dealing with Northern Ireland conflict legacy, 1998-2020

*Eleanor Leah Williams (Queen’s University Belfast); Thomas Leahy (Cardiff University)*

The Regulation of Terrorist Informers during ‘The Troubles’

*Samantha Newbery (University of Salford)*

Agonistic Transitional Justice in Action: The Case of Northern Ireland

*Emma Murphy (University College Dublin)*

Vanity of the Bonfires? Eleventh Night Celebrations as Boundary Maintenance after the Good Friday Agreement

*Amanda Hall (University of St Andrews)*

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## COVID-19

Saturday 09.00 - 10.15

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Lobbying and interest representation under Covid-19

*Michele Crepaz NUI Galway; Wiebke Marie Junk (University of Copenhagen); Marcel Hanegraaff (University of Amsterdam); Joost Berkhout (University of Amsterdam); Ellis Aizenberg (University of Amsterdam)*

Information disclosure and political trust during the Covid-19 crisis: Experimental evidence from Ireland

*Michele Crepaz (NUI Galway)*

Public Criticism and Government Support: The Covid-19 Rally 'Round the Flag.

*Kevin Cunningham (Technological University Dublin)*

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## Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group: Panel 2

Saturday 09.00 - 10.15

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Citizen Involvement In Political Decision Making During A Pandemic

*Lala Muradova (KU Leuven); Jane Suiter (Dublin City University)*

Is a Citizens' Assembly on hate and intolerance the right model for tackling a contentious social issue?

*Kevin Ditcham (The Democratic Society); Tim Hughes (Involve); Mel Stevens (The Democratic Society); Graham Smith (University of Westminster)*

Factors influencing the empowerment and development of local deliberative spaces

*Vanessa Liston (CiviQ)*



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## Conflict and Geography

Saturday 10.30 - 12.00

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Provinces of Power: Measuring Subnational Stability in Authoritarian Regimes

*Redmond Scales (University College Dublin)*

The Irish Border: An EU Bargaining Chip in the Brexit Negotiations?

*Anthony Costello (Liverpool Hope University)*

The territorial logics of violence, Derry 1920.

*Gary Hussey (NUI Galway)*

Hauntology in Practice: Commemorating partition in the age of Brexit

*Jonathan Evershed (University College Cork); Rebecca Graff-McRae (University of Alberta)*

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## Gender and Politics Specialist Group: Panel 2

Saturday 10.30 - 12.00

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Deconstructing the Hailing of Mother India

*Nandini Gupta (Trinity College Dublin)*

Ambition for Ministerial Office in the UK

*Rachel Gregory (University College Cork)*

Positive action initiatives in the Republic of Ireland: a template for achieving gender parity?

*Lisa Keenan (Trinity College Dublin)*

Nevertheless, they persisted: feminist activism and the politics of crisis in Northern Ireland.

*Maria-Adriana Deiana (Queen's University Belfast); Jamie J. Hagen (Queen's University Belfast); Danielle Roberts (Ulster University)*

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## The International Order and Domestic Politics

Saturday 10.30 - 12.00

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The Specter of World Government: A Multinational Survey Experiment

*Farsan Ghassim (University of Oxford); Markus Pauli (Dublin City University)*

A Declarative Analysis of Chinese Covid-19 Emergency Response

*Tony Casey (University College Dublin); Mark Dukes (University College Dublin)*

Infectious Extremism: The Biopolitical Repercussions for Xinjiang in the Wake of Covid-19

*David O'Brien (Ruhr University Bochum); Melissa Shani Brown (Ruhr University Bochum)*

North Korea: A Creative Challenge to the Norms of International Order?

*Edward Howell (University of Oxford)*

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## Electoral and Political System

Saturday 14.00 - 15.50

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Do lower preference transfers assist moderate political parties in deeply divided societies?  
Evidence from the 1973, 1997 and 2019 local elections in Northern Ireland

*Jack Armstrong; PhD Student; Queen's University Belfast*

Close to the Edge - The Constitutionality of Government Action in Inter Parliamentary  
Periods

*Jennifer Kavanagh (Waterford IT)*

Walking the line: Electoral cycles and the shift in legislative priorities among German  
parliamentarians

*Corinna Kroeber (University of Greifswald); Jan Berz, Leuphana (University of Lüneburg)*

How open lists undermine the electoral support of cohesive parties

*Thomas Braeuninger (University of Mannheim); Thomas Daeubler (University College  
Dublin); Robert Huber (University of Salzburg); Lukas Rudolph (LMU Munich and ETH  
Zurich)*

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## Explaining the 2020 Election Vote: The INES 2020

Saturday 14.00 - 15.50

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Social class, Voting Behaviour and Party Choice in Ireland: Explaining the Rise of Sinn Féin

*Liam Kneafsey (Trinity College Dublin); Aidan Regan (University College Dublin)*

Political Patience, Trust and Vote- Switching

*Natasha Toole (University College Cork); Luke Field (University of Iceland)*

What predicts the vote choice in the 2020 Irish elections?

*Jos Elkink (University College Dublin); David Farrell (University College Dublin)*

Is Dáil Éireann A Place for Women? Investigating voter bias at the 2020 Irish general election

*Mary Brennan (University College Dublin); Lisa Keenan (Trinity College Dublin)*

Economic Prosperity but Government Defeat: Unpacking the Conundrum of Economic Vote in the 2020 Irish Election

*Michael Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa); Stephen Quinlan (Leipzig Institute for the Social Sciences)*