

Ireland's Policy Making in an uncertain world: Mitigating risks, maximising opportunities

A half-day seminar

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The Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin



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The island of Ireland is having to confront great challenges and changes more often than not driven by external influences. In addition the island is likely to see population growth driven by internal dynamics in both jurisdictions which could conceivably see the population increase to over 8 million people by 2050. In other words the population will finally surpass the population on the island pre-famine. How can policy makers confront these likely scenarios, ever increasing international instability and the pressures to provide for effective public services with a mainly urbanised and educated population in both jurisdictions. In an era of "new politics" in both parts of the island what is needed to enable both public services address such changes positively?

In this Seminar, leading policy experts will identify those challenges likely to drive future priorities. It will look at some of the policy legacies requiring a new perspective while also taking on board international influences which will be critical drivers in how future governments deliver their political commitments.

Who should attend?

The seminar will be of interest to key policy makers across the full sphere of public policy on the island of Ireland. Likely participants will include senior civil servants, local government chief executives, state agency executives, policy advisors to the political parties as well as key contributors to policy development from the social partners. A limited number of spaces are being reserved for students to attend.

Registration and Venue

It is possible to register for the conference online at:

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/irelands-policy-making-in-an-uncertain-world-mitigating-risks-maximising-opportunities-tickets-28142155946?utm_campaign=new_event_email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb_email&utm_term=viewmyevent_button



The seminar will take place in the Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin. Please note that there is a €78.46 (incl Vat) fee for attending the conference and this includes lunch.

The Policy Institute at Trinity College Dublin

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The Public Policy Advisors Network

The Public Policy Advisors Network is a network of leading specialists across the main areas of public policy in Ireland. We support our clients in the preparation of evidence-based policy positions, research papers and contributions to policy development in the public policy arena. We guide our clients through the often confusing layers of public management in Ireland and at international level.

Further information

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Programme: 7th November 2016

Chairman: Professor Peter Clinch

09.00-09.15	Registration and coffee
9.15-9.30	Opening Remarks: Prof Peter Clinch and Dr. Seán Ó'Riordáin
9.30-10.00	Public Sector Reform in an era of "New Politics": Mr. Declan Kearney
10.00-10.30	Active Land Market Policies as a cure for our housing shortages: Professor Ronan Lyons
10.30-11.00	Coffee
11.00-11.30	Northern Ireland 2016 – Challenges and Opportunities with Mr. Colin Stutt, Ms Stephanie Morrow and James Gilchrist
11.30-12.00	Public Procurement - A Driver of Economic Activity?: Dr. Peter Brennan
12.00-12.30	An insecure island?: Mr. Des Page and Mr. Jack Keyes
12.30-13.00	Planning for an island of 8 million people: Dr. Stephen Kinsella and Dr. Seán Ó'Riordáin
13.00-13.15	Overview contribution from Mr. Dan O'Brien, Senior Economist, Irish Institute for International and European Affairs
13.15-13.30	Closing remarks: Martin Fraser, Secretary General to the Government and Secretary General at the Department of An Taoiseach

Our Speakers

Peter Clinch Peter Clinch is an economist and holds the chair of Jean Monnet Professor of European Economic Integration as well as a Chair in Public Policy at University College Dublin. He is also UCD Vice-President for Innovation. His academic specialisms are sustainable economic growth and environmental economics.

Martin Frazer Martin Frazer is Secretary General at the Department of An Taoiseach and Secretary General to the Government.

Declan Kearney Declan Kearney is a specialist in human resource management, leadership, the management of change and public sector restructuring and reform. He is a founding member of the PPAN. He was Associate Professor in Public Management at the Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht following which he became Head of Public Sector Consulting at the international consultancy firm Hay Group. Declan now specialises in all aspects of human resources management and the development of human resources policies in both the public and private sectors. He also leads major policy reviews, change management and leadership development assignments

Ronan Lyons Dr Ronan Lyons is Assistant Professor of Economics at Trinity College Dublin. His areas of focus as an academic economist include long-run housing markets and sustainable and behavioural aspects of real estate markets. His doctoral thesis at Oxford was on the economics of Ireland's property market bubble and crash, and Ronan worked previously as Economist to Ireland's National Competitiveness Council and as Managing Consultant at IBM's Global Centre for Economic Development. He is a frequent contributor to national and international media on the Irish economy and is author of the quarterly Daft.ie Reports on the housing market.

Stephen Kinsella Dr Stephen Kinsella is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Limerick. He is a consultant to the Bank of England, a Board member of the Higher Education authority and a research fellow at UCD's Geary institute. Stephen is a weekly columnist for the Sunday Business Post and, in addition to 4 books, about 25 journal articles and winning around 2 million euro in research funding, he has also

written policy pieces for publications like the Harvard Business Review, Foreign Affairs, and VoxEU.

Peter Brennan Dr Peter Brennan is Managing Director of EPS Consulting and a founding member of the Public Policy Advisors Network; He has completed over 350 projects over the past ten years for Government, the Oireachtas, State Agencies, Local Government, the European Commission, business and trade associations and private clients. He has particular expertise in relation to EU policies, climate change, the environment, public sector reform, the green economy, enterprise, transport and infrastructure and business development. Peter is also a shareholder in Bid Management Services which assists private companies produce bid documents and also advises public bodies on public procurement.

Seán Ó'Riordáin Dr. Seán O'Riordáin is one of Ireland's leading advisors to government and the voluntary sector in economic and local development. He has extensive experience undertaking policy and organisation reviews for both the local government sector, the local and community development sector and national departments in Ireland and internationally. Seán is currently contributing to several national policy developments including the reform of local government and local development. Seán is also chairman of the Public Policy Advisors Network and Executive Director of Sorhill Advocates Pty Ltd. in Brisbane.

Colin Stutt Colin Stutt has a First Class Degree in Economics from King's College Cambridge. Colin joined the Northern Ireland Civil Service where he was Private Secretary to the Minister for Economic Development and later responsible for energy policy, industrial development, enterprise policy and Economic Policy. Colin was Partner in Charge of KPMG Consulting in Northern Ireland, lead Partner for KPMG's economic work across Ireland and lead Partner for KPMG's work with the EU Regional Policy Directorate. Colin has extensive experience of innovation policy, creative industries, the knowledge economy, indigenous enterprises and FDI policies and practices across the EU.

James Gilchrist James Gilchrist is a Chartered Accountant by profession and member of the PPAN. He has 20 years' experience of developing HM Treasury Green Book compliant

business cases for major Government change programmes and public expenditure more widely, James held senior positions within two of the 'Big 4' advisory firms where he led on the development of UK Treasury Green Book business cases for major Government reform programmes and investments. James also has extensive experience of business planning, policy and project evaluation and a wide range of economic/ financial advisory assignments and is an Associate Advisor with the Strategic Investment Board

Stephanie Morrow Stephanie is a member of the PPAN and has 20 years of experience working as an advisor in the public policy and economic advisory arena, providing management consultancy services, at senior levels of NI Government, Whitehall Departments and the European Commission. Her main areas specialties include; public policy advice; economic and investment appraisal, including cost-benefit analysis (for both private and public sector clients); evaluation; economic impact assessment and economic development – at national, regional and local levels. Her experience referred to above has been gained working at senior levels in two of the 'Big 4' professional services .

Jack Keyes Jack has had a career of successful leadership and management in and with the public and private sectors over 40 years Jack Keyes will advise in organisations and individuals who strive for effectiveness and continuous improvement through the transformation of their organisations. His approach is driven by a desire to unlock the potential in the individual as well as the team. As Council Chief Executive, Cavan became an award winning innovative county in areas including economic development, tourism, marketing, cultural excellence and social inclusion. His capacity to create and led multi-functional and inter-agency initiatives that deliver results is nationally recognised.

Des Page Des has over 40 years experience at senior levels in both public and private sectors, and in national and international settings. After service as a senior officer in the Defence Forces, he carried responsibilities in local authorities as Director of Service, in areas including infrastructure, emergency services and social policy. His most recent role has been with the UN World Food Programme, the worlds largest humanitarian and emergency response organisation. As part of senior management,



he developed and led the agency's infrastructure capacity, responding to both slow onset and immediate crises of all types, across all WFP's operations worldwide, as well as supporting the more long-term approaches to national resilience and disaster risk mitigation planning.

Dan O'Brien Dan O'Brien is Chief Economist with the Irish Institute for International and European Affairs.