

Speakers' Biographies

Professor Susan Christopherson



Susan Christopherson is Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell University, and is a geographer committed to the integration of scholarly work and public engagement. She has published a series of key articles and a prize-winning book examining how market-governance regimes influence regional economic development and firm strategies. She is also a recognised expert in the field of media studies with a record of research and publication on the media entertainment industries. She has over 100 publications on topics illuminating the spatial dimensions of economy and society, and has served on numerous editorial boards. She is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Regional Studies Association's book series on cities and regions.

Susan Christopherson's public engagement spans the local and the global. She has consulted with the OECD on higher education and regional economic development as well as with the United Nations, and has directed projects on economic development in the U.S. Great Lakes region. Her recent work focuses on human–environment relations, related to unconventional energy extraction.

Joe Crockett



Joe Crockett was County Manager of Kilkenny from 2007 to 2014, prior to which he was County Manager of Carlow and Assistant County Manager of Meath. He previously served in various positions in the Department of the Environment and Local Government from 1976 to 1997.



Dr. Annemieke Galema



Dr. Annemieke Galema is Director of Research and Valorisation at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, prior to which she was the Director of the Transfer and Liaison Group within the University's Valorisation Centre (2010–2012). From 1999 to 2010, Annemieke was Vice-Director of the Transfer and Liaison Group—a role which entailed the management of international, multi-disciplinary projects encompassing universities, businesses and governments. From 2005 to 2010 she chaired the *Innovatie-Werkgroep* of the University, as well as managing the 'Akkoord van Groningen' project—a collaboration for innovation and valorisation between the University Medical Center, *Hanzehogeschool*, and *Gemeente Groningen*. From 1995 to 1999, Annemieke was responsible for the Internship Office of

the Faculty of Arts at the University, prior to which she worked as a researcher at a range of institutions including the National Archives in Washington D.C., Kent State University, and the University of Groningen.

Annemieke's fields of expertise include the valorisation of research, research management, knowledge-transfer, business development for knowledge-institutions, contract research, regional development, European research funding, the building of research consortia, socio-economic history of the 19th and 20th centuries, and international migration. She is currently a member of the board for the development of the city of Leeuwarden as the European Capital of Culture in the Netherlands in 2018. Previously she has served as a member of the board of the *borg Verhildersum*—a cultural rural estate in the province of Groningen (2006–2014); and of the board of the public library in the municipality of Winsum (2005–2007).

Annemieke holds a Master's degree in History (1981), a Teaching Certificate in History (1981), and a Ph.D. entitled 'Frisians to America 1880–1914; With the Baggage of the Fatherland' (1994) from the University of Groningen. In 1989 and 1991 she held Dutch Science Foundation (NOW) Research Fellowships in the U.S.. She is co-editor of *Images of the Nation: Different Meanings of Dutchness 1870–1940* (1993) and of *Winsum 1057–2007* (2007), as well as author of a range of articles pertaining to migration, and of policy-papers for the University of Groningen on valorisation, research management, innovation, and contract research. She is Editor-in-Chief of *Catching Innovation*, the monthly newsletter of the University.



Professor John Goddard, O.B.E.



John is Emeritus Professor of Regional Development Studies at Newcastle University where he is leading a 'Civic University Study Programme' sponsored by the Vice Chancellor. John founded and led the University's Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS) from 1977 to 1998, during which time it was designated as a 'centre of excellence' by the Economic and Social Research Council. He was subsequently appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor until his retirement in 2008. In that role he had special responsibility for the University's regional engagement and chaired the group of six English Science Cities.

Post-retirement John returned to CURDS and was awarded a NESTA Fellowship, during which he wrote a 'provocation', *Re-inventing the Civic University* (NESTA, 2009). He was also awarded a Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship to enable him to co-author with Paul Vallance *The University and the City* (Routledge, 2013), which includes case studies of four U.K. cities. In partnership with Ellen Hazelkorn, John is currently leading an international comparative study, 'Leading and Managing the Civic University', involving higher education institutions from the U.K., Ireland, the Netherlands and Finland.

John has led reviews of universities and regional engagement for the Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council and acted as academic leader of the OECD Institutional Management in Higher Education (IMHE)'s *Higher Education and Regions: Globally Competitive, Locally Engaged* project. The latest review to which he contributed was of Wroclaw in Poland, and he has recently completed a guide with Louise Kempton for the European Commission, *Connecting Universities to Regional Growth*. John is a member of the Mirror Group advising the Commission's Smart Specialisation Platform, he has been a member of the Steering Committee for the European Universities Association (EUA) programme on collaborative research, and is the academic leader of an EU Lifelong Learning Programme on building regional partnerships between universities, business and public authorities. He has facilitated a partnership between the EUA and the Smart Specialisation Platform at the EU Joint Research Centre JRC/ITPS, is chair of the Advisory Group on Widening Participation in Horizon 2020, a member of the Advisory Group on Science With and For Society, and is advising the Economic and Social Committee on 'Universities for Europe'. He is a member of an FP7 consortium investigating Smart Specialisation and has just completed a study for DG Education and Culture on university collaboration with business through education.

Within the U.K. John has advised the Department for Business Innovation and Skills on the establishment of a smart specialisation support platform, and the North–East England Local Economic Partnership on its smart specialisation strategy. He is a member of the Advisory



Board for the Heseltine Institute for Public Policy at Liverpool University and of the Council of the Academy of Social Sciences, and a Board member of the Campaign for the Social Sciences. In Newcastle John is a Director of the Business Improvement District, NE1 Ltd., a member of the Council of Newcastle Cathedral, and a Trustee of Together Newcastle.

John is a graduate in geography from UCL, and obtained his Ph.D. from the London School of Economics (LSE), where he lectured from 1968 to 1975. He was awarded an O.B.E. in 1986 and the Victoria Medal of the Royal Geographical Society in 1992. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2004 and an Honorary Fellow of UCL in 2010. In 2011 he received the Sir Peter Hall award for distinguished services to the Regional Studies Association, and in 2012 he was awarded the Lord Dearing Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to higher education.

Dr. Maria Hinfelaar



Dr. Maria Hinfelaar is President of Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) where she has overseen significant development since her appointment in 2004. Maria has led the successful integration of Tipperary Institute into LIT, which has entailed the absorption of 1,000 student enrolments, 2 campuses and 100 staff, with further growth-potential. At over 6,500 students and 550 staff, LIT is the fourth largest institute of technology in Ireland.

LIT offers over 60 degree programmes which are consistent in the adoption of active-learning approaches in the domains of art and design; business and humanities; the built environment; and science, engineering and information technology. LIT also boasts a thriving Enterprise Centre, co-located with its campuses, where start-up businesses in high-potential export-industries, as well as in domestic sectors, are provided with excellent facilities and access to academic expertise.

Maria has led the Institute in securing substantial funding from the national funding agencies and from the EU for access projects, for teaching and learning innovations, and for applied research in science and technology domains. LIT launched an ambitious campus master-plan to 2030 in recent years, which is dove-tailed with re-development plans for the city and the region.

Maria holds a B.A. (Hons) in English Language and Literature from Leiden University; an M.A. in Modern English and American Literature and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education from Leicester University; and a Ph.D. entitled 'Key Success Factors in International Retailing', from Maastricht University (2004). She recently participated in the Top Management Programme 32 of the U.K.'s Higher Education Leadership Foundation, and was successful in attaining Fellowship status from the U.K.'s Higher Education Academy based on a portfolio submission.



Maria has published journal articles on international retailing, and has written on teaching methods for business-English in Dutch education. Recently, she has produced international research publications on the development of Irish higher education policy and on collaborations, alliances and mergers in the sector. Maria has spoken at a range of conferences in industry and academia.

A keen cyclist, Maria has participated in road-races in Belgium and Holland over many years.

Professor Linda Hogan



Professor Linda Hogan is Vice-Provost and Chief Academic Officer and Professor of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin. She was appointed to the role of Vice-Provost/CAO in September 2011 and as such has overall responsibility for education and research at the university as well as deputising for the Provost as required. She is an *ex officio* member of the Executive Officers Group, the university's Senior Management Team, along with the Provost, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the Faculty Deans. She coordinates strategic planning, research, undergraduate and postgraduate education, quality and the student experience.

Professor Hogan is a theological ethicist whose primary research interests lie in the fields of theological ethics, human rights and gender. She has published widely on the ethics of human rights, on intercultural ethics, and on gender. She has been the lead academic on a number of research projects focussing on religious pluralism and inter-religious ethics.

Professor Hogan has been a member of the Irish Council for Bioethics and has worked on a consultancy basis for NGOs and other national and international organisations.

Professor Rob Kitchin



Professor Rob Kitchin is an ERC Advanced Investigator in the National Institute of Regional and Spatial Analysis at Maynooth University. He has published widely across the social sciences, including 23 books and over 130 articles and book chapters. He is editor of the international journals, *Progress in Human Geography* and *Dialogues in Human Geography*, and was the Editor-in-Chief of the 12-volume *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. He is currently a principal investigator for the Programmable City project, the Digital Repository of Ireland, the All-Island Research



Observatory, and the Dublin Dashboard. He was the 2013 recipient of the Royal Irish Academy's Gold Medal for the Social Sciences.

Oscar López Lorente



Oscar López Lorente has been the Executive Director of Campus Iberus since October 2013. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's degree in the European Union, through which he conducted research into the development of the European regions through research and innovation.

Before leading the Campus Iberus initiative, Oscar was the Director of the European Projects Office in the University of Zaragoza from 2007 onwards. From 2009 he also coordinated the FP7-funded Aragón Network—a regional initiative which brought together the R&D actors in the region of Aragón in order to design and implement a common research and innovation strategy framed within the European RTD context.

Oscar has wide experience in the fields of research and innovation consultancy and project management, having worked at the University of Zaragoza as a project manager for R&D projects from 1997 to 2007. From 2008 to 2010 he was appointed by the Spanish Science and Innovation Ministry as the Spanish Representative and National Contact Point for Science in Society within the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission. Since 2008 Oscar has been part of the expert evaluators' pool for the Spanish Research and Innovation National Plan in the area of knowledge-transfer.

Oscar has been strongly involved in the building of the Spanish universities' R&D Network, coordinating its Continuous Professional Development working group from 2003 to 2006, and the European Projects working group in 2008–2009. Through the latter role, he contributed to several working papers related to the management of European projects for research and innovation.

Oscar has wide national and international experience as a trainer on project management and technology-transfer issues.



Professor Philip Nolan



Professor Philip Nolan is a native of Dublin, and received his B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Physiology in 1988 and the primary medical degrees of MB BCh BAO in 1991 from University College Dublin (UCD). He practised medicine for a time, but having become involved in research and teaching as a student, was drawn to an academic career. He was awarded a Ph.D. for his research on the control of breathing and the cardiovascular system during sleep. He has a strong track-record in research, including publications in leading international journals, and received a number of prestigious awards as a young researcher, including the Donegan Medal from the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland, the Watts Medal from the Health Research Board, and the Heymans-De Castro-Neil medal from the International Society for Arterial Chemoreception.

He joined the staff of University College Dublin 1996 and was recognised both as an outstanding researcher, receiving a UCD President's Research Award in 2000, and as an excellent and innovative teacher, receiving a UCD President's Teaching Award in 2002. He led the development UCD's Health Sciences Centre, which opened in 2005, and acted as Director of the UCD Conway Institute from 2003–2004. He was appointed Registrar and Deputy President of UCD in 2004. He was responsible for and led major developments in undergraduate and graduate education, internationalisation, widening participation, quality, student-administration, and library and information technology services.

Professor Nolan was appointed President of Maynooth University on 15th August 2011. As President, he has led the development of a new University Strategic Plan, which includes a radical re-envisioning of undergraduate education, significant growth in enrolment, expansion of the postgraduate programme portfolio and a doubling of international student mobility.

Philip is married to Miriam, a consultant anaesthetist at Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital. They have two daughters, Rachel and Aoife.



Niall O'Donnellan



Niall O'Donnellan has responsibility for the development and implementation of Enterprise Ireland's strategy on access to finance. This involves the overall management of the commercial evaluation of investment proposals, administration of Enterprise Ireland's equity portfolio, maintaining relationships with banks, and working with domestic and global venture-capital and business angels. He also has responsibility for Enterprise Ireland's Leadership 4 Growth Programmes, Policy and Human Resources. Prior to this role, Niall held a series of senior management positions within Enterprise Ireland, including Manager of the Life-Sciences Global Sectoral Team and Head of Policy and Planning.

Niall has had a long career in strategy-formulation and implementation in key areas of economic development. Prior to joining Enterprise Ireland, Niall worked in Forfás, Ireland's policy advisory board for enterprise and science, where he was involved in establishing the Expert Group on Future Skill Needs. Prior to that, Niall worked in the Structural Funds Industry Evaluation Unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment; on enterprise support and skills training programmes in FÁS, the Irish National Training and Employment Authority; in the Youth Employment Agency; in the community-enterprise sector, setting up and running an enterprise centre; and in IDA Ireland (Planning, Food).

Niall holds a B.A. in Economics and History (1975) and an M.A. in Economics (1980) from the National University of Ireland, Galway, and an M.B.A. (1992) from Dublin City University. In 1994 Niall published a paper in the *Economic and Social Review*, 'The Presence of Porter's Sectoral Clustering in Irish Manufacturing'.

Gina Quin



Gina Quin, B.A., M.B.A., C.Dir., is the Chief Executive Officer of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. The Dublin Chamber of Commerce speaks on behalf of business in the Greater Dublin region, promoting a competitive and internationalised business environment and providing extensive networks for business development. The Chamber is a leader in the development of a strong vision for a successful and sustainable Dublin region.

Gina started her working career with Lansdowne Market Research as a qualitative researcher and then worked closely with marketing



professionals in the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector. She subsequently joined the Irish Trade Board where she worked with a variety of companies on export-market development in Europe and the U.S.. Having completed her M.B.A., Gina joined the Rehab Group (1989), working in marketing and sales-management before taking on the role of CEO of Gandon Enterprises, the commercial division of the Rehab Group.

Gina is a Board member of ESB Networks, the Investor Compensation Company Limited, the Chartered Director Network, and a member of the Advisory Board of the CRANN Institute. She is also a Chartered Director and member of the Institute of Directors and a member of the MBA Association of Ireland. Gina is a recipient of the Alumni of the Year award from UCD Michael Smurfit Business School.

