

Wednesday 15 August 2007

09:00 Onwards: Registration

9:30 Welcome from the Chair (*Room: Bangor 2*)

9.45

Plenary Talk

Future Prospects for the Northern Irish Economy

By

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Neil is a regular commentator in the Northern Ireland press on economic matters a contributor to the annual Regional Economic Conference. Recently he has been leading Oxford Economics' research into urban renaissance and the role and importance of cities in supporting future growth.

and

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Michael is a senior lecturer in economics at UU and a high profile commentator on local economic matters, appearing regularly in the regional news media.

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<p>11.00 – 11.30</p>	<p>Coffee / tea (<i>Nelson's Lounge</i>)</p>		
<p>11:30 – 13:00</p>	<p>A Sporty, Smokey, Musical Session</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 1</i></p> <p>Can regional sports stadia ever be economically significant? Evidence from the Cardiff Millennium Stadium <i>Calvin Jones, Max Munday and Neil Roche (Cardiff University)</i></p> <p>An econometric analysis of smoking behaviour in Ireland <i>Aileen Murphy (University College Cork)</i></p> <p>Church organists: Analysing their willingness to play <i>Don Webber and Martin Freke (University of the West of England)</i></p>	<p>Spatial Economic Analysis – Joint RSAIBIS/RSA Sponsored Session</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 2</i></p> <p>Prediction using panel data regression with spatial random effects: Simulating the impact of mass immigration on local wage rates in Great Britain <i>Bernard Fingleton (University of Cambridge)</i></p> <p>Sketching out a model of innovation, face-to-face interaction and economic geography <i>Philip McCann (University of Waikato and University of Reading)</i></p> <p>Spatial dependence and economic connectedness: Evidence from the British labour markets <i>Vassilis Monastiriotis (London School of Economics)</i></p>	<p>Government and Cycles</p> <p><i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p> <p>Assessing local government wealth base <i>Peadar T. Davis, William J. McCluskey and Lay Cheng Lim (University of Ulster)</i></p> <p>Exploring pro-cyclical bias in sub-central fiscal policy: Evidence, likely causes and implications <i>Julia Darby and Graeme Roy (University of Strathclyde)</i></p> <p>The degree of synchronization in regional business cycles in Great Britain <i>John Dewhurst (University of Dundee)</i></p>
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch (<i>Nelson's Restaurant</i>)</p>		

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<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Regional Science and Human Capital</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 1</i></p> <p>Human capital, higher education and graduate migration: An analysis of Scottish and Welsh students <i>Alessandra Faggian (University of Reading), Philip McCann (University of Waikato) and Stephen Sheppard (Williams College, Williamstown, MA)</i></p> <p>The spatial pattern of hidden unemployment: People or place effects? <i>Allan Little (Lancaster University)</i></p> <p>Regional science or regional silence? An exploration of the relationship between gender and research topic, methodological approach and country of origin in the discipline of regional science <i>Julie Arthur (University of Queensland) and Diane O’Sullivan (University of Glamorgan)</i></p>	<p>Geodemographics</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 2</i></p> <p>Geodemographics Africa! <i>Adegbola Ojo, Dan Vickers and Dimitris Ballas (University of Sheffield)</i></p> <p>Geodemographics and academic research: An open relationship? <i>Dan Vickers (University of Sheffield)</i></p> <p>Urban deprivation, migration and the impact of regeneration policy: A geodemographic Perspective <i>Peter Batey, Peter Brown and Simon Pemberton (University of Liverpool)</i></p>	<p>Productivity</p> <p><i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p> <p>Effects of the embodied technological progress, on productivity and growth in Ireland, United Kingdom, and the European Union (1995-2004) <i>Fernando Barreiro-Pereira (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Spain)</i></p> <p>Temporal dynamics of regional labour productivity and gross value added per head in the UK, 1975-2004 <i>Jose Luis Iparraguirre D’Elia (Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland)</i></p> <p>Promoting a central-eastern European region: Determinants of spontaneous and strategic approaches to FDI attraction <i>Paweł Capik (University of Paisley)</i></p>
<p>15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee/tea (<i>Nelson’s Lounge</i>)</p>		

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16:00-17:30	Infrastructure, Ownership and Location	Environment	Devolution, Decentralisation and Spatial Structure
	<p><i>Room: Bangor 1</i></p> <p>The economics of urban infrastructure: Economies of scale, distribution costs and density effects as illustrated by water supply <i>Hugh Wenban-Smith (London School of Economics)</i></p> <p>A role of the central place system in the determination of the firm's location <i>Toshiharu Ishikawa (Chuo University)</i></p> <p>Influences of the entrepreneurs expected mode of exit <i>Bernadette Power and Geraldine Ryan (University College Cork)</i></p>	<p><i>Room: Bangor 2</i></p> <p>The perceptions of environmental policy among the agricultural and food co-operatives in rural Ireland <i>Helena O'Connor and Nick Chisholm (University College Cork)</i></p> <p>Accounting for spatial differences in environmental factors in estimating productivity change <i>Euan Fleming and Renato Villano (University of New England, Armidale, Australia)</i></p> <p>Additional measures of progress for Scotland: An analysis of the issues and problems associated with aggregate/composite measures of sustainability <i>Karen Turner, Peter McGregor, Kim Swales and Janine Graham (University of Strathclyde)</i></p>	<p><i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p> <p>Learning lessons for the future of devolved finance in the United Kingdom from its past: proposals and policies from Irish Home Rule to the devolution acts of 1998 <i>Alex Christie and Kim Swales (University of Strathclyde)</i></p> <p>Is fiscal decentralisation good for growth? <i>Graeme Roy (University of Strathclyde)</i></p> <p>Location theory and local government <i>John B. Parr (University of Glasgow)</i></p>
18:00	Social event: Walk and BBQ (We will be leaving from outside of the Marine Court Hotel at 18.00)		

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<p>9:00-10:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Accessibility, Complementarities and Social Structures of Cities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room: Bangor 1</i></p> <p>Self-organised criticality and complication in the UK urban distribution <i>Alasdair Anderson (University of Lancaster)</i></p> <p>Residential location and travel-to-work mode choice under centralised and decentralised employment: The case of the Greater Dublin Area <i>Amaya Vega (University College Dublin)</i></p> <p>Accessibility, daily life and urban planning practice <i>António Ferreira (University of Coimbra, Portugal and University of Liverpool) and Peter Batey (University of Liverpool)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Innovation and Clusters</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room: Bangor 2</i></p> <p>Innovation systems in Ireland and Greece <i>Patrick Collins and Dimitrios Ponitkakis (National University of Ireland, Galway)</i></p> <p>The all-Ireland innovation system: A sectoral view <i>Claire McBride (Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin) and Stephen Roper (Aston University)</i></p> <p>Firm size distributions in Scottish industrial clusters <i>Gerald Munyoro and John Dewhurst (University of Dundee)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rail and Air Travel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p> <p>Rail privatisation in Britain: An assessment after 10 years <i>Graham Crampton (Reading University)</i></p> <p>How do Ryanair and Southwest compare in their impacts on passenger numbers, market share and airline competitors? <i>David Pitfield (Loughborough University)</i></p> <p>A comparative analysis of European and US airline industry evolution, 1996-2007 <i>Aisling Reynolds-Feighan (University College Dublin)</i></p>
<p>10:30-11:00</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea (<i>Nelson's Lounge</i>)</p>		

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11:00-13:00	Labour Market Issues	Industrial Specialisation	Scottish Economy
	<i>Room: Bangor 1</i>	<i>Room: Bangor 2</i>	<i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i>
	<p>Incapacity benefit claimants: Location and labour market perceptions <i>Ian Shuttleworth and Anne Green (GAP, QUB and Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick)</i></p>	<p>The impact of industrial specialisation on regional city growth in US micropolitan statistical areas <i>Terry Clower (University of North Texas, Denton, Texas)</i></p>	<p>Private sector performance and the presence of public sector: Evidence from U.K. regions <i>Maria Plotnikova (University of Strathclyde)</i></p>
	<p>Temporary contracts and regional productivity in Spain <i>Bienvenido Ortega and Andrés Marchante (University of Malaga, Spain)</i></p>	<p>Mapping of industry inter-linkages: A case study approach to Biotech in Cork <i>John Hobbs (Cork Institute of Technology), Richard Moloney (University College Cork) and Michael Walsh (Cork Institute of Technology)</i></p>	<p>The economic impact of alternative electricity generation technologies on a regional economy: an input-output analysis for Scotland <i>Grant J. Allan, Peter McGregor, Kim Swales and Karen Turner (University of Strathclyde)</i></p>
	<p>What's in a place? Persistence in the spatial distribution of unemployment in Belfast, 1971 to 2001 <i>Michael Anyadike-Danes and Malcolm Campbell (Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland)</i></p>	<p>Establishing the statistical significance of local sector concentrations of economic activity: A comparative analysis of Welsh data <i>Andrew Crawley and Stephen Hill (University of Glamorgan)</i></p>	<p>No more nuclear? The economic impacts of the closure of nuclear electricity generation facilities across Scotland and the UK <i>Grant J. Allan, Peter McGregor, Kim Swales and Karen Turner (University of Strathclyde)</i></p>

13:00-14:00	Lunch (<i>Nelson's Restaurant</i>)
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14.00-15.00	AGM – All welcome: Room: Bangor 2
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15:00-16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Travel to Work Areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room: Bangor 1</i></p> <p>Analysing commuting flows using spatial interaction models: Recent empirical research in Northern Ireland <i>C. D. Lloyd, I. G. Shuttleworth and Gemma Catney (Queen's University, Belfast)</i></p> <p>Analysing directionality in human geography using GIS and circular statistics: A case study using journey to work data for South East Queensland Australia <i>Jonathan Corcoran and Robert Stimson (University of Queensland)</i></p> <p>Are all labour market areas 'regional' in scale in the Twenty-first Century? Challenges in updating the definition of Travel-to-Work Areas <i>Mike Coombes, Colin Wymer and Simon Raybould (CURDS, Newcastle University)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Migration and Stereotyping</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room: Bangor 2</i></p> <p>Human capital, graduate migration and high-technology innovation in British regions <i>Alessandra Faggian and Philip McCann (University of Reading and University of Waikato)</i></p> <p>The commuting behaviour of recent in-migrants to rural settlements in England <i>Tony Champion and Mike Coombes (Newcastle University) and David L. Brown (Cornell University)</i></p> <p>Gender stereotyping in schools <i>Ronald W. McQuaid and Sue Bond (Napier University)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Special Session for Early Career/Doctoral Students</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p> <p>Regional income-related inequalities and inequities in Irish health care utilisation <i>Jane Bourke (University College Cork)</i></p> <p>Internal migration and residential segregation in Northern Ireland: Exploring relationships using the 2001 Census of Population <i>Gemma Catney (Queen's University, Belfast)</i></p> <p>Modelling multiple socio-economic and geographical disadvantages on employment outcomes from longitudinal DWP data <i>Sue Easton (Sheffield University)</i></p>
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17:00-18:30	<p>Innovation and Agglomeration</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 1</i></p> <p>Some territorial models of innovation and their application in Mexico <i>Ryszard Rózga Luter (Autonomous Metropolitan University, Mexico City Urban and Regional Planning Faculty, UAEM-Toluca)</i></p> <p>Spread of the SHG banking linkage programme in India <i>Cyril Fouillet and Britta Augsburg (French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry, India)</i></p> <p>Institutional modes, stakeholder interests and local clusters promotion <i>Mike Crone (Queen's University Belfast) and Andrew Atherton (University of Lincoln)</i></p>	<p>Regional Policy</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 2</i></p> <p>The national impact of regional policy: Policy simulation with labour market constraints in a two-region computable general equilibrium model <i>Michelle Gilmartin (University of Strathclyde)</i></p> <p>New theoretical insights on the evaluation of regional policy: A case study of Ireland <i>Barry Moore (University of Cambridge) and Jonathan Potter (OECD)</i></p> <p>A cost-benefit approach to the assessment of regional policy <i>Kim Swales (University of Strathclyde)</i></p>	<p>Special Session for Early Career/Doctoral Students</p> <p><i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p> <p>Global variations in health and mortality: evaluating the relative income hypothesis <i>Min Hua Jen (Imperial College, London)</i></p> <p>Job competition and the wage curve <i>Simonetta Longhi (University of Essex)</i></p> <p>Agglomeration economies and employment growth in Italian local labour systems <i>Francesca Mameli, Alessandra Faggian (University of Reading) Philip McCann (University of Waikato, University of Reading)</i></p>
20:00	<p>Conference dinner at Marine Court Hotel</p>		

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<p>09.30 - 11.00</p>	<p>Complementarities and Spread</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 1</i></p> <p>An empirical investigation of price transmission in the EU butter and skim milk powder markets <i>Declan O'Connor (Cork Institute of Technology) Michael Keane and Martin Kenneally (University College Cork)</i></p> <p>Complementarities between urban centres on the island of Ireland <i>Des McCafferty (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick and NIRSA, NUI Maynooth), Chris van Egeraat (NIRSA, NUI Maynooth and International Centre for Local and Regional Development), Brendan Bardley (NIRSA, NUI Maynooth and International Centre for Local and Regional Development) and Justin Gleeson (NIRSA, NUI Maynooth and International Centre for Local and Regional Development)</i></p>	<p>Innovation and Knowledge</p> <p><i>Room: Bangor 2</i></p> <p>Knowledge, capabilities and manufacturing innovation: A US-Europe comparison <i>Stephen Roper (Aston Business School), Jan Youtie, Philip Shapira and Andrea Fernandez Ribas (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta)</i></p> <p>Sources of innovation in Irish SMEs: Evidence from two Irish regions <i>Declan Jordan and Eoin O'Leary (University College, Cork)</i></p>	<p>Knowledge</p> <p><i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p> <p>Escalation of increasing return to scale in metropolitan knowledge production: An analysis of US patent data <i>Jung Won Sonn (University College London)</i></p> <p>Benchmarking regional knowledge assets: The demand, supply and transfer of knowledge in Yorkshire and the Humber <i>Robert Huggins and Andrew Johnston (Sheffield University Management School)</i></p>
<p>11.00 - 11.30</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea (<i>Nelson's Lounge</i>)</p>		

<p>11.30 – 12.30</p>	<p>Committee Meeting (Committee members only), <i>Room: Hamilton Suite</i></p>
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<p>12.30</p>	<p>Lunch (<i>Nelson's Restaurant</i>), end of Conference</p>
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