

Programme Overview

| | May 13 | | | |
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| | Lecture Room 3 | Syndicate Room 3 | Syndicate Room 2 | Syndicate Room 1 |
| 08:30 onwards | Registration (throughout the conference) | | | |
| 09:00-10:00 | <p style="text-align: center;">Lecture Room 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Plenary: Northern Ireland Regional Economy</p> <p>Dr Karen Bonner, Principal Economist, Ulster University Economic Policy Centre</p> <p>Professor Paul Miller, Queen's University Belfast, Professor in Artificial Intelligence Security, Director of Momentum One Zero</p> | | | |
| 10:15-11.45 | 1A | 1B | 1C | 1D |
| 11:45-12.00 | Tea and coffee | | | |
| 12:00-13:00 | <p style="text-align: center;">Lecture Room 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Career Plenary Lecture</p> <p>Dr Ruth Neville - Forecasting International Student Mobility in an Era of Uncertainty: From Patterns to Prospects</p> | | | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch (Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall) | | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | 2A | 2B | 2C | 2D |
| 15:30-16:00 | Tea and coffee | | | |
| 16:00-17:30 | 3A | 3B | 3C | 3D |
| 19:30 | Annual Pub Quiz – Ulster Sports Club | | | |

| | May 14 | | | |
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| | Lecture Room 3 | Syndicate Room 3 | Syndicate Room 2 | Syndicate Room 1 |
| 08:30 onwards | Registration (throughout the conference) | | | |
| 09:00-10:30 | 4A | 4B | 4C | 4D |
| 10:30-11:00 | Tea and coffee | | | |
| 11:00-12:00 | Lecture Room 3 Spatial Economic Analysis Plenary Lecture Professor Eveline van Leeuwen - Urban-rural synergies: towards resilient, regenerative and just futures | | | |
| 12:15-13:00 | AGM (Lecture Room 3) | | | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch (Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall) | | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | 5A | 5B | 5C | 5D |
| 15:30-16:00 | Tea and coffee | | | |
| 16:00-17:30 | 6A | 6B | 6C | 6D |
| 17:30-18:00 | Committee Meeting – Committee Members Only (Syndicate Room 1) | | | |
| 19:30 | Conference Dinner (Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall) | | | |

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Wednesday 13th May 10.15-11.45

| | Presenting Author | Paper Title |
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| 1A | Functional Labour Markets: Geography, Specialisation & Spatial Structure | |
| | Matt Whearty | A delineation of functional urban regions in England and Wales |
| | Peter Njekwa Ryberg | When specialization becomes repetition |
| | Declan Jordan | Localising the Immigration Debate: Labour Market Evidence from Ireland |
| 1B | Regional Policy & Institutional Responses | |
| | Ammu George | India's FDI Border Restrictions and China FDI to Emerging Markets |
| | Kevin Mulligan | Climbing the Collaborative Research and Innovation Policy Support Ladder |
| | Junjian Gu | The Societal Determinant of Corporate Labor Disclosure: Evidence from Employee's Maternal Health in Japan |
| 1C | Innovation Ecosystems, Resilience & Regional Knowledge | |
| | Ilze Mertena | From In-Store Experiences to High-Street Ecosystems |
| | Lisa Messina | Sense-Making in the Polycrisis: Resilience and Social Capital |
| | Mauricio Perez-Alaniz | Liability of rurality and R&D grants |

Wednesday 13th May 14.00 – 15.30

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| 2A | Rural Economies, Communities & Agriculture | |
| | Neil Rowland | Catholic-Protestant Unemployment Differentials in Northern Ireland |
| | Martina Pardy | Leveraging Sentinel-2 and Machine Learning to Quantify Urban Assets |
| | Frank Crowley | Population Shrinkage: Understanding the Role of Density and Spatial Proximity |

2B Drivers of Sustainable Regional Development

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| Lauren Tuckerman | The Missing Majority: Everyday Entrepreneurship in Subnational Policy |
| José Andrés Estévez | Empowering Homes? Energy Efficiency and Well-being |
| Carolin Ioramashvili | Ticket to impact: public transport infrastructure for research productivity |

2C Spatial Inequality: Mobility, Demography & Segregation

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| Amanda Calderwood | Grow Your Own: Team Development and Scaling in Peripheral Regions |
| Femke Cnossen | Job Attributes and Turnover: the role of local labour market tightness |
| Byron Graham | Technology investment and employment in skill-deprived economies |

2D Spatial & Regional Inequalities

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| Ernest Amrago | Leveraging Interactive and Non-Interactive Knowledge Portfolios for Sustainable Agriculture |
| Tiarnán Heaney | Finding the Right Time and Place: Place-based Agricultural Development |

Wednesday 13th May 16.00 – 17.30

3A Rural Communities, Social Enterprise & Food Systems

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| Desjana Grymshi | Understanding the typologies of rural stayers |
| Franziska Bay | Addressing Service Gaps in Rural Europe: Social Enterprises |
| John Paul Clifford | Environmental impact of transitioning land-use towards crops for food security |

3B Sustainable Development: Emissions, Digital & Policy

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| Farhan Ahmad | Digital Transformation for Sustainable Regional Development |
| Grant Allan | Subnational emissions information and regional governance |
| Amangeldi Kenjegaliev | The spatio-industrial ESG spillovers on elasticities in the United States |

3C Labour Markets, Inequality & Social Outcomes Across the Life Course

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| Daragh O'Leary | Crime and High-Growth Firms |
| Martin McCracken | Barriers and Facilitators to Age Inclusive Workplaces |
| Susann Power | Place as Agency: Location and Sense of Place Shape Pathways for Returning to Work |

Thursday 14th May 09.00 – 10.30

4A Regional Growth, Productivity & Resilience

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| Fratesi Ugo | Economic trends, institutional changes and macroeconomic policies in agglomeration |
| Shula Chisha | Regional Resilience and Recovery Across Ireland |
| Emmanouil Tranos | Digital shadows: broadband infrastructure |

4B Digital Innovation, Mobility & Regional Development

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| Kyron Hoare | Developing tech clusters in digitally intensive and digitally lagging regions |
| Mingming Xu | Parking and Commuting Behaviour: Employer-Paid Parking in Ireland |
| Kristel Miller | From Project Trust to Place-Embedded Trust: Regional Innovation Partnerships |

4C Liveable Cities & Urban Policy

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| Ana-Maria Marcu | From airports to highways: Interdependencies in EU transport infrastructure |
| Touria Abdelkader-Benmesaud Conde | Geothermal Utilization of Springs in Atlantic Countries and India |
| Tasos Kitsos | Nightmare neighbours: economic geography of gambling shops |

Thursday 14th May 14.00 – 15.30

5A Regional Growth, Productivity & Political Economy

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| Graham Brownlow | Northern Ireland and the Economic Consequences of Brexit Revisited |
| Myles Patton | Productivity Growth and Employment Dynamics in the UK |
| Zhelyazko Tsachev | Do local leaders in Bulgaria support decentralisation |

5B Institutions, Policy & Uneven Development

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| Lisa Noonan | Overtourism, cultural attitudes and sustainable tourism |
| Luise Koeppen | Unequal Exposure and Unequal Environments: Place, Schools and Opportunity in Scotland |
| Vassilis Monastiriotis | Space blind industrial policy: state aid subsidies in Greece |

5C Housing, Mobility & Demographic Change

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| Levi Wolf | SLA or Nay? Selective Licensing Areas on Rental Market Outcomes |
| Conor O'Driscoll | Stuck In Place: Residential Immobility |
| Tony Champion | Has the long-term reduction in migration rates continued since 2011? An analysis using the ONS Longitudinal Study (ONS-LS) of England & Wales |

5D Migration, Integration & Mobility

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| Anne Otto | Staying in Germany after the doctorate: Foreign Postdocs |
| Nicholas Sweeney | Spatial Variation in Mobility Across England: 21 Million Geo-coded Credit-Card Flows |
| Davide Luca | Local wealth inequality linked to political protests across the Global South |

Thursday 14th May 16.00 – 17.30

6A Regional Economic Modelling, Events & Impact

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| Calvin Jones | Assessing the regional economic impact of major events |
| Emmanouil Tranos | Building an Atlas of Economic Activities |

6B Labour Systems, Firm Behaviour & Innovation

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| Irene Pathan | Psychosocial safety and firm-level and regional innovation |
| Sudhakar Brar | Inverted U-Shaped Relationship: External Pressure and Firm-Level Eco-Innovation |

6C Big Data, Computational Methods & New Measures of Regional Dynamics

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| Alexander Blandon Lopez | Strategy, structure, and rivalry - agroforestry system |
| Davide Luca | The global geography of climate attitudes, North and South |
| Maria Plotnikova | Analysis of disability benefit claims' patterns in England and Wales |
