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Public Policy Innovation Series



Seminar 2:

Achieving Impact through Policy Relevant Research - A Dialogue

Achieving impact with policy relevant research represents a challenge for academics regardless of field or discipline. Accessing relevant research that assists them in time-sensitive decision-making processes is the challenge facing policymakers.

The aim of this seminar is to explore the creation, transfer and utilisation of policy relevant research as experienced by academics and policymakers.

DATE: Thursday, 21 March 2024

TIME: 12:30-14:00

VENUE: Online

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Description:

The seminar will focus on the detailed practices of academics drawing on a set of brief case-studies, reflecting on both successful and unsuccessful strategies and tactics. Senior policymakers will then respond to the case studies, drawing on their experience of research engagement. This second seminar of ILAS' Public Policy Innovation Series builds on the Research Impact for Policy seminar held in July 2023, and has been developed in partnership with the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation at the University of Galway.

INVITATION

Speakers



Dr Charlotte Silke is a researcher with the UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre. Charlotte is involved in research relating to youth social and emotional development and has extensive experience designing and evaluating youth programmes. Charlotte is committed to engaging in applied research and frequently collaborates with practitioners and policy-makers in her work.



Prof Colette Kelly is a Professor of Health Promotion in the School of Health Sciences, and former Director of the Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway. She is joint Principal Investigator of the Health-Behaviour in School-aged children (HBSC) study in Ireland which is conducted every four years and is run in collaboration with the World Health Organization. One of the core aims of the HBSC study is to impact policy in order to improve outcomes for children and adolescents.



Dr Siobhán O'Higgins works in the School of Psychology, University of Galway and has a background in youth and community work, criminology and sexology. Siobhán works with parents, young people, teachers, educators, prisoners and professional groups to promote sexual health. She is one of the Active Consent leads, a national programme which seeks to raise awareness and help to positively influence behaviour in relation to sexual consent.



Dr Nata Duvvury is a development expert with a range of research interests in gender, including the economic costs of gender-based violence. She has recently completed a multi-country research establishing the productivity impacts of domestic violence and she is co-chair of the Economics Working Group for the Lancet Commission on Gender-based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People



Mary Doyle has served on the Management Boards of the Departments of the Taoiseach, Health and Children, and Education and Skills. In the latter she had responsibility for Higher and Further Education Policy and Funding. Since retirement, Mary has been a Visiting Fellow in Public Policy in Trinity College and has published articles on the potential for stronger links between the research community and policymakers, particularly in the Irish context. She is a member of the Royal Irish Academy.



Dr Fergal Lynch works in the University of Galway to help foster closer links between researchers and policymakers in the development, implementation and evaluation of public policy. Fergal was previously Secretary General in the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and before that was Deputy Secretary General of the Department of Health.

Schedule

Time	Speaker
12:30 - 12:35	Introduction and Scene Setting, <i>Prof. John Canavan, ILAS</i>
12:35 - 13:15	Case Studies on Research Impact
	Activating Social Empathy <i>Dr Charlotte Silke, UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre</i>
	Health Behaviour in School-Age Children <i>Prof. Colette Kelly, School of Health Sciences</i>
	Active Sexual Consent <i>Dr Siobhán O'Higgins, School of Psychology</i>
	Domestic Violence <i>Dr Nata Duvvury, School of Political Science and Sociology</i>
13:15 - 13:35	Policy Practitioner Reflections <i>Mary Doyle, Royal Irish Academy and Dr Fergal Lynch, ILAS</i>
13:35 - 14:00	Q&A Discussion. Moderator: <i>Prof. Caroline McGregor, ILAS</i>