



egalitarian world initiative



Equality in a Time of Crisis

International Conference

6- 7 May 2010

University College Dublin

<http://www.ucd.ie/ewi/>

This conference brings together academics, activists and social commentators to analyze current inequalities and imagine a socially just society. The ideas are presented over two days through a lively mix of keynote lectures, invited respondents and panel discussions.

It is organized by the UCD Egalitarian World Initiative (EWI) and the School of Social Justice and marks the end of the *[EWI Marie Curie Transfer of Knowledge Programme](#)*. It also coincides with the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the UCD Equality Studies Centre.

Keynote Speakers:

Prof. [Sylvia Walby](#) (*Globalization and Inequalities, Lancaster, UK*)

Prof. [Richard Wilkinson](#) (*Why Inequality Matters, Nottingham, UK*)

Prof. [Martha Fineman](#) (*Vulnerability and Inequality, Emory, USA*)

Prof. [Andrew Sayer](#) (*Equality and Well-being, Lancaster, UK*)

Conference Programme

THURSDAY 6th May 2010

08.30-9.15 **Registration for conference** (at the Quinn School of Business)

09.15 Welcome by **Prof. Kathleen Lynch** (UCD Professor of Equality Studies & Chair of the UCD Egalitarian World Initiative Network) and **Prof. John Baker** (Head of School, UCD School of Social Justice)

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| 9.30-11.00 | <p><i>“Globalization and Inequalities: Gender and Global Justice”</i> Prof. Sylvia Walby UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, University of Lancaster and Author of Globalization and Inequalities.</p> <p>Respondent: Prof. Pat O’Connor (Department of Sociology, University of Limerick)</p> |
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11.00-11.20 Coffee

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| 11.20-13.00 | <p><i>“Why Inequality matters”</i> Prof. Richard Wilkinson Professor of Social Epidemiology at Nottingham University and co-author of The Spirit Level: Why more equal societies almost always do better.</p> <p>Respondent: Dr Kieran Allen (School of Sociology, University College Dublin)</p> |
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13.00-14.00 Lunch (in the main restaurant)

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| 14.00-15.00 | <p><i>“Vulnerability and Inequality”</i> Professor Martha Fineman Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law at Emory University Atlanta & EWU UCD Marie Curie Transfer of Knowledge Research Fellow</p> |
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| | <i>Transfer of Knowledge and Transformation of Society: The Relationship between the University and Civil Society</i> |
| 15.05-16.15 | <p><i>Participatory, Emancipatory, Feminist, Transformative ways of doing Research</i></p> <p>Prof. Mary Darmanin Faculty of Education, University of Malta & EWI UCD Marie Curie Transfer of Knowledge Research Fellow</p> <p><i>Emancipatory Research, St. Michael's Estate, and the Academy.</i></p> <p>Dr John Bissett Researcher and community worker Dublin & former EWI UCD Research Fellow</p> |

16.15-16.30

Coffee

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| | <i>Economic Crisis and State Reaction: Implications for Equality</i> |
| 16.30-18.00 | <p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>Chair: Mr Vincent Browne (Broadcaster and journalist)</p> <p>Ms Mary White (Government Minister with responsibility for Integration, Equality and Human Rights)</p> <p>Mr Michael D Higgins (TD, President of Irish Labour Party)</p> <p>Ms Susan McKay (Director, National Women's Council of Ireland)</p> <p>Prof. Ruth Emerek (Institute of History, International and Social Studies, University of Aalborg, Denmark)</p> <p>Mr Niall Crowley (Equality consultant and former CEO of the Equality Authority)</p> <p>Ms Sara Burke (Health policy analyst and journalist)</p> |

18.15-

Reception

21.00

Social event (Waterloo bar, 36 upper Baggot St)

FRIDAY 7th May 2010

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| 9.15-10.45 | <p><i>"Equality and well-being: distribution, recognition and contribution"</i></p> <p>Prof. Andrew Sayer Department of Sociology, University of Lancaster</p> <p>Respondent: Mr Michael Taft (Political and Economic Researcher, UNITE)</p> |
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10.45-11.00

Coffee

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| | <p><i>Social Movements and the Response to the Economic Crisis</i></p> |
| <p>11.00-12.45</p> | <p><i>“Another world is under construction? Social movement responses to inequality and crisis”</i> Lecture by Dr Laurence Cox (Department of Sociology, NUI Maynooth)</p> <p><i>Panel of respondents including civil society activists:</i></p> <p>Ms Rosie Meade (School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork)</p> <p>Dr. Rory Hearne (Regeneration Worker, Dolphin House Community Development Association)</p> <p>Ms Siobhan O’Donoghue (Director, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland)</p> <p>Mr Damien Peelo (Legal Development Officer, Irish Traveller Movement)</p> <p>Ms Cathleen O’Neill (Manager, Kilbarrack Community Development Project)</p> <p>Mr Donal Toolan (Rights Activist)</p> |

To register for the conference visit

<http://www.ucd.ie/ewi/mariecurie/conference.html>

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Venue: **UCD Quinn School of Business,**
Belfield campus, University College Dublin, Ireland



You are invited to join us in celebrating the
**20th Anniversary of Equality
Studies at UCD**

Pre-Conference Event

Wed May 5th at 19:00

Address by

Dr. Joanna McMinn

Chairperson, Equality and Rights Alliance

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Followed by Wine Reception
Quinn Round Room, UCD



Notes on conference speakers

Prof. Sylvia Walby OBE AcSS FRSA is UNESCO Chair in Gender Research at the University of Lancaster. Her most recent book is *Globalization and Inequalities: Complexity and Contested Modernities*, 2009. Her research is situated within the tension between general social theory and specific forms of inequality, especially gender. She was awarded an OBE in 2008 for services to equal opportunities and diversity

Prof. Pat O'Connor is Professor of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Limerick. She has published widely on gender issues. Her authored books include *Friendships Between Women*, 2002. She is currently involved in research on children and young people in contemporary Ireland.

Prof. Richard Wilkinson is Professor of Social Epidemiology at Nottingham University and co-author (with Kate Pickett) of *The Spirit Level: Why more equal societies almost always do better*, 2009. He is one of the world's leading scholars of inequality. Over more than 30 years he has played a formative role in research and public awareness of health inequalities and the social determinants of health.

Professor Martha Fineman is Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law at Emory University Atlanta and a renowned scholar in feminist legal theory and family law. Her scholarly interests are the legal regulation of family and intimacy and the legal implications of universal dependency and vulnerability. Fineman's solely authored publications include such books as: *The Autonomy Myth: A Theory of Dependency*, 2004 and *The Illusion of Equality: The Rhetoric and Reality of Divorce Reform*, 1991.

Prof. Mary Darmanin is at Faculty of Education, University of Malta She has had a long standing interest in gender issues in education and on women in the labour market. Her research has been published in a number of international journals. She is a former EWI UCD Marie Curie Transfer of Knowledge Research Fellow

Dr John Bissett is a Researcher and community worker in Dublin & a former EWI UCD Research Fellow. His book *Regeneration: Public good or private profit?* was published in 2009.

Dr Kieran Allen is Senior Lecturer in the School of Sociology, University College Dublin. His most recent book is *Ireland's Economic Crash: A Radical Agenda for Change*, 2009. His research interests include Marxist Theory; Globalization; Work and Industry.

Prof. Andrew Sayer is a Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Lancaster. He is the author of *The Moral Significance of Class*, 2005. He has been examining the relationship between 'moral economy' and political economy.

Mr Michael Taft is a Political and Economic Researcher with the UNITE trade union.

Dr Laurence Cox runs the participatory action research programme in social movement practice at NUI Maynooth and co-edits *Interface*, a practitioner/academic journal of social movements research <www.interfacejournal.net>. He has been involved in social movements for 25 years.