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RESEARCH

Comparative Political Economy | European Integration | Eurozone | Irish Politics and Policy

CURRENT POSITION

Since Jan 2014: **Assistant Professor, School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin (UCD),**

Director of the Dublin European Research Institute (DEI).

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2013-2014: **Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Germany**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Mentors: Profs Wolfgang Streeck, Fritz Scharpf and Martin Höpner.

2012-2013: **European University Institute (EUI), Italy**

Max Weber Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Mentor: Prof Pepper Culpepper.

2012-2013: **James Madison University (JMU), Italy**

Lecturer in International and European Union Policy Studies (MA).

2010-2012: **University of Amsterdam (UVA), Netherlands**

Research Assistant at the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies.

Project based **International Labour Organisation (ILO), Switzerland**

On-going contractual research with the European Commission and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on Irish labor market policy.

EDUCATION

2008-2012 **PhD in Public Policy, University College Dublin (UCD)**

Training: Public Economics, Policy Analysis, Political Economy, Research Design, and Research Methods. Thesis: "*The Politics of Adjustment in Europe; the Rise and Fall of Irish Social Partnership*". Supervisory panel: Prof Niamh Hardiman, Prof Roland Erne and Prof Brian Nolan. Extern: Prof Lucio Baccaro (University of Geneva)

2005-2006 **MA in Philosophy & Public Affairs, University of Amsterdam (UVA)**

Graduated with a first class honours (*cum laude*)

2001-2005 **BA in Politics and Philosophy, University College Dublin (UCD)**

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

“The Politics of Capitalist Diversity in Europe: Explaining Ireland’s Divergent Recovery from Crisis” (2017), with Sam Brazys, forthcoming in [Perspectives on Politics](#).

“Celtic Phoenix or Leprechaun Economics? The Political Economy of an FDI-led Growth Model in Europe (2017), with Sam Brazys, forthcoming in [New Political Economy](#).

“Is the European Union Capable of Integrating Diverse Models of Capitalism?” (2017), with Alison Johnston, forthcoming in [New Political Economy](#).

“[Rethinking Social Pacts in Europe: Prime Ministerial Power in Ireland and Italy](#)” (2016), EJIR: *European Journal of Industrial Relations*, advance online publication:

“[European Monetary Integration and the Incompatibility of National Varieties of Capitalism](#)” (2016), with Alison Johnston, *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 54(2), 318-336

“[The Imbalance of Capitalisms in the Eurozone: Can the North and South Converge?](#)” (2015), CEP: *Comparative European Politics*, online publication, doi: 10.1057/cep.2015.5

“[Why Don’t Governments Need Trade Unions Anymore? The Death of Social Pacts in Ireland and Italy](#)” (2014), with Pepper Culpepper, *Socio-Economic Review*, 12(4), 723-745

“[The Political Economy of Social Pacts in Europe; Irish Liberal Market Corporatism in Crisis?](#)” (2012). *New Political Economy*, 17(4), 465-191

“[Does Discourse Matter in the Formation and Consolidation of Social Pacts?](#) Social Partnership and Labour Market Policy in Ireland” (2011) *Critical Policy Studies*, 4(3). 250-277

Peer Review Special Issue

[Explaining Ireland’s Fragile Recovery from the Crisis: The Politics of Comparative Institutional Advantage](#)’ (2014), *CESifo Economic Forum 15 (2)*, 26-3

[The Politics of Austerity in Ireland](#), (2013), with Niamh Hardiman *Intereconomics: Review of European Economic Policy*, 48(1), 4-32

Revise and Resubmit

“Common Shocks, Divergent Consequences: The Political Economy of Housing Bubbles in Ireland and the Netherlands (2017), with Alison Johnston. R/R at [Politics and Society](#).

Book Chapters

“Post Crisis Social Dialogue and Economic Governance in Ireland” (2017). Forthcoming chapter with the International Labour Office, Geneva.

“[The Impact of the Crisis on Social Dialogue and Industrial Relations in Southern Europe](#)” (2015). Chapter for the *European Commission* “Industrial Relations in Europe”.

[“Explaining the Institutional Architecture of the Eurozone”](#) (2014). Chapter 3. The International Labour Office, Geneva.

[“The Impact of the Eurozone Crisis on Irish Social Partnership”](#) (2013). Chapter/policy report published with the International Labour Organisation, Geneva.

[“The Core Executive and Policy Coordination”](#) (2012). In *Governing Ireland: From Cabinet Government to Delegated Governance*, edited by Muiris MacCarthaigh & Eoin O'Malley. Dublin: Institute for Public Administration pp. 106-127 with Niamh Hardiman.

Selected Book Reviews

[“The Strange Non-Death of Neoliberalism”](#). *Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research*, 19(3), 431-433 (2013).

[“A Europe Made of Money. The Emergence of the European Monetary System”](#). *LSE European Politics and Policy* (EUROPP) Review of Books. (2013).

[“The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone”](#). *Work, Employment & Society*, 27(1), 174-175 (2013)

Selected Commentary/Open-Ed

[“The Winners and Losers of the Irish Growth Model”](#). Open-ed in the *Sunday Business Post*, Jan 2017.

[“Why Do We Measure the Economy the Way We Do”](#). Open-ed in the *Sunday Business Post*, Jan 2017.

[“Competition is Europe’s Weapon of Choice”](#). Open-ed in the *Sunday Business Post*, Sept 2016.

[“Did Ireland’s Economy Really Grow by 26%? Here’s the Real Story”](#). Blog Post on the Monkey Cage, *Washington Post*, July 2016.

[“Debunking Myths: Why Austerity and Structural Reforms have had little to Do With Ireland’s Recovery”](#). *LSE’s EUROPP blog*. This has been cited in the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, Euronews, Il 24 Ore, La Tribune, EU Observer, and the IMF among other outlets.

[“The Housing Crisis is All About the Politics of Debt”](#). Blog at Irish Economy, July 2016.

[“The Farce of Ireland’s National Accounts: Let’s Go Plane Watching”](#). Blog at Irish Economy, July 2016. Paul Krugman cited this piece.

[“Europe Needs to Address its Deficit in Voter Trust”](#). Open-Ed in the *Irish Times*, 2014.

- I regularly appear on Irish/European radio and television to discuss various political and public policy issues. My recent TV contributions can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).

Selected Recent Conference Papers

“Leprechaun Economics: the Political Economy of an FDI Growth Model”. SPERI: Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute, 2016.

“Comparative Capitalisms and European Integration”. SASE: the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2016.

“Taming Global Finance in an Age of Capital: Wage-Setting Institutions Mitigating Effect on Housing Bubbles”. With Alison Johnston. APSA: *American Political Science Association*, 2015.

“European Integration and Varieties of Capitalism: Problems with Institutional Divergence in a Monetary Union”. CES: *Conference of Europeanists*, 2015.

“Common Shocks, Divergent Consequences: The Political Economy of Housing Bubbles” SASE: *the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics*, 2015.

“Once a PIIGS Always a PIIGS? Divergent Recovery in the European Periphery. CES: *Conference of Europeanists*. 2015.

“The Imbalance of Capitalisms in the Eurozone: An IPE perspective”. CES: *Council for European Studies* (CES, 2014), Washington, USA. Runner-up prize for best young scholar paper in global political economy.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

The Politics of Adjustment and European Integration

This project examines how and under what conditions diverse political economies can co-exist within the adjustment constraints of European monetary integration.

Is Housing Capital Back? Rethinking Wealth-Income Ratios in Ireland

This project examines rising wealth inequalities, using the case of Ireland. I have gathered data on the total stock of wealth in Ireland from the 1970's. This is the first time the data has been assembled. The core claim of the project is that the rising wealth inequalities as documented by Thomas Piketty's 'Capital in the 21st Century' are primarily driven by the price effect of housing.

The New Politics of Advanced Capitalism

This project is an attempt to rethink the politics of “supply side reform” through an analysis of the changing social class formations in the labour market, and the impact this has on electoral politics.

The Politics of Wealth and Income Inequality

This is an ongoing project aimed at mapping the changing nature of income inequalities in Ireland

AWARDS & FUNDING

2016: Awarded funding to recruit a postdoc for a project titled “a history of British-Irish currency unions”. (€150k). Award declined.

2015: Awarded UCD SEED funding for research project: “Toward a New Supply-Side Theory of the Labour Market: Explaining Irelands Recovery from Crisis” (€6K)

- 2015: Awarded UCD SEED funding for research project: “Is Housing Capital Back?” (€2K)
- 2015: Collaborator. European Commission and the International Labour Organisation: “Governance and Post-Crisis Social Dialogue in the EU” (€10K)
- 2014: Awarded Irish Research Council Funding (IRC). Principal supervisor on a doctoral project entitled *Gender and the European Economic Governance* (€71k)
- 2013: Max Planck Society Postdoc Fellowship. European Varieties of Capitalism (€21k)
- 2008: Awarded a UCD *Ad Astra* Doctoral Fellowship: (€39k).

TEACHING

Courses taught at University College Dublin (UCD). The hyperlinks direct you my teaching blogs.

- The [Global Political Economy of Europe](#) (graduate).
- Capital in the 21st Century: [The Politics of Wealth and Income Inequality](#) (graduate).
- [Research Design and Case Study Methods](#) (graduate).
- Introducing Political Economy: [Capitalism and Democracy](#) (undergraduate).
- European politics and policy (doctoral)

I have also taught undergraduate/postgraduate courses on *Irish Politics and Policy*, *Comparative Public Policy*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Globalisation and Development*, *Political Philosophy*, *Social Ethics*, *European Politics and Policy* (James Madison University), and *Analysing Politics*.

I have supervised approximately 20 Master theses and presently supervising one doctorate.

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Director of the Dublin European Institute (Academic Research Centre):

- This is an interdisciplinary research centre dedicated to supporting critical scholarly research on the processes and politics of international and European governance.

Director of UCD’s MSC in European Governance:

- This is an international two-year Double-Master’s degree with the University of Utrecht

Program coordinator for the MEconSC in European Public Affairs:

- This is a one-year Master’s program in UCD’s School of Politics

Committee membership in the School of Politics (existing or previous): research, graduate studies, social media and teaching/learning.

- Previous convenor and coordinator of UCD lecture series on [understanding the Euro crisis](#):
- Coordinator of an annual research/field trip to Brussels for UCD's graduate students.
- Previous coordinator of UCD Politics weekly seminar series.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Chair organiser and secretary to the European Integration and Global Political Economy Network (EIGPEN) at the annual *Council for European Studies* (CES), Washington.
- Chair organiser and secretary to the Industrial Relations and Welfare State Section at the annual *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics* (SASE).
- *Associational membership*: American Political Science Association (APSA), Council for European Studies (CES), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), European Consortium for Political Research (EPSR), International Studies Association (ISA), Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI).
- *Refereed for*: World Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, Cambridge Journal of Economics, Socio-Economic Review, Governance, European Journal of Political Research, and the Journal of European Integration.
- I am a close friend and confidant of the Irish President, Michael D Higgins, and occasionally support the office of the Presidency in providing material for his speeches.

Languages: English (native), Italian (basic), Spanish (basic).

REFERENCES

Prof Pepper Culpepper, Professor of Political Science, European University Institute (EUI).

Prof Lucio Baccaro, Professor of Macro Sociology, University of Geneva.

Prof Niamh Hardiman, Professor of Politics, University College Dublin

Prof Wolfgang Streeck, Director Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG)

Prof Ramon Marion, Professor of Economics, European University Institute (EUI).