

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

One Hundred and Forty-Third Session - 1989/90

## First Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 26 October 1989. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy was in the Chair.

Dr. William K. O'Riordan, UCD, presented a paper entitled "Is Irish Public Sector Employment a Burden?". A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sean Barrett, TCD. The following also spoke: Mr. S. Cromien, Mr. B. Geoghegan, Dr. J. Bradley, Mr. M. McGinley, Rev. J. Brady, Professor J.J. Sexton, Mr. Richard Dennis and Professor K.A. Kennedy. Dr. O'Riordan replied to the discussion.

## Second Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 23 November 1989. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

Mr. George Lee, Finance & Treasury International, winner of the Barington Prize, presented his prize-winning paper entitled "Hysteresis and the Natural Rate of Unemployment in Ireland". A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John FitzGerald. The following also spoke: Professor R. O'Connor, Mr. M. McGinley, Professor P. Neary, Mr. B. Lucey, Mr. F. Barry, Rev. J. Brady, S.J., Professor K. Kennedy and Professor J. Sexton. Mr. Lee replied to the discussion.

## Third Meeting

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 15 February 1990. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

Mr. Paul Sweeney, SIPTU, presented a paper entitled "Public Enterprise in Ireland: A Statistical Description and Analysis". A vote of thanks was proposed by Professor E. Cahill, UCC, and seconded by Dr. J. Stewart, TCD. The following also spoke: Mr. J. Roche, Mr. M. McGinley, Mr. C. Smith, Dr. Frances Ruane, Mr. J. Higgins, Mr. M. O'Riordan and Professor K.A. Kennedy. Mr. Sweeney replied to the discussion.

#### **Fourth Meeting**

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 29 March 1990. Professor K.A. Kennedy, President, was in the Chair.

There was a Symposium on "The Idea of a University in the 1990s" and the following contributed: Professor Norman Gibson, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Ulster, Dr. Colm O hEocha, President, University College Galway, and Dr. Daniel O'Hare, President, Dublin City University. The following also spoke. Mr. R. Fox, Mr. A.C. Cunningham, Mr. Damian Hannon, Mr. P. O'Flynn, Mr. R. Johnson, Dr. F. Ruane, Dr. R. O'Connor and Dr. C. Fanning. The main contributors replied to the discussion.

#### **Fifth Meeting**

The Society met at the offices of The Economic and Social Research Institute on Thursday, 31 May 1990. The President, Professor K.A. Kennedy, was in the Chair.

Mr. John Frain, Central Bank of Ireland, presented a paper entitled "The User Cost of Capital". A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Frances Ruane. The following also spoke: Mr. J. FitzGerald, Professor D. McAleese, Mr. Dave Hurley and Professor K. Kennedy. Mr. Frain replied to the discussion.