



## *Proceedings of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland*

### *One Hundred and Seventy-Second Session: 2018/2019*

#### *First Meeting*

The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 8th November 2018, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "Managing a Century of Debt" was presented by Dr Seán Kenny (Lund) and Prof. John Fitzgerald (TCD). The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Rebecca Stuart (Central Bank of Ireland) and seconded by Mr Rossa White (NTMA). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Prof. Frank Barry, Mr Eddie Casey, Dr Thomas Conefrey, Dr Patrick Quill, Dr Daragh Clancy, Mr Noel Cahill, Mr Kevin Timoney, Prof. Frances Ruane and Dr Finola Kennedy, after which the President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

#### *Second Meeting*

The second ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 6th December 2018, at Trinity College Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "A Gravity Model Analysis of Irish Merchandise Goods Exports under Brexit" was presented by Gerard Keogh (CSO). The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Michael Wycherley (Trinity College Dublin) and seconded by Dr Javier Papa (Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Sean Lyons, Patrick Honohan, Keith Walsh, Thomas Conefrey, Barra Roantree, Frances Ruane, Ronan Lyons, and Noel O'Gorman, after which the President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

#### *Third Meeting*

The third ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 24th January 2019, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "Ireland's National Wage Agreements & Macroeconomic Performance, 1988-2008" was presented by Anthony Leddin (University of Limerick) and Paul G. Egan (St. Andrews). The vote of thanks was proposed by Jim O'Leary and seconded by Christopher Ryan (Department of Public Expenditure & Reform). Comments and questions from the floor were made by John Fitzgerald, Marie Sherlock, Kevin Callinan, Michael Connolly, Gerry Flynn, Andrew Condon, Evan Walker, and Frances Ruane, after which the President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

#### *Fourth Meeting*

The fourth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 21st February 2019, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. This year's Barrington lecture was given by Daragh Clancy, of the European Stability Mechanism. His paper was titled "US corporate tax rate cuts: Spillovers to the Irish economy". The vote of thanks was proposed by Frank Barry (Trinity College Dublin). Comments and questions from the floor were made by John Fitzgerald, Sean Lyons, Ronan Lyons, Frances Ruane, and Chris Sibley, after which the President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

#### *Fifth Meeting*

The fifth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 14th March 2019, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "Estimates of Foreign Assets and Liabilities for Ireland" was presented by Vahagn Galstyan (Central Bank of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin). The vote of thanks was proposed by Chris Sibley (Central Statistics Office). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Philip Lane, Patrick Honohan, Patrick Quill and John Fitzgerald, after which the President invited the author to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

### ***Sixth Meeting***

The sixth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 12:30pm on Thursday, 28th March 2019, at the Central Statistics Office, Cork. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled “Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures, 2017” was presented by Tracy Power and Brian Green of the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency. The vote of thanks was proposed by Gerard O’Reilly (Central Statistics Office). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Jillian Delaney, Paul Morrin, Frances Ruane and Brian Cahill, after which the President invited the authors to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking all those who contributed.

### ***Seventh Meeting***

The seventh ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 4pm on Tuesday, 9th April 2019, at Queen's Management School, Riddel Hall, Queen's University Belfast. The President, Professor Frances Ruane, was in the Chair. Dr Daragh Clancy (European Stability Mechanism) delivered his Barrington Medal winning paper “US Corporate Tax Rate Cuts: Spillovers to the Irish Economy”. Dr Graham Brownlow (QUB) acted as discussant, presenting an assessment of the implications of the research for Northern Ireland. Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Alan Fernihough, Dr Esmond Bernie, Prof Frances Ruane, Dr Alan de Bromhead and Dr Norman Caven. Following the discussion and responses from the author, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

### ***Eighth Meeting***

The eighth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5.30pm on Thursday, 26th April 2019, at Chartered Accountants House, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, with the President, Professor Frances Ruane, in the Chair. The meeting featured a Symposium of three presentations, on the topic of the economies on the island of Ireland. The first, entitled ‘Competitiveness on the island of Ireland’, was by Richard Johnston, Frances Ruane & Laura Heery. The second, by John FitzGerald, was on ‘Investment in Education and Economic Growth on the Island of Ireland’. The third presentation was by Martina Lawless, on ‘Firms and Trade on the Island of Ireland’. Contributions from the floor were made by Kevin Daly, Paul Walsh, Pat Ryan, Sean Barrett, Thomas Conefrey, Reamonn Lydon, Eoin Flaherty, Eithne Fitzgerald, Michael Connolly, Michael Darcy, Pat Crowley, and Kerry Curran. Following the discussion and responses from the author, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

### ***Ninth Meeting***

The ninth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5.30pm on Thursday, 23rd May 2019, at the Institute of International & European Affairs, North Great George’s Street, Dublin 1, with the President, Professor Frances Ruane, in the Chair. Following the discussion of Society business, including the election of Council Members and Officers for the coming session, Professor Frances Ruane gave her closing Presidential Address, entitled “The Changing Patterns of Production and Consumption of Official Statistics in Ireland, 1989-2019”. Afterwards, there were contributions from the floor, including from Patrick Honohan, Eithne Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, and Bill Keating. When these had concluded, the new President, Mr Danny McCoy, thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.