

The UNESCO Centre's International Development Programme

The UNESCO Centre's International Development Programme (IDP) is holding a major Conference on the Coleraine campus from **22-24 April 2009** on the theme of *Globalising Higher Education: Universities, International Development and Social Justice*. This important initiative brings to the University a number of international speakers and early career researchers who will join Ulster staff in exploring how the University can develop international outreach, partnerships and learning that help us all understand our position in a global learning community as well as contributing to the elimination of inequalities.

The Irish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Micheál Martin, and the NI Minister for Employment and Learning, Sir Reg Empey, speakers from the Association of African Universities and from Mozambique's National University will attend as well as from leading NGOs and the academic community across the UK.

Unusually, **we are offering the opportunity for staff to share a full delegate place with a named colleague, enabling more people to attend sessions across the 3 days of the event.** For further information about the Conference, and to book your place, please contact Loretto Blackwood on 24550 or l.blackwood@ulster.ac.uk"

HECUA Programme



American students participating in the HECUA programme provided by the UNESCO Centre.

At the beginning of February the UNESCO Centre welcomed its NINTH cohort of American students participating in the HECUA programme. The programme is a partnership project between the UNESCO Centre and the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA) an organization of 20 liberal arts colleges, universities and associations dedicated to education for social justice. The course: '**Northern Ireland Democracy and Social Change**' is an intensive 15-week course with a focus on experiential and learner centred learning. 14 students enrolled in the 2009 programme. In addition to study at Coleraine the students participate in extensive field experiences and community-based internships.

UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Group met in Belfast



The UK National Commission's UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Group held its second Colloquium in Belfast on 22-23 January 2009, jointly hosted by the UK National Commission for UNESCO and the UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy, Professor Alan Smith, at the University of Ulster. The topic for the colloquium was *Vehicle for North-South Co-operation*.

Launch of the Final Summary Report on the Evaluation of Local and Global Citizenship in the revised Northern Ireland curriculum

The results of a four year evaluation of the introduction of Education for Local and Global Citizenship into the Northern Ireland Curriculum, conducted by the UNESCO Centre were launched at The Long Gallery in Stormont Castle on 2 February 2009. The longitudinal study, which was conducted between 2003 and 2007, investigated the impact of the local and global citizenship programme on Key Stage 3 pupils' attitudes, values and behaviour; teacher confidence and pedagogy; school ethos, management and curriculum provision; and the perceptions of participants about the in-service and pre-service citizenship support programmes delivered by the Education and Library Board's Curriculum Advisory Support Service (CASS), and by Initial Teacher Educators both at UU and St.Mary's. Speakers at the launch included **Professor Alan Smith**, **Dr. Una O Connor** who was responsible for the completion of the final report, **Anna Lowe MLA** who welcomed attendees on behalf of the sponsors of the event and **Wendy Austin** who compared the event.

Dame Nuala O'Loan visits the School of Law



Dame Nuala O'Loan, Visiting Professor, School of Law, 2008-2012, with (on the right) Dr. Thomas Murphy, Head of School, and Dermot Feenan, Co-ordinator of Visiting Professors. Dame Nuala visited the School on 11 February, and also spoke at a TJI seminar on the challenges of peacemaking in Northern Ireland. She drew from many of her experiences, including that as Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (2000-2007), and, most recently, as the Irish Government Roving Ambassador for Conflict Resolution and Special Envoy to Timor Leste, and her ongoing work for peace in the Basque Country.

Guest of The Student Law Society

Mr. John Larkin QC was a guest of the Student Law Society, in association with the School of Law, at a talk on 'The Office of Attorney General in Comparative Perspective', 25 February. The First Minister and Deputy First Minister announced in November 2008 that they are minded to appoint Mr. Larkin as the next Attorney General of Northern Ireland upon devolution of policing and justice powers.



L to R Dr. Thomas Murphy, Head of the School of Law, Mr. John Larkin QC, Mr. Dermot Feenan, School of Law, Mr. Kyle Gribben, President of the Student Law Society

PGD TESOL Student



New teacher Zhang Zie, with pupils Rebecca, Andre and Thomas

Zhang Zie, one of the former PGD TESOL students in the School of Education. Zhang Zie is the first ever Chinese teacher at St Paul's Primary School in Withington where Mandarin classes are a daily feature on the timetable.

Citizenship Book Launch



L to R Mary Robinson, Una O'Connor (Ulster) and Gerry Jeffers (NUI Maynooth).

Mrs Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland officially launched Education for Citizenship and Diversity in Irish Contexts in Dublin on Thursday 5 February. The book, edited by Dr Una O'Connor and Dr Gerry Jeffers (NUI Maynooth) is the result of an enduring North-South partnership, funded through the Standing Conference on Teacher Education, North and South (SCoTENS). The eighteen chapters comprise a blend of insights from academics and practitioners who explore recent and future developments in education for citizenship in a rapidly changing and increasingly diverse society. Contributing authors included Dr Alan McCully (UUC); Mr Norman Richardson (Stranmillis), Conor Harrison (CSPE), Professor Tony Gallagher (QUB) and Professor Jim Gleeson (University of Limerick).

Forthcoming Events

Date	Event
11-12 March 2009	UCAS event at the King's Hall.
11 March 2009, 12.30pm Dalriada House, Jordanstown campus	TJI SEMINAR SERIES Professor Tom Hadden (TJI / QUB) UN Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement – 'A Responsibility to Assist'
18 March 2009, 12.30pm Dalriada House, Jordanstown campus	TJI SEMINAR SERIES Dr Antoine Buyse , Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, Utrecht University Visiting Scholar to TJI Post Conflict Housing Restitution
Thursday 19 March 2.15 pm Aberfoyle House Magee campus	Border Violence in the Work of Eugene McCabe Henry Patterson , Professor of Politics, School of Policy Studies, University of Ulster
Monday 23 March 9am - 12.30pm Loughview suite	SPRI in association with the Quebec Government, the Government of Canada and the Community Relations Council (NI) are holding a seminar.
24 March 2009 NICVA 12pm - 1pm	ARK Seminar Professor Rob McDonald , University of Teeside - Disconnected Youth? Young people, transitions and social inclusion
24 March 2009 Martha Magees Magee campus	Trocaire Annual Lecture: Guest Speaker, Mr John Ging Co-hosted by TJI and INCORE

Graduate School of Professional Legal Education Visits PSNI

Students from the Graduate School of Professional Legal Education got more than they bargained for when they visited Strand Road PSNI station to view the Custody Suite. The visit was part of the Criminal Procedure course they are all studying as part of their training to become solicitors. But more than a few of them experienced what it was like to be on the 'other' side of the law. Indeed one found himself trying out the 'facilities' for size including the mattress in one of the cells. His colleagues looked on as the 'prisoner' was booked in, interviewed and, luckily for him, released without charge. Some of the students got the opportunity to play the role of solicitor advising a client in a mock interview with real detectives. Others submitted to testing with the 'Intoxilyser' machine to see if their alcohol levels were within the limits for driving. Here again all tested within the legal limit (though there may have been a few anxious moments for one or two.) The bravest of all volunteered to have her fingerprints scanned into the police database to see if she was wanted for any crime.



Host for the visit was Chief Superintendent David Hanna, District Commander who welcomed the students and explained how he hoped that this marked the beginning of a relationship between the PSNI in Derry and the Graduate School. Others taking part included detectives and training officers who had taken some time out from their normal duties to assist in training the potential solicitors and explaining the custody process from arrest to release or charge and the particular problems presented by clients who had consumed too much alcohol or taken illegal substances.

Speaking afterwards some of the students revealed that this had been the first time that they had been in a police station and that most of their experience had been formed from viewing episodes of "The Bill".

Kazakhstan Student Success



A group of civil servants from the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (pictured with Professor Colin Knox) have been successful in achieving the Postgraduate Certificate in Public Administration from the University of Ulster. The students were awarded their certificates at a ceremony held in Astana in February 2009. Commenting on their achievements, Professor Paul Carmichael, Head of the School of

Policy Studies, said: 'the Kazakh students can be hugely proud of their success. To complete a postgraduate award in English, as their third language, testifies to their hard work and the experience which they bring as civil servants to the programme.' The School of Policy Studies has an ongoing relationship with the Kazakh Academy for over 5 years. Leslie Carswell is the Course Director of the programme.

Professorial Lecture

Professor George Tridimas' professorial lecture on *Imperial Economics* was held on Wednesday 18 February 2009



from left Professor Richard Barnett, Vice Chancellor, Professor Anne Moran, Professor George Tridimas, Mr Michael Smyth and Professor Stanley Winer.



Back row L to R daughter Penny, wife Georgia, son William and George

Welcome to New Staff

Dr Gabriel Porretto has joined the Transitional Justice Institute as a Research Fellow at the Magee campus. Before taking up this post, Dr. Porretto was a Research Associate and Sparke Helmore Lecturer at the College of Law of the Australian National University (Canberra). He has previously held posts at the University Centre for International Humanitarian Law (Geneva), and the Law Faculty of the University of Lausanne. Dr. Porretto undertook his doctoral research in international law at the University of Rome "La Sapienza." He is co-author of a book on the applicability of IHL and human rights law to peace-keeping forces and UN civil administrations (Bruylant Publishing, Brussels, 2005).

Amber Crozier who has joined the Faculty office at Jordanstown, worked previously in CCEA for 2 years and as temporary clerical staff for the last 6 months.

Kerry Moran who has joined the Faculty Office at Jordanstown, worked for the previous 5 years in the Ulster Business School. Prior to that Kerry spent a short time in the Short Course Unit – this was her first post, in November 2002, after studying at the East Antrim Institute, Newtownabbey.

Michele Lomas in the Magee joint School/Faculty office in the School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies, worked for Diageo from 1991 until 2007. She then joined the University, initially working within Residential Services before moving to the KTP office and then to the Catering Administrator's role.

Theresa Johnstone in the Magee joint School/Faculty office worked in retail and was a full-time housewife for a number of years before taking up a post within Residential Services at Magee, where she worked for just over a year before joining the Sociology and Applied Social Studies team.

Congratulations to:

Professor Bob Osborne who has been conferred with the Award of Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences and received 2800 Canadian dollars from the International Association for Canada Studies for a research visit.

Dr Goretti Horgan of the School of Policy Studies has started work on the study of **barriers to disabled people's economic activity** for which she was awarded a prestigious **Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship** against competition from academics in Universities across the UK. The Fellowship is for two years, to the end of 2010. Goretti works closely with the community and voluntary sector; she has just completed a three-year term as Chair of the Northern Ireland Anti-Poverty Network and was elected Vice-Chair of the Network for the coming year.

Professor Colin Thain who has been offered a Senior Visiting Research Fellowship in the Department of Politics and International Relations attached to the Public Policy Unit at the University of Oxford for 2009-10. This will enable him to complete follow-up interviews on the Treasury under New Labour research project, write up the book manuscript, begin preparation for a successor project application, and network with key academics and former officials now based in Oxford.

Dermot Feenan, School of Law, on his appointment as a Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School, USA, April-May 2009,

Dr Michael Hamilton and **Professor Fionnuala Ni Aolain** who have had their article entitled *Gender and the Rule of Law in Transitional Societies* accepted for publication by the Minnesota Journal of International Law. The article will be published in 2009.

Professor Fionnuala Ni Aolain has had her article entitled *Women, Security and Reinforced Patriarchy in Transitional Societies* accepted for publication by the Human Rights Quarterly. The article will be published in 2009.

Professor Christine Bell and **Catherine O'Rourke's** article on *Does Feminism Need a Theory of Transitional Justice? An Introductory Essay*, originally published in the launch issue of the International Journal of Transitional Justice, has been published in German translation in the current issue of the German feminist law magazine/journal *Streit: Feministische Rechtszeitschrift*.

Dr Susan Hodgett (School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies) who has been appointed to the Arts

and Humanities Research Council Peer Review College 2009-13 to undertake Academic, International and Knowledge Transfer reviews. She has also been invited to become an Associate Fellow at the Institute for the Study of the Americas, School of Advanced Study, the University of London.

Professor Christine Bell on the birth of her twins Laoise and Hiúdaí.

HEIF Awards

Colleagues listed below who were successful in obtaining Higher Education Innovation Fund awards.

Diane Hazlett and colleagues for projects addressing inter-professional health communication and for the development of an assessment tool for therapeutic interventions with children and teenagers.

Alister McCullough and colleagues for the development of a quarterly survey of NI consumer expenditure.

Judith Mullineux and colleagues looking at reminiscence as an approach to working with older people and a project considering the inter-relationship between law and social work with families.

Aodheen O'Donnell for the development of a creative industry workshop.

Two of the Magee final year LLB students, **Deborah Magill** and **Laura McManus** represented the University at the regional final of the *Louis Brown International Client Counselling Competition* on 18 February 2009. They defeated teams from Queen's University, Belfast and the Institute of Professional Legal Studies, becoming regional champions. Laura and Deborah now progress to represent Northern Ireland in the international competition to be held in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA in early April. We wish them every success.



Brian Collins, Subject Director for Law, Laura McManus, Deborah Magill and Course Director, Alice Diver