

# Innovation, Reflection and Inclusion: The Role and Contribution of the Humanities and Social Sciences

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The Royal Irish Academy

This conference seeks to strengthen the profile and advance the research agenda of the Humanities and qualitative Social Sciences within the framework of Horizon 2020. Ireland's presidency of the European Union provides an ideal platform to promote this section of the EU's flagship research and innovation document, with particular reference to the delineated thematic challenge of 'Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies'. The central objective of this event is to give prominence to previously neglected aspects of the Humanities and Social Sciences as the means of identifying 'alternative competences' and demonstrating their central value with regard to cultural, social and economic innovation in both the European and global contexts.



## Programme for Tuesday, 7 May 2013

09.30 – 10.00	<b>Registration</b>
10.00 – 10.15	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>
10.15 – 11.30	<b>Panel 1: International Perspectives on Horizon 2020</b> <b>Chair:</b> John O'Brennan, <i>NUI Maynooth</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orla Feely, <i>University College Dublin and Irish Research Council</i></li><li>• Kirsten Drotner, <i>University of Southern Denmark and Science Europe</i></li><li>• Alain Peyraube, <i>CNRS- Paris and European Research Council</i></li><li>• Ruta Marcinkeviciene, <i>Vytautas Magnus University and Lithuania Research Council</i></li></ul>
11.45 – 12.15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12.15 – 1.15	<b>Keynote Address: Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science</b> <b>Chair:</b> Margaret Kelleher, <i>University College Dublin</i>  <b>Plenary Speaker: Helen Small, Pembroke College, University of Oxford</b> <i>'Humanities and the Public Good'</i>  <b>Chair:</b> Margaret Kelleher, <i>University College Dublin</i>

13.30 – 14.30

***Lunch***

14.30 – 14.45

**Research and Innovation in Ireland – Ministerial Address** by Seán Sherlock, T.D., Minister of State, Department of Enterprise, Jobs & Innovation and Department of Education & Skills with responsibility for Research & Innovation

**Chair:** John O'Brennan, *NUI Maynooth*

14.45 – 15.45

**Panel 4: Social, Political, Cultural Innovation**

**Chair:** Paul Gillespie, *University College Dublin*

**Panelists:**

- Robert Kitchin, *NUI Maynooth*
- Ellen Hazelkorn, *Dublin Institute of Technology*
- Gareth Lee, *Irish School of Animation, Ballyfermot College of Further Education*
- Robert Gerwarth, *University College Dublin*
- Ross Keane, *Irish Film Institute*

15.45 – 16.45

**Plenary session**

**Moderator:** Paul Gillespie, *University College Dublin*

**Respondent:** Seán Ryder, *NUI Galway and Chair of HERA*

16.45 – 17.00

**Closing remarks**

Michael J. Geary, *Maastricht University and The Woodrow Wilson Center*

***Directions to the Royal Irish Academy:***

The Royal Irish Academy can be found at 19 Dawson Street in Dublin, Ireland. It is just 270 meters north of St. Stephen's Green, and it is located in Dublin's City Centre one block from Grafton Street.

***Registration:***

Registration for this conference is free but prior registration is essential since places are limited.

If you wish to register, please contact [HSSMay2013seminar@ucd.ie](mailto:HSSMay2013seminar@ucd.ie) before 19 April.

***Conference Organisers:***

- **Dr Michael J. Geary**- Global Europe Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., and Assistant Professor, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- **Professor Margaret Kelleher**- Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama, University College Dublin
- **Dr John O'Brennan**- Director, Centre for the Study of Wider Europe, National University of Ireland, Maynooth