

2021 has been another challenging year. Geographers of all ages across all sectors of education as well as in the wider community have again responded to the crisis in varied ways, and geographical research and education has continued unabated. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform our membership of the key activities of the GSI and the wider geographical community in Ireland over this turbulent period and to highlight some events and initiatives moving forward.

### **New GSI Appointments**

The GSI welcomes Dr Ruth McManus (DCU) as the new GSI Vice President, Dr Kieran Hickey (UCC) as Treasurer and Dr Niall Majury (QUB) and Dr Breandán MacGabhann (UL) as committee members. The society would like to thank all outgoing committee members for their tireless support to date.

## **Conference News**

### **Annual Conference of Irish Geographers**

The 52nd Conference of Irish Geographers, CIG 2021, aptly themed ‘Geographies of Responsibility: Rethinking Boundaries and Borders in a Turbulent World’ was hosted by Trinity College Dublin in May. The event was the first annual conference of the GSI to be held online and was a lively and diverse gathering of geographers working in Ireland and beyond. Over the course of four days (18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> May), CIG 2021 attracted 240 attendees to 50 sessions, with 170 presentations delivered on a range of topics. A recap on the conference along with recordings of the four keynote speakers can be found at [Recap: CIG 2021](#)

Organisation has begun for this year’s conference which be hosted by geographers working across the third level institutional terrain in Limerick. The conference committee consists of representatives from Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick and the Technological University of the Shannon-Midlands (TUS) and will take place on the university of Limerick campus from May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme for CIG 2022 is ‘Transformations and Transitions: Geographies of Systems in Change’. The theme focuses on the accelerated change dynamics evident across ecological, social, economic and political domains in the aftermath of Covid-19. The importance of human-environment relations has never been more starkly clear, as the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the vulnerability of current development pathways, further underlining the urgent need for longer-term thinking and new approaches to development and prosperity. While sustainability transitions are emerging in many sectors and regions, progress to date has been wholly inadequate when compared to the global scale of degradation across ecosystems. Geography has much to offer as we tackle these challenges from global to local scales, not least an ability to provide integrated understandings of societies and cultures, space and place, power-relations and assemblages and socio-ecological interactions. For more information on the conference along with key dates see [CIG 2022](#) over the coming days and weeks for updates.

## **International Geographic Union Centennial Congress, Paris 2022**

The International Geographic Union will reach its 100th anniversary in 2022. To celebrate this creation, the evolution of the discipline over the last century, and its contemporary and future significance, the French Committee of Geography (CNFG) is organizing an extraordinary conference, gathering geographers from all over the world. [The Congress](#) will take place between July 18 and July 22, 2022.

To celebrate the UGI-IGU Paris 2022 Conference, the GSI was delighted to launch Bursary Awards during GEOWEEK to support member participation at the conference later this year. Bursaries were awarded to Rachel McArdle (NUI Galway), Louise Fitzgerald (Maynooth University), Kate Flood (NUI Galway), Sasha Brown (Maynooth University).

## **International Geographical Congress, Dublin 2024**

The International Geographical Congress will take place in Dublin in 2024. The theme of the conference is 'Celebrating a World of Difference'. The local organising committee are actively seeking interested academic and non-academic colleagues to get involved with conferences activities. Volunteers across a range of activities and skillsets are welcome. For more on the congress and how to get involved see [this short video](#) produced by the committee or see [IGC 2024](#)

## **GEOWEEK 2021**

GeoWeek 2021 took place in the third week of November. In addition to the GSI's launch of the Bursary Awards, schools, societies and departments across the country engaged in activities to celebrate and raise awareness about the discipline. Maynooth Geographers, celebrated the work of female physical geographers on their '[Eye on the World](#)' blog which included posts from Dr Lisa Orme, Dr Catriona Duffy, Dr Clare Noone, Dr Samantha Hallam, Dr Levke Caesar and Dr Stephanie Keogh. Other activities included field work (UCD) and social media campaigns which involved geographical puns (Maynooth Geography Society) and quotes (UCD). Schools around the country engaged in poster and photography competitions, treasure hunts, and constructing models to explain various geographical processes. [For more see here.](#)

## **50 years of Geography at Maynooth**

50 years of Geography at Maynooth was celebrated with an online event on 16 December 2021. Over 150 people registered for the event, from all around the world – current and former staff and students, colleagues and friends. There were three engaging panel discussions. In the first, Paddy Duffy, John Sweeney and Ro Charlton reminisced on the early days of Geography. In the second, Maynooth Geography graduates – Karen Keaveney, Stephanie Keogh, Derek McCormack and Conor Murphy - reflected on what their time at Maynooth means to them. The third panel, with Mark Boyle, Chris Brunsdon, Louise Sarsfield Collins, Shaun Harrigan, Harriet Hawkins and Cathy Delaney, speculated on the future of Geography and the next 50 years. Though not in-person, it was a lovely way to mark the Department, and there were many stories shared in the online chat and on a Jamboard.

## **Remembering Martin Charlton**

Colleagues at Maynooth, along with a range of international scholars sadly said goodbye to Martin Charlton, who passed away in July. An internationally-recognised expert in spatial statistics and geocomputation, an inspiring teacher, a friend and colleague who was always willing to help others, Martin was a much-loved member of the Geography community in Ireland. Martin's outstanding contribution to the discipline was marked at an online event 'Innovations in Geocomputation: A tribute

to the career of Martin Charlton' on 9 November 2021, organised by the NCG and Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute. A recording of the event is now available [online](#). Martin was also a regular and enthusiastic presence at the annual Conference of Irish Geographers. The CIG won't be the same without him.

## Research News, Appointments and Activities

### **GSI participate in International Geographical Society Gathering on Climate Change, Biodiversity and SDG Research ahead of COP26 UN Climate Change Conference**

Following an invitation from the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, the Royal Geographical Society and the International Geographical Union, the Geographical Society of Ireland participated in an online International Geographical Society Gathering on 22 June 2021, ahead of the Conferences of the Parties meeting which was held in Glasgow, UK. The main objective of the 'gathering' was to bring together geographers from different geographical societies to find out what is being done by Geographers in these different communities in relation to the climate (and biodiversity) crisis, and what we might be able to do, as Geographers, in order to meaningfully address the issue. 65 people from 30 countries participated at the event and more than 10 geographical societies, including the GSI shared their activities and projects related to these important topics. You can read the GSI submission [here](#).

### **Prof Cathal O'Donoghue (NUIG) appointed to World Health Organisation panel of experts**

Prof Cathal O'Donoghue (NUIG) has been appointed to the World Health Organisation panel of experts for its Well-being Economy Initiative 'Fostering a culture of health for all in government recovery plans – building a healthier and fairer future for all'. The expert panel will develop a strategy for the WHO in association with its European member states for a post-COVID world.

### **Geographers from UL and QUB lead new digital humanities project on the histories of the Ordnance Survey.**

A team of geographers, historians, linguists and computer scientists from the University of Limerick (UL) and Queen's University Belfast (QUB) have been awarded €740,000 from a fund supporting UK-Ireland collaboration in Digital Humanities. The joint award scheme draws together funding from the Irish Research Council and the Arts and Humanities Research Council to fund eleven digital humanities projects across the UK and Ireland. *OS200: Digitally Re-Mapping Ireland's Ordnance Survey Heritage*, co-lead by Dr Catherine Porter (UL) and Professor Keith Lilley (QUB), is a collaboration which aims to reinvigorate interest in the Ordnance Survey (OS) by re-connecting and sharing the divided legacies of the OS in Ireland. OS200 will use 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies to analyse and visualise how Ordnance Survey staff operated on the ground in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and will create a free online resource revealing hidden and forgotten aspects of life and work from across Britain and Ireland. Partners include the Department for Communities and Public Record Office in Northern, the Royal Irish Academy, the Digital Repository of Ireland, Logainm at Dublin City University, and the Irish Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

### **Research Team at UCD launch 'Citizen Rural: Digital Data for Participatory Democracy in Remote Places'**

UCD Assist. Professor Karen Keaveney and Assoc. Professor Ainhoa González have been awarded Irish Research Council Coalesce funding for the project 'Citizen Rural: Digital Data for Participatory Democracy in Remote Places' under the Coalesce Fund. The project will establish a living lab in County Roscommon to explore how rural communities can engage with digital data to co-design policies for sustainable development. The project partners with Roscommon LEADER Partnership, Roscommon County Council, and the Department of Rural and Community Development.

### **QUB researcher to examine the social and political impacts of torture in Israel**

Dr Merav Amir (QUB) has been awarded a major ESRC grant to examine the social and political implications of the broad use of torture by democratic states in postcolonial and neo-colonial settings. Entitled 'The Societal and Political Impacts of High Frequency Torture: Israel as a Case Study', the project is shared with Hagar Kotef at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. Merav has been awarded by the Flax Foundation the *Emma Goldman Award 2021* for work as an international scholar and as a highly committed long-time activist with several feminist and labour organisations.

### **UCD researcher develops assessment framework for Ireland's marine planning process**

UCD Assoc. Professor Ainhoa González has been awarded a Cullen Scholarship by the Marine Institute for the 'Development of a Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework for Ireland's Marine Planning Process'. The scholarship will engage a PhD student to understand the principal human-environment interactions in Irish waters to inform evidence-based marine planning and decision-making; and to develop and test a suitable GIS-based methodology for Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) to support Marine Spatial Planning in Ireland using existing spatial data sources.

### **TCD team partner with Smart D8 on SHARECITY to measure the sustainability impacts of food sharing**

A TCD research team are partnering with Smart D8 on a new SHARECITY project on Dublin 8 that will measure the sustainability impacts of food sharing within the area. The project will create a story map about local food sharing and produce a report on the positive social, environmental, and economic impacts of food sharing initiatives within the area. The SHARECITY project was also highlighted as a Case Study of successful knowledge co-production for environmental and sustainability research at the Royal Irish Academy's '*Better together: knowledge co-production for a sustainable society*' symposium. The RIA commended the SHARECITY team's use of 'innovative social and environmental science alongside collaborative research methods to explore the international practice and sustainability potential of ICT-mediated urban food sharing', and highlighted how the SHARECITY project was 'awarded an inaugural ERC Public Engagement Award in 2020 for its co-produced online and social media interventions: the SHARECITY100 interactive database and SHARE IT tool'. For more see [here](#).

### **UCD researchers collaborate with Westmeath partners on Repair Acts Ireland**

UCD Repair Acts Ireland sees Dr Alma Clavin and Robin Ferguson collaborating with artist Teresa Dillon, Westmeath County Council Heritage Office, and the Westmeath Public Participation Network. The project gathers thousands of repair stories through intergenerational events, online storytelling submissions, and archival research detailing repair processes and histories. Using a mixture of artistic and applied research methodologies — including storytelling, data visualisation, speculative design, performance, and digital placemaking — the project will scope out the future of a revived repair

culture and tools for how the community can contribute to it. The project is funded by the Creative Ireland Climate Action Fund and runs through to December 2022.

### **Galway researchers work with UN FAO on climate change and agri-food systems in the Near East and North Africa**

Dr. Una Murray (NUIG) is currently working with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's (UN FAO) Near East and North Africa (NENA) Office on their first edition of a NENA FAO flagship publication on Land and Water Resources, which covers how climate change coupled with the complexities of an increasing urban population is a particular challenge to agri-food systems.

## **Postgraduate and Early Career Network (PECN) UPDATE**

The PECN network has had an exciting last few months of 2021, and are excited to bring a collaborative energy of solidarity among postgraduate and early career geographers into 2022!

In November we held a PECN writing retreat - a multi-day collaborative virtual event to create a productive writing environment and to share knowledge and tips about the writing process as early career geographers. In December we held a holiday social with funny jumpers and quizzes! We aim to hold regular socials to promote healthy collegiality among postgraduate and early career geographers.

In January we held a coffee morning and will be announcing a fun event for 10 February. Details will be posted on the [PECN website](#).

### **GSI Doctoral Research Award 2022 and Postgraduate Fieldtrip / Travel Awards**

The GSI is pleased to launch the call for its annual prize for a presentation based upon a recent PhD thesis in Geography. The competition is open to any graduate of a Higher Education Institute on the island of Ireland who has successfully defended their PhD degree since January 1st, 2019. The graduate must also be a current member of the GSI, and needs to register for the Conference of Irish Geographers (this year May 12th to 14th 2022). Papers will be short-listed for a special session as part of the CIG (presentation of approx. 10 minutes, plus 5 minutes Q&A). The plenary session will be adjudicated by a panel of senior academics. The prize includes an award of €250. Completed application forms will be accepted until 5pm January 31st 2022. If you have any queries, please contact Dr. Karen Keaveney at [secretary@geographicalsocietyireland.ie](mailto:secretary@geographicalsocietyireland.ie)

Applications are also invited for Geographical Society of Ireland postgraduate travel awards to a maximum value of €250 per person/awardee. These bursaries are intended to offer financial support to postgraduate members of the GSI who wish to present papers or participate in workshops at national or international conferences. Due to COVID restrictions, this award may now also cover an award to attend a virtual conference. Awards are also available to postgraduate researchers requiring assistance to undertake fieldwork. Preference will be given to applications in support of dissemination activities.

Completed application forms should be submitted online by 5pm on January 31st 2022. Successful applicants will be expected to acknowledge the support of the GSI in their research and at the relevant

conference. A brief overview of how the award was utilised should be submitted to the Society after the event. For further information, or if you have any queries, please contact the awards coordinator Dr. Karen Keaveney at [secretary@geographicalsocietyireland.ie](mailto:secretary@geographicalsocietyireland.ie)

Applicants must be a current member of the GSI.

## New Staff Members

**Dr Jeremy Auerbach** joined Geography at QUB as a lecturer. Dr Auerbach is a quantitative social scientist working for community organizations on urban issues, including health disparities, housing and environmental justice, and transportation accessibility.

**Dr Zsuzsanna Pósfai** joined the GEOFIN research team at TCD as a research fellow to work on possible financial futures. Zsuzsanna is one of the founding members of the Periféria Policy and Research Center, an independent Budapest-based organisation working on spatial and housing justice. She has experience in the field of housing activism, of housing policy on the scale of local administrations (both in France and Hungary), as well as in academia. In recent years, Zsuzsanna's research has focused on the mechanisms of investment in the housing market and the over-indebtedness of households. Based on her research she is also working on practical ways to channel investment into affordable housing.

**Dr Kevin Credit** joined the team at Maynooth as a lecturer based in the National Centre for Geocomputation and the Department of Geography. Kevin completed a PhD in Michigan State University and worked at the University of Chicago before joining Maynooth. His research focuses on cities and planning: the economic development and environmental benefits of public transit investment, retail resilience, and studying systematic disparities in health outcomes - including in policing, the COVID-19 pandemic, and transportation mobility. He's particularly interested in open source spatial data and quantitative approaches.

**Dr Louise Fitzgerald** joined Maynooth University in September 2021, as a lecturer in Geography. She previously worked as a postdoctoral researcher on the ERC-SHARECITY project led by Prof. Anna Davies at the Department of Geography, TCD. Louise's PhD, from UCD, focused on the justice impacts of the German energy transition. More broadly, her research focuses on the spatially and unevenly distributed justice impacts of sustainability transitions, drawing on political ecology and environmental justice approaches.

**Dr Nick Scroxton** also joined Maynooth University in September 2021, as a lecturer in Geography and at ICARUS. His research focuses on rainfall variability at numerous times, timescales, and places. He was awarded a PhD in Paleoclimatology by the Australian National University, and previously worked at the University of Massachusetts Amherst/ MIT and was an Irish Research Council/Marie Skłodowska Curie CAROLINE fellow at UCD, with a secondment with the agricultural development and aid NGO Self Help Africa.

MIC Geography are delighted to welcome Prof. Paul Aplin to the college and department. Paul will take up his appointment as new Head of Department in February of 2022 and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to MIC. Paul joins from Edge Hill University in the UK, where he has worked extensively on remote sensing of environmental distributions, with particular focus on spatial and

temporal scales of observation, methods of land cover characterization, and application to ecological problems, specializing in tropical peatland environment.

The MIC Department of Geography would like to wish Prof. Des McCafferty all the very best for his retirement. Des has been an outstanding ambassador for Geography in Limerick, the mid-west and nationally over 5 decades and his contribution to MIC has been immense. MIC Geography has benefited from Des' steadfast leadership and we are grateful to have worked with such a good colleague and friend.

### **Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (soon to be the Atlantic Technological University - ATU) welcomes new doctoral candidate in Heritage Studies**

The GMIT Heritage Research Group welcomes Gary Dempsey, who is commencing a PhD thesis on 'Personifying Ireland's Stonemasons: Perspectives on the Heritages of Stoneworkers in Medieval & Early Modern Ireland, 1100–1699'. Gary's Principal Supervisor is Dr Mark McCarthy, who is joined on the Research Advisory Panel by GMIT colleagues Dr Yvonne McDermott and Dr Suzanne O'Shea.

## **Public Engagement**

### **Galway researchers work with local community to monitor coastal erosion and biodiversity conservation**

Dr Eugene Farrell (NUIG) has received funding from the Office of Public Works to conduct a 12-month coastal research project within the Derrynane Seashore Nature Trail, Co. Kerry in partnership with the local community. The multi-disciplinary study will measure shoreline change in response to storms and biodiversity conservation response to local management interventions within the dune ecosystem. The project will support student dissertations in the 'Coastal and Marine Environments' MSc programme.

### **Maynooth Geographers collaborate with Pavee Point and Pavee Roads Home**

Maynooth geographers (Professor Karen Till, Dr Rachel McArdle (now at NUIG), PhD researchers and students on the Masters in Spatial Justice) have partnered with Pavee Roads Home to develop an online digital StoryMap of Irish traveller heritage which includes family genealogies, accounts of traditional nomadic life and halting sites. StoryMaps produced are available [here online](#) and an account of how the project developed has been published in the [Irish Times](#).

### **The Atlas Series from Cork University Press feature in two RTÉ documentaries**

On the 30th November 2021 ARTE (The Franco – German European Cultural Television Channel) had an Ireland themed night and this featured two RTÉ documentaries 'The Irish Revolution' and 'The Hunger', based on the relevant atlases published by Cork University Press and edited by staff from the Geography and History Departments in UCC. Viewing figures were very high across many European countries.

The documentaries are being extensively distributed across the world, with 'The Hunger' shortly due for transmission on PBS in the USA, and in China on the Xigua streaming service, which is available to 120 million subscribers. 'The Hunger' has just picked up the Best Documentary Award at the Los Angeles Documentary Festival, along with a range of other awards from around the world.

### **QUB Geographer participated in 'Re-imagine STEM' project with schools in Northern Ireland**

Dr Niall Majury is part of a team within the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences that have secured 3 years funding from the Caterpillar Foundation to develop an outreach programme, targeting under served schools and supporting the professional development of teachers across the region. The Geography strand of 'Re-imagine STEM' is being developed in partnership with the Geographical Association NI.

### **UCD Geographers work with communities in Dundrum on the SDG Community Dashboard**

Congratulations to the UCD project team who in collaboration with Dundrum 2030, have launched the SDG Community Dashboard project. The UCD team includes Prof Ainhoa Gonzalez, Prof Edna Murphy, and Dr Shane McGuinness. The local Ambassadors aim to promote a sustainable future for Dundrum and put all the great Sustainable Development Goal 2030 projects in Dundrum on the map. You can find out more on their website [Dundrum 2030](#).

## **Teaching Initiatives**

### **Launch of Masters in GeoPolitics at QUB**

QUB launched in September 2021 a new postgraduate taught Masters in GeoPolitics. This programme explores the intersections of space and politics and is delivered by academic experts in Human Geography, Politics and International Relations, with a broad range of regional expertise and research perspectives.

### **Relaunch of the M.Sc. in Applied Coastal and Marine Management at UCC**

After a year's absence (primarily due to the covid crises) UCC have relaunched the M.Sc. in Applied Coastal and Marine Management. Currently there are 11 students enrolled from 7 countries– Ireland, England, Finland, Germany, Barbados, USA and Canada showing the attractiveness of the programme.

### **Improved Research Laboratory Facilities in the Geography Building at UCC**



The paleoenvironmental laboratory has been extensively revamped and the particle size laboratory has been moved to the Geography Building for the first time in a new dedicated laboratory. Both improvements enhance the department's research strength and synergies and creates new opportunities for both undergraduate and postgraduate students and other researchers. In addition, a new 'dirty laboratory' has been created in the basement along with new field equipment storage areas. This means that all the department's facilities are now in the Geography Building.

### **The CHARM-European University Initiative at TCD**

TCD have launched the CHARM-EU Initiative and its Master's in Global Challenges for Sustainability, which offers a unique international learning opportunity. Pádraig Carmody has played a key role in the launching of the programme. CHARM-EU students will have the chance to address the pressing need for sustainability in a transdisciplinary and challenge-based environment. The degree is accredited and jointly awarded by the five CHARM-EU partner universities: University of Barcelona, Trinity College Dublin, Utrecht University, Eötvös Loránd University and University of Montpellier.

### **M.Sc in Smart and Sustainable Cities TCD**

TCD have launched a new M.Sc in Smart and Sustainable Cities. Course director Philip Lawton welcomed the first cohort of students to this full-time one-year course that brings together colleagues from across the School of Natural Sciences and the University's exciting Engineering, Environment, and Emerging Technologies/E3 Initiative. As part of the course students will engage with one of three alternating field trip cities (London, Amsterdam, and Brussel) to gain insights into the ways in which different smart and sustainable approaches emerge within specific social, political and economic contexts in which they are embedded. The course also incorporates a mandatory industrial in-company placement to link in-class learning to hands-on approaches within a particular sub-area of smart cities and urban sustainability.

### **UCD researchers develop GIS module for sustainable development and climate change-related applications in Vietnam**

Dr Christine Bonnin and graphic recording artist Eimear McNally have produced a video to showcase a new online GIS module for sustainable development and climate change-related applications in Vietnam, part of a wider research and higher education project funded by Irish Aid in partnership with Hanoi University and Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry. It uses an ethnic minority-positive storyline based on the team's joint fieldwork (participatory community mapping) with researchers, students and ethnic minority Yao and Hmong communities in Thai Nguyen province. The video is in Vietnamese with English subtitles. As part of the project, Dave O'Mahony (Masters Student) has developed an online GIS module for climate change-related education based on free and open source GIS software (QGIS). Dave has also just completed the delivery of an online training-the-trainers course to support academic staff in Vietnam with rolling out the module next year

## **Teaching/Curriculum Awards and Appointments**

Dr Gemma Catney (QUB), a Population and Social Geographer with research interests in ethnic residential segregation and diversity, ethnic inequalities, and internal migration, was awarded QUB's Rising Star 2021 Teaching Award for the impressive range of innovations she has introduced within the Geography curriculum at Queen's.

Dr Niall Majury (QUB) was appointed to the QAA's Subject Benchmark Review Panel for Geography. A draft of the revised benchmark document was published in November and open for comment. Further details are posted at: <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements>

## Book News

***The Coastal Atlas of Ireland* by Robert Devoy, Val Cummins, Barry Brunt, Bartlett Darius and Kandrot Sarah (eds)**

Ireland is an island surrounded by ocean, with a high percentage of its population living in the coastal zone and has often been referred to as an "island nation". *The Coastal Atlas of Ireland* will contribute towards the dissemination and outreach of scientific knowledge about the coasts of Ireland and of the processes that are shaping them, to the broader public, government and decision makers. Over 100 video resources to supplement the printed edition of *The Coastal Atlas of Ireland* are available online.

The Atlas has won Best Irish Published Book Award at the An Post Irish Book Awards.

***Dublin 1910-1940, Shaping the City and Suburbs* by Ruth McManus**

Four Courts Press have published a new edition of *Dublin 1910-1940, Shaping the City and Suburbs* (by Ruth McManus), which documents Dublin's development during a period of major political and social change in Ireland. During 1910-1940, planned suburbanization of the working classes became a stated policy, with new and idealistic schemes such as Marino, Drumcondra, and Crumlin being built. At the same time, private speculative development was continuing at the edges of the city, where individual builders, such as Alexander Strain, often had a major impact on the layout and style of the suburbs. This was also a period when the modern town planning movement and evolving ideas about citizenship in the new State impacted on the shaping of the city. This book effectively charts these issues.

***Building Healthy Homes, Dublin Corporation's First Housing Schemes 1880-1925* by Joe Brady and Ruth McManus**

*Building Healthy Homes, Dublin Corporation's First Housing Schemes 1880-1925* by Joe Brady and Ruth McManus has been published by Dublin City Council. This book is a commemoration and an analysis of the early housing and development schemes from the 1880s to the late 1920s, which sought to end a housing and public health crisis of immense proportions. These are examined in some detail and the book is comprehensively illustrated with maps, photographs and block plans.

***The Voice of Science, British Scientists on the Lecture Circuit in Gilded Age America* by Diarmuid Finnegan.**

*The Voice of Science, British Scientists on the Lecture Circuit in Gilded Age America* by Diarmuid Finnegan has been published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. The book explores the itineraries of British men of science on the American lecture circuit in the second half of the nineteenth century.

***Tornadoes and Waterspouts in Ireland: Ancient and Modern* by John Tyrrell**

*Tornadoes and Waterspouts in Ireland: Ancient and Modern* published by Cork University Press, explores how for centuries tornadoes and waterspouts have been part of the Irish climate and have tracked across the land for hundreds of years. The book explores the conditions favourable for these phenomena to occur whilst also building a database for recent years from reports by numerous weather enthusiasts, followed by site investigations to confirm and characterise them. Many such case studies are presented from all over Ireland.

***The New Urban Ruins: Vacancy, Urban Politics and International Experiments in the Post-Crisis City***  
edited by Cian O’Callaghan (TCD) with Cesare Di Feliciano

This collection provides an innovative perspective on contemporary urban challenges through the lens of urban vacancy and pulls together contributions from across human, social, and cultural geography perspectives, including work from, amongst others, Karen E. Till, Mara Ferreri, Nathan McClintock, and Sandra Jasper. This volume is published by Policy Press, an imprint of Bristol University Press.

***Frankenstein Urbanism: Eco, Smart and Autonomous Cities, Artificial Intelligence and the End of the City*** by Federico Cugurullo

*Frankenstein Urbanism: Eco, Smart and Autonomous Cities, Artificial Intelligence and the End of the City* tells the story of visionary urban experiments, shedding light on the theories that preceded their development and on the monsters that followed and might be the end of our cities. The narrative is threefold and delves first into the ‘eco-city’, second the ‘smart city’ and third the ‘autonomous city’ intended as a place where existing smart technologies are evolving into artificial intelligences that are taking the management of the city out of the hands of humans. This book has been published by Routledge.

### **GSI Annual Book Awards REMINDER**

GSI would like to remind members about the GSI Annual Awards 2022. This year there will be two book awards (1) Edited book; and (2) Monograph. Criteria for nominated titles are as follows: The book must:

- have been published for the first time (in Irish or English) between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2021;
- be of clear relevance to a theme related to the geographies of Ireland and/or is authored by a geographer employed in Ireland at the time of publication; and
- be comprised substantially of previously unpublished work.

Scripts are not eligible for consideration. One nomination from a GSI member is required.

Key dates:

- May 21st 2021: Book Award Launch
- January 15th 2022: Final date for nominations
- May 2022: Winner announced at GSI awards night
- May 2022: Nominated books displayed at the Conference of Irish Geographers 2022

Members are requested to please complete this nomination form by no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.

For queries relating to the Book of the Year Award please contact the Chair of the Adjudication Panel, Prof. Gerry Kearns [gerry.kearns@mu.ie](mailto:gerry.kearns@mu.ie)

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The Geographical Society of Ireland would like to extend its best wishes to all those interested in geographical knowledge on the island of Ireland and beyond for 2022. For further information on the activities of the society or on membership please see <https://www.geographicalsocietyireland.ie/>

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