‘The global politics of climate emergency’
29 April 2020

PROGRAMME

09:00 REGISTRATION
09:20 WELCOME
President Royal Irish Academy
09:30 KEYNOTE
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
09:50 INTRODUCTION
Mervyn O’Driscoll, Chair, Standing Committee for International Affairs (SCIA)

09.55 PANEL ONE—DISCOURSES AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Chair: Andrew Cottee
09:55 Diarmuid Torney, Dublin City University
‘The politics and rhetoric of climate emergencies: what can securitisation theory teach us’
10:05 Su-ming Khoo, NUIGalway
‘Addressing the global emergencies of climate and human rights from below—a view from the pedagogy of development ethics and international social world’
10:15 Pat Brereton, Dublin City University
‘From democratic deficit to techno-fix and war scenarios: media strategies addressing climate change policy development—an eco-reading of recent documentary/fictional narratives’
10:25 Panel discussion with Q&A

11:05 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:30 PANEL TWO—DEMOCRACY, RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Proposed chair: Delia Ferri
11:30 Ian Hughes, SFI MaREI Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine, UCC
‘Developing new democratic paradigms to address the climate emergency’
11:40 Emanuela Ferrari, University College Dublin
‘Voices from the ground: a political ontology of climate change’
11:50 Gerard Maguire, Maynooth University
‘Human erosion in the new Anthropocene epoch’
12:00 Panel discussion with Q&A
12:40 LUNCH

13.40 PANEL THREE—JUST TRANSITIONS

Chair: Padraig Carmody

13:45 Louise Fitzgerald, University College Dublin
   ‘How to build socially just environmental transitions: Lesson learning from the
   pitfalls and successes of Germany’s historic energy transition’

13:55 Matthew Kennedy, International Energy Research Centre, Tyndall National Institute, UCC
   ‘Navigating a just transition through the climate emergency: what role for finance
   and technology?’

14.05 Sinead Mercier, National Economic and Social Council
   ‘Four case studies on Just Transition: lessons for Ireland, NESC Research Series’

14.15 Panel discussion/Q&A

14:50 COFFEE BREAK

15:20 PLENARY: Mrs Mary Robinson, MRIA
   Chair tbc

16:20 PANEL FOUR—PATHWAYS

Chair: Colin Wrafter

16:20 Patrick Paul Walsh, University College Dublin
   ‘Is the Paris Agreement designed to fail?’

16:30 Chris O’Connell, Dublin City University
   ‘Climate Change and Trade Agreements: Facing the Same Direction?’

16:40 Frances Stewart, University of Oxford
   ‘Overcoming short-termism: Incorporating future generations into current decision-
   making’

16:50 Panel discussion/Q&A

17:30 CONFERENCE CLOSE

   Mervyn O’Driscoll, Chair, SCIA

18:00 ISIA JOURNAL LAUNCH IN IVEAGH HOUSE