

# INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN TIMES OF RISK AND UNCERTAINTY

## THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND BEYOND

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## PROGRAMME

- 9:10 **WELCOME**  
Mary Canning, President, Royal Irish Academy
- 9:15 **KEYNOTE**  
Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence
- 10:00 **INTRODUCTION**  
Andrew Cottey, Chair, Standing Committee for International Affairs (SCIA)
- 10:05 **PANEL ONE – GLOBAL ISSUES**  
10:05 Chair: Colin Wrafter, SCIA  
10:10 Marcin Grabowski, Jagiellonian University  
**The influence of COVID-19 on power transition between the US and China**  
Co-author: Niall Duggan, University College Cork  
10:20 Joris Larik, Leiden University/Stimson Center  
**A roadmap for global recovery and institutional revitalisation**  
Co-author: Richard Ponzio, Stimson Center  
10:30 Deirdre Halloran, Dublin City University  
**The future of public procurement: lessons in a time of pestilence**  
10:40 Panel discussion with Q&A
- 11:15 **Break**
- 11:20 **PANEL TWO – REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES**  
11:20 Chair: Etain Tannam, SCIA  
11:25 Federico Fabrini, Dublin City University/Brexit Institute  
**The EU beyond COVID-19: the conference on the future of Europe**  
11:35 Chi Zhang, University of St Andrews  
**Human security in post-pandemic China**  
11:45 David Ngira, Cardiff University  
**Dominance, legitimacy, autonomy: COVID-19 and the African states**  
Co-author: John Harrington, Cardiff University  
11:55 Panel discussion with Q&A
- 12:30 **Break**
- 13:30 **PANEL THREE – POLICY AND RIGHTS**  
13:30 Chair: Padraig Carmody MRIA, SCIA  
13:35 Donna Lyons, Trinity College Dublin  
**Rights restrictions and public health crises: international human rights law and COVID-19**  
13:45 John Ryan, IFO Munich  
**Brexit and COVID-19 combined undermine Britain's global influence**  
13:55 John F. Quinn, Óglaigh na hÉireann  
**Information is key: assessing the contest for the information space in the midst of a global pandemic**  
14:05 Panel discussion with Q&A
- 14:35 **Break**
- 14:40 **PANEL FOUR – FROM GLOBAL TO LOCAL**  
14:40 Chair: Su-ming Khoo, SCIA  
14:45 Ibrahim Natil, Dublin City University  
**COVID-19 and civil society organisations' shifts and challenges: Libya, Lebanon and Palestine**  
14:55 Ken Sheehan, Óglaigh na hÉireann  
**Digital virus: how COVID-19 intersected with cyberspace to impact international politics**  
15:05 Nita Mishra, University College Cork  
**Did COVID-19 really matter in my village? Field narratives linking the local with the globe**  
15:15 Panel discussion with Q&A
- 15:45 **Break**
- 15:50 **PLENARY:** G. John Ikenberry, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University  
Chair: Andrew Cottey  
Followed by a discussion and audience Q&A
- 16:50 **CONFERENCE CLOSE**  
Andrew Cottey



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