



## **Newsletter November 2005**

### **MARY-LOU MCDONALD MEP AND SIMON COVENEY MEP**

#### **DEBATE THE FUTURE OF EUROPE ON UL CAMPUS**

On Monday October 14th Mary-Lou McDonald MEP visited the UL campus to take part in a debate on the future of Europe with Simon Coveney MEP. The debate was chaired by Prof Alex Warleigh (CEUROS ) and attracted a big crowd . The Sinn Fein MEP emphasised that her party is not anti-European but is concerned at problems of social exclusion that include 68 million people in the EU living on the poverty line.

In the European Parliament, Ms McDonald is a member of the Confederal Group of the European United Left-Nordic Green Left, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, and the Delegation for Relations with Switzerland, Iceland, and Norway. She graduated BA from TCD in 1992, and MA from UL in 1993.

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### **CEUROS TO ORGANISE THIRD WINTER SCHOOL FOR US STUDENTS IN JANUARY 2006**

For a third time, CEUROS will design, organise, and deliver a Winter School programme for students from Linfield College Oregon, USA. In January 2006, 18 students of business and economics will participate in a week-long intensive programme on the UL campus before travelling to the European Central Bank in Frankfurt and the European Parliament in Brussels. Faculty from the College of Business and the College of Humanities will again collaborate in this programme.

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### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM CEUROS**

Dr Albert Doja, Research Scholar in the College of Humanities, has recently published four refereed journal articles. They are:

'Mythology and Destiny' in *Anthropos* vol. 100 (2005) 449-462

'The Advent of Heroic Anthropology in the History of Ideas' *Journal of the History of Ideas* 66 (2005) 631-648

'Rethinking the Couvade' *Anthropological Quarterly* 78 : 4 (2005) 919-951

'Dreaming of Fecundity in Rural Society' *Rural History* 16:2 (2005) 1-25

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### **RECENT SEMINARS**

On 25 October, Dr Linze Schaap from the Erasmus University in Rotterdam gave a seminar on local democracy in Europe and recent turmoil in Dutch politics. He reported the results of a recent transnational research project that explored municipal politics in several different European countries. He then turned to the implications and consequences of the murder of Pim Fortuyn, and concluded his talk by analysing the reasons for the No vote in the recent Dutch referendum on the European Constitution. The seminar was chaired by Dr Brid Quinn; and a wine reception hosted by CEUROS followed immediately afterwards.

On 10 November, a seminar entitled "Who Benefits from Europe?" given by Dr Didier Chabanet inaugurated a series of seminars that will run through the academic year 2005-6. The series is sponsored jointly by the Centre for Teaching and Learning, the Dept of Languages and Cultural Studies, and the Centre for European Studies. For details of future seminars in the same series, see 'Forthcoming Seminars' (below) . Dr Chabanet's seminar dealt with the Europeanisation of lobby groups in Brussels and the extent to which differential pressures were exerted on the Commission and the Council. He concluded that Europeanisation had not proceeded far, partly because a European identity didn't yet exist, and partly because the Brussels "machine" is still rather disparate. In follow up discussion, and benefiting from the speaker's doctoral research on a French banlieue, the seminar participants pondered rather gloomily on the disjuncture between the socio-economic needs of the French "underclass" and the "law and order" response of the French state as evidenced in the current riots in France.

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### **FORTHCOMING SEMINARS**

The Department of Languages and Cultural Studies in conjunction with the Centre for Teaching and Learning, and the Centre for European Studies at the University of Limerick has organised a series of public seminars during the academic year 2005-6. The objective is to explore topics that are, by definition, interdisciplinary and will therefore appeal to a wide range of interests in the College of Humanities and beyond. Increasingly, it becomes apparent that successful research bids will need to be interdisciplinary, and this series of seminars contributes to the creation of a broader research ethos that is not

constrained by a narrow disciplinary focus. The next seminar in the series is on 29 November 2005 when Dr Simone Baglioni from Neuchatel, Switzerland speaks on "The Third Sector in Europe". On Wednesday, 15 February 2006, Professor Antonio Argueso Gonzales from Brussels will speak on "The Rise and Fall of Bilingualism in Spain and Belgium". The remaining eight seminars will be publicised regularly in CEUROS Newsletters. Further information about the seminars can be obtained from [frederic.royall@ul.ie](mailto:frederic.royall@ul.ie) to whom full credit is due for taking this initiative.

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## **FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES**

Europe and the Balkans International Network

Round Table Forli Italy 18-19 November 2005

"The Influence of the CIS Revolutions on the political crisis of Russia"

Information - email to: [dessislava.krasteva@poloforli.unibo.it](mailto:dessislava.krasteva@poloforli.unibo.it)

British International Studies Association Annual Conference

St Andrews Scotland 19-21 December 2005

Information: [www.bisa.ac.uk](http://www.bisa.ac.uk)

Equality and Social Inclusion in the 21st Century: Developing Alternatives

Wellington Park Hotel/Queens University Belfast 1-3 February 2006

Information - email: [Kathleen.Lynch@ucd.ie](mailto:Kathleen.Lynch@ucd.ie)

International Studies Association 47th Annual Convention

San Diego CA 22-25 March 2006

Information: [www.isanet.org/sandiego/](http://www.isanet.org/sandiego/)

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops Nicosia April 2006

Information at [www.ecpr.org](http://www.ecpr.org)

Promoting Democratic Values in the Enlarging Europe Tartu Estonia 5-6 May 2006

Information at [heiko.paabo@ut.ee](mailto:heiko.paabo@ut.ee)

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