

The Labour Economics Group

Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting, NUI Maynooth

invites you to a one-day conference on

Labour Markets During Crises

Wednesday July 2nd 2014, Renehan Hall, NUI Maynooth

Since the beginning of the recent economic crisis, unemployment in many advanced economies has risen dramatically. Most governments have identified reductions in unemployment as a key target of economic recovery. However, developing effective strategies to deal with high and persistent unemployment poses challenges for policy makers.

The Labour Economics Group at NUI Maynooth is hosting a one day conference on *Labour Markets During Crises*. As well as a presentation on the Irish labour market by the Maynooth Labour Economics Group, the conference will also feature presentations by a number of international experts in labour economics and discussions by leading economists from the Central Bank, the Economic and Social Research Institute and University College Dublin.

*Registration is free but please email Aedin.Doris@nuim.ie if you plan to attend.*

**Conference Schedule**

**9:00-9:30am: Welcome and Introduction**

**Professor Philip Nolan, President NUI Maynooth**

**9:30-10:30am: Olive Sweetman (NUI Maynooth)**

[“Wage Flexibility and the Great Recession: The Response of the Irish Labour Market”](https://www.nuim.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/Paper_AedinDonJune30.docx)

Discussant: **Martina Lawless (ESRI & Central Bank of Ireland)**

**10:30-11:30: Torben Andersen (Aarhus University, Denmark)**

[“Persistent Employment Effects of Recessions”](https://www.nuim.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/Persistence20140520.pdf)

Discussant: **Frank Walsh (University College Dublin)**

11:30-12:00 Coffee

**12:00-1:00 Pedro Martins (Queen Mary College, University of London, UK)**

[“Reemployment Effects from Increased Activation: Evidence from Times of Crisis"](https://www.nuim.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/Convoc%202014-05-19.pdf)

Discussant: **Adele Bergin (ESRI)**

1:00-2:30 Lunch

**2:30-3:30 Michael Elsby (University of Edinburgh, UK)**

[“Wage Adjustment in the Great Recession"](https://www.nuim.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/WagePaperSept2013.pdf)

Discussant: **Paul Devereux (University College Dublin)**

**3:30-4:30 Jose Ignacio Garcia Perez (Universidade Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, Spain)**

[“Can Fixed-Term Contracts Put Low Skilled Youth on a Better Career Path? Evidence from Spain”](https://www.nuim.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/LongTermEffectsIntroductionTemporaryContracts_18JUNE14.doc)

Discussant: **Seamus McGuinness (ESRI)**

**Conference Speakers**

**Prof. Torben Andersen (Aarhus University, Denmark)**

Torben M. Andersen is Professor of Economics at the University of Aarhus, Denmark. He is a research fellow at the CEPR, CESifo and the IZA. His main research interests are the macroeconomic policy implications of labour and product market structures. Current research interests include how international integration affects labour markets and challenges the welfare state. Alongside research activities, he has also been involved in policy advice via membership of various policy committees and as chairman of the Danish economic council of economic advisors. Torben has published his work in journals such as the *Journal of Public Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Review of International Economics, journal of Risk and Uncertainty, Journal of International Money and Finance, Economic Journal and the European Economic Review*

**Prof. Michael Elsby (School of Economics, University of Edinburgh, UK)**

Michael Elsby is Professor of Economics at the University of Edinburgh. Michael's research focuses on the interface between macroeconomics and labour economics, in particular unemployment and wage determination. Recent work has examined the measurement of labour market flows in developed economies, the modelling of worker and job flows over the business cycle and across firms, the economics of adjustment costs, the role of trend wage growth on long-term increases in joblessness, and the aggregate labour market effects of downward rigidity in wages. Michael has published his work in journals such as the *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, the Journal of Monetary Economics and the Review of Economics and Statistics*.

**Prof. Jose Ignacio Garcia-Perez (Universidade Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, Spain)**

J. Ignacio Garcia-Perez is Professor of Economics at Universidade Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, Spain. His main research interests are in labour economics and microeconometrics, with a particular focus on youth unemployment, public policy evaluation, migration and retirement. He has published his work in journals such as the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Economic Inequality,* *Labour Economics, and the British Journal of Industrial Relations.*

**Prof. Pedro S. Martins (Queen Mary College, University of London, UK )**

Pedro Martins is Professor of Applied Economics at Queen Mary College, University of London, and Research Fellow of CEG-IST (Lisbon). From June 2011 until February 2013, he was Secretary of State for Employment at the Ministry of Economy and Employment of Portugal. During this period, he was responsible for reforms in areas such as employment protection legislation, active labour market policies, the public employment service, dual apprenticeships, the European Social Fund, and tripartite dialogue. Pedro’s academic research has focused on the roles of schooling, business cycles and globalisation on the wage distribution; and the effects of institutions, in particular employment protection, upon different worker and firm outcomes. Pedro has published work in the *Journal of Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, European Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics*.

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**Dr. Aedín Doris (NUI Maynooth)**

Aedín Doris is a Lecturer in Economics at NUI Maynooth. From 2003-2006 she served as Research Director for the Foundation of Fiscal Studies. Her research interests are in labour economics with particular interest in labour market public policy, labour supply and inequality. She is currently examining the response of the Irish labour market to the Great Recession. Her research has been published in journals such as *Journal of Economic Inequality, Economics of Education Review, The Stata Journal and The Economic and Social Review,*

**Prof. Donal O’Neill (NUI Maynooth)**

Donal O’Neill is a Professor of Economics at NUI Maynooth and current President of the Irish Economic Association. His main research areas are in labour economics and econometrics. He has conducted research on the impact of labour market reform on unemployment, minimum wages and the gender and racial wage gap. He is currently examining the response of the Irish labour market to the Great Recession. His research has been published in journals such as *Journal of Political Economy, American Statistician, Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics and Labour Economics*.

**Dr. Olive Sweetman (NUI Maynooth)**

Olive Sweetman is a Lecturer in Economics at NUI Maynooth and former board member of the Combat Poverty Agency. Her main research areas are in labour economics and the economics of education. She has conducted research on earnings inequality, the gender and racial wage gap and intergenerational mobility. She is currently examining the response of the Irish labour market to the Great Recession. Her research has been published in journals such as *IZA Journal of Labor Economics,* *Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Human Resources, Labour Economics, the Economics of Education Review* and *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*.

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