



***Proceedings of the Statistical and Social Inquiry of Ireland  
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**First Meeting**

The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 4:00pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at the CSO, Skehard Road, Cork. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair. Professor Tim Callan and Ms Claire Keane (ESRI) delivered a paper co-authored by Michael Savage, John R. Walsh and Kevin Timoney entitled *Identifying Policy Impacts in the Crisis: Microsimulation Evidence on Tax and Welfare*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Marion McCann (CSO) and seconded by all present. Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Steve MacFeely, Mr John Dunne, Mr Martin Kenneally, Mr Pdraig Dalton, Ms Pamela Lafferty, Mr Gregg Patrick, Mr Paul Sweeney and Mr Eoin McGuirk. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and contributors.

**Second Meeting**

The second ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 2:00pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair. The meeting was a Special Symposium for members of the Society, with the topic 'Reflections on the Sovereign Debt Crisis'. The speakers were Sven Langedijk (European Commission) on *Irish Fiscal Consolidation: A Comparative Perspective*, Roberto A. De Santis (European Central Bank) on *The Euro area sovereign debt crisis: safe haven, credit rating agencies and the spread of the fever from Greece, Ireland and Portugal* and Jochen Andritzky (IMF) on *Government Bonds and their Investors: What are the Facts and Do they Matter?.* Contributions from the floor were made by Prof. Philip Lane, Prof. John Fitz Gerald, Mr Noel O'Gorman, Dr Laura Weymes, Dr Seán Lyons and Dr Rafik Mottiar. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and contributors.

**Third Meeting**

The third ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. Vice President Dr Donal de Buitléir was in the Chair. Dr Eoin O'Leary delivered a paper co-authored by Mr Justin Doran and Dr Declan Jordan (all from UCC) and entitled *Effects of R&D spending on Innovation by Irish and Foreign-owned Businesses*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof Stephen Roper (Warwick U) and seconded by Dr Martin Lyes (formerly with Enterprise Ireland). Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Iulia Siedschlag, Mr Ian Hughes, Mr Roy Johnston and Prof. Frances Ruane. The Vice President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and contributors.

**Fourth Meeting**

The fourth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair. Prof. John Fitz Gerald delivered a paper co-authored by David Byrne and Nusa Znuderl of ESRI and entitled *The Impact of Changes in Educational Attainment on Life Expectancy in Ireland*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof Tony Fahey (UCD) and seconded by Mr Declan Smyth (CSO). Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Aidan Punch, Mr Bill Keating, Prof. Frances Ruane, Mr Ivor O'Shea, Prof. Brendan Whelan and Mr Gerry O'Hanlon. The Vice President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and contributors.

### **Fifth Meeting**

The fifth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair. Dr John Curtis delivered a paper co-authored by Dr Edgar Morgenroth of ESRI and entitled *Estimating the effects of land-use and catchment characteristics on lake water quality: Irish lakes 2004-2009*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof Cathal O'Donoghue (Teagasc) and seconded by Ms Deirdre Tierney (EPA). Contributions from the floor were made by Ms Judy Osborne, Dr Keith Walsh, Prof. Brendan Whelan, Mr Thomas Conefrey and Mr Noel O'Gorman. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and contributors.

### **Sixth Meeting**

The sixth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair. The meeting was a Symposium on the topic 'Reform of Public Policymaking'. The speakers were Prof. Frank Barry (TCD) on *Politicians, the Bureaucracy and Economic Policymaking over Two Crises: the 1950s and Today*, Dr Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB) on *Reform of public policymaking in Ireland*, and Dr Pete Lunn (ESRI) on *Researchers Imply, Policymakers Infer: Perspectives on the Relationship Between Evidence and Policy*. Mr Robert Watt (DPER) proposed the vote of thanks. Contributions from the floor were made by Prof. Eunice McCarthy, Dr Richard Boyle, Mr Tom Ferris, Mr Noel O'Gorman, Mr Pat McArdle, Dr Orlaigh Quinn, Dr Sara Burke, Prof. Frances Ruane and Mr Paul Sweeney. The President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and contributors.

### **Seventh Meeting**

The seventh ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 6:00pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the chair. Dr Jim Stewart (TCD) delivered a paper entitled *Effective Corporate Tax Rates in Ireland*. The vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by all present. Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Michael Terry, Prof. Frank Barry, Mr Paul Sweeney, Prof. John Fitz Gerald, Mr William Scally, Dr Donal de Buitléir, Dr Eoin O'Malley, Prof. Frances Ruane, Mr Tom O'Connell, Mr Noel O'Gorman and Mr Eamonn O'Dea. The President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and contributors.

### **Eighth Meeting (AGM)**

The Annual General Meeting was held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013. Vice President Aidan Punch was in the chair. Mr Paul Sweeney delivered his Presidential Address on the topic *An Inquiry into the Declining Labour Share of National Income and the Consequences for Economies and Societies*. Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Pat McArdle, Mr Michael Terry, Dr Keith Walsh, Mr Jim Jordan, Mr William Scally, Prof. Eunice McCarthy, Mr Bill Keating, Ms Eithne FitzGerald and Dr Nicola Timoney. The President responded to the points raised and Mr Punch brought the meeting to a close, thanking Mr Sweeney for his leadership over the past three years and for the paper. The Vice President also thanked those who made contributions.

### **Ninth Meeting**

The ninth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 4:00pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at NISRA, Castle Street, Belfast. Vice President Mr Bill Keating was in the chair. Honorary Secretary Dr Norman Caven welcomed members to Belfast. Dr James Gillan (NISRA) delivered a paper entitled *The Northern Ireland Composite Index*. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Steve MacFeely (CSO) and seconded by all present. Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Tom Healy, Mr Philip McDonagh and Mr Bill Keating. The Vice President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and contributors.

Seán Lyons  
Honorary Secretary