

IRISH PUBLIC ECONOMICS WORKSHOP

2026

Equity and Efficiency in Tax Policy

📅 27–28 August 2026

📍 National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin, **D02 V583**

📄 Registration €100 (PhD €40, discounts available): ti.to/ipew/ipew-2026

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

Day One

☕ 9:30–10:00 Registration and Coffee

10:00–11:00

Flash Talks

Chair: Barra Roantree (Trinity College Dublin)

Michael McRae (TCD): Who Speaks for Housing? Democratic Participation and Planning Delay

Eoin Corrigan (Department of Housing): Intergenerational Dependence on Social Housing

Niall Conroy (IFAC): Boston or Berlin? How does Ireland's tax and spending compare?

Keith Kehoe (TCD): Who pays if the windfall ends? Income tax reform and distributional effects for Ireland's debt sustainability

Frank Wolfe (ESRI/TCD): Taxing the Top in Mexico: How High Earners Responded to the 2014 Income Tax Reform

Brian Cronin (IFAC): How might US tariffs and other policy changes affect Ireland's corporation tax receipts?

☕ 11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–12:30

Firms

Chair: Nora Strecker (University College Dublin)

Jakob Miethe (LMU Munich): The Distribution of Profit Shifting

Karolis Matikonis (UCD): Administrative Design, Reporting Capacity, and the Equity Implications of R&D Tax Credit Access: Evidence from UK SMEs

🍴 12:30–13:15 Lunch

13:15–14:45

Wealth, Savings, and Retirement

Chair: Tara McIndoe-Calder (ESRI)

Ludmila Fadejeva (Latvijas Banka): How Tax Incentives Shape Long-Term Saving: Evidence from Latvia's 2017–2018 Reforms

Libor Melioris (TCD): Wealth Distribution and Mobility in Ireland: A Long-Run Perspective

Mia Teschner-Hofmann (DIW Berlin, FU Berlin, BSE): Working Longer: The Effects of a Higher Retirement Age on Work-Related Health Investments

☕ 14:45–15:05 Coffee Break

15:05–16:35

Tax and Subsidies

Chair: Enda Hargaden (UCD)

Christian Traxler (Hertie School): The Effect of Vehicle Taxes on Fleet Exit

Boryana Madzharova (Central Bank of Ireland): Income Tax Credits for Consumer Services: A Way to Tackle Informal Work?

Kieran Byrne (Queen Mary University of London): Technology, tax, and domestic trade: Evidence from Rwanda's electronic invoicing expansion

🍷 19:00 Dinner for organisers and presenters

9:30–11:00

Political Economy*Chair: Nora Strecker (UCD)*

Iris Wohnsiedler (ESRI): Signals on Budget Day: Political Pressure, Media Attention and Public Beliefs in Ireland

Ron Davies (UCD): Space Pirates: The Political Economy of Subsidizing Space Commerce

Niccolò Meriggi (University of Oxford): Building Fiscal Capacity: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone

☕ 11:00–11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30–13:00

Recessions and Fiscal Policy*Chair: Barra Roantree (TCD)*

Joseph Kopecky (TCD): HANKs fr th Mmrs (Even If They Weren't So Great): The Distributional Cost of Recessions in a Heterogeneous Agent New Keynesian Model with Search Frictions and Human Capital

Jesse Bricker (Federal Reserve Board): The evolution of deficits in the United States and implications for debt sustainability

Byron Lutz (Federal Reserve Board): The Stimulative Effect of State Tax Cuts Across the Income Distribution

🍴 13:00–14:00 *Lunch*

14:00–15:00

Keynote Lecture

Prof. James R. Hines, Jr. (University of Michigan): *Wicked Double Taxes*

☕ 15:00–15:30 *Coffee*

15:30–16:30

Optimal Taxation and Statutory Incidence*Chair: Tara McIndoe-Calder (ESRI)*

Enda Hargaden (UCD): Statutory Incidence and Foreign Tax Credits

Johannes Becker (University of Münster): Optimal taxation of entrepreneurial income and capital

🚩 16:30 *Concluding remarks and close*

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