

# Proposal for LERU Doctoral Summer School 28 June => 3 July 2020 - Trinity College Dublin

## Reasserting the Value of the Expert

### The role of Doctoral Research and Researchers in Promoting the Importance of the 'Expert' in Europe

In this proposed Doctoral Summer School, we will explore both the current and emerging threats to the role and value of the expert in Europe, and also the ways in which researchers, and especially early-stage researchers can respond to this. How, in other words, can the next generation of researchers *reclaim* the role of the expert and convince people (including the suspicious and the cynical) as to the value of expertise and thus of research and researchers?

In terms of content, it is proposed that, on each day of the summer school, there would be

- (a) A keynote lecture delivered by an 'expert' speaker
- (b) Facilitated Group discussions about the issues raised
- (c) A cultural event, including meeting with significant Irish politicians and other policy makers.

These events will help to generate the proposed output from the programme, namely the construction of a 'LERU DOCTORAL STUDENTS POSITION PAPER ON STRATEGIES TO RECLAIM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXPERT'. It is envisaged that, by the conclusion of this summer school, the group will have prepared and written such a position paper, to be submitted to LERU.

# Provisional Programme

## **Sunday**

- (a) Check in
- (b) Campus Tour
- (c) Opening Reception

## **Monday: Topic “Are Experts Important?”**

- (a) Key Note Address
- (b) Group discussions with focus on preparing the structures of the proposed policy paper
- (c) Bus Tour of Dublin
- (d) Dinner

## **Tuesday: Topic “Is there a Link between Populism and the Denigration of the Expert”**

- (a) Key Note Address
- (b) Group discussion with focus on preparing an initial draft of one section of the policy paper
- (c) Meeting with Senators/Judges
- (d) Social event

## **Wednesday: Topic “Reclaiming the significance of the Expert”**

- (a) Key Note Address
- (b) Group discussions with focus on preparing a complete first draft of policy paper
- (c) Tour of Guinness Brewery
- (d) Leisure evening

## **Thursday: Topic “Doctoral Students, Early Career Researchers and the Experts of the future”**

- (a) Key note address
- (b) Group discussions and finalisation of policy paper
- (c) Concluding social event

## **Friday: Topic “Conclusions”**

- (a) Group summaries of the Policy Paper
- (b) Discussions on future actions – the publicization of the paper
- (c) Final Remarks.

## LERU Summer School 2020

### DRAFT Timetable of Events

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Time	Event	Venue
	Check-in to on campus accommodation	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Campus Tour</b>	<i>Meeting point TBC</i>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Opening Reception</b>	<i>TBC</i>

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020: Are Experts Important?

Time	Event	Venue
9:00 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.	<p><b>Welcome Session</b> Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost/Rector of Trinity College Dublin (TBC)</p> <p><b>Facilitated by Professor Neville Cox</b> This presentation will welcome participants and provide collated information as submitted by participants prior to the Summer School. It is hoped that the content and themes of the position paper will be confirmed by the end of this session.</p>	TCD Campus (precise venue to be confirmed)
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	TCD Campus
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><b>Keynote Address: Are Experts Important?</b></p> <p>Prof Kurt Deketelaere, Secretary General of LERU</p>	TCD Campus
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	TCD Campus
1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p><b>Small Group Sessions</b> Participants will discuss development of allotted themes within the position paper and the group's approach to construction of the paper</p>	TCD Campus

3:30 p.m.	<b>Bus Tour of Dublin</b>	Meeting at Front Gate, Trinity college
6:30 p.m.	Dinner	TBC

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020: Is there a Link between Populism and the Denigration of the Expert?

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Key Note Address: ‘Are populism and anti-intellectualism connected?’</b>  <b>Professor Jane Ohlmeyer, Professor of History, TCD, Chair of Irish Research Council</b>  Followed by questions and answers	TCD Campus
11:00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	TCD Campus
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Small Group Sessions</b> Continued development of themes and preparation to present to the wider group later in the afternoon	TCD Campus
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	TCD Campus
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Small Group Presentations</b> Each group will present work done thus far on the policy paper for discussion by the entire group <b>Facilitated by Professor Neville Cox</b>	TCD Campus
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tour of the Dáil (Irish Parliament)	Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin (approx. 10 minute walk from TCD Campus – leaving from Nassau Street Gate)
6:00 p.m.	Free Time	

Wednesday, 1st July 2020: Anti-Intellectualism in Science

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Key Note Address:</b> <i>“Anti-Intellectualism and Science: From vaccinations to Climate Change”</i> <b>Speaker TBC</b>  Followed by questions and answers	TCD Campus
11:00 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	TCD Campus
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Small Group Sessions</b>  Each group to aim at having a draft contribution to the policy paper by the end of this session  <b>Facilitated by Professor Neville Cox</b>	TCD Campus
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	TCD Campus
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Small Group Presentations</b> Each group will present draft contribution of the policy paper for discussion by the entire group  Materials to be presented by 3.30 to workshop facilitators to be collated in advance of Thursday discussions.  <b>Facilitated by Professor Neville Cox</b>	TCD Campus
4:30 p.m.	<b>Guinness Brewery Tour</b>	Guinness Brewery, St. James Gate, Dublin
	<b>Dinner or Free Time</b>	
8:00 p.m.	<b>Evening in a Traditional Irish Pub</b>	TBC

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020: The Importance of Early Career Researchers

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Key Note Address:</b> <i>“Doctoral Students, Early Career Researchers and the Experts of the future”</i> Professor Linda Doyle, Dean of Research, Trinity College Dublin  Followed by questions and answers	TCD Campus
11:00 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	TCD Campus
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Paper Review</b>  Presentation of the collated first draft of the policy paper for discussion by the entire group with a view to identifying potential amendments	TCD Campus
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	TCD Campus
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Small Group Sessions</b> Groups will incorporate amendments to their section of the policy paper and will present on this to the entire group for approval.  Materials to be presented by 4 pm to workshop facilitators to be collated in advance of Friday’s session.	TCD Campus
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Free Time	
6:00 p.m.	Drinks Reception and Banquet to mark the end of the Summer School  Dress Code: Smart Casual	Dining Hall, Trinity College Dublin

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020: Conclusions

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Presentation of the collated Policy paper, including discussions on future actions  Facilitated by Professor Neville Cox	TCD Campus
11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	TCD Campus
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Final Remarks and Presentation of Certificates  Prof Katrien Maes, Deputy Secretary- General of LERU Prof Jürgen Barkhoff, Vice-Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Trinity College Dublin	TCD Campus