



IUSA Annual Conference **Looking forward: U.S. - Irish Relations,** **New Europe and New Challenges**

24th January 2019 | Westbury Hotel Dublin



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What

With a new Europe on the horizon, how is the world going to change in 2019? Join us at The Westbury Hotel to hear prominent speakers set out their view on the current state of the world and our potential future. The format of the conference will include lightning talks of 8 minutes each, followed by moderated panel discussion and audience Q&A.

Following the conference, the IUSA Distinguished and Emerging Leader Awards will be presented to alumni who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in our community.

Where & When

5pm until 10pm, 24th January 2019 at The Westbury Hotel, Dublin.

How much

€65 Congress is open to everybody.

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Dinner

Yes. Dinner is included. A three course meal prepared by the Westbury chefs is included in the conference fee.

How Do You Sign Up

Sign up through Paypal on the website <http://www.irishusalumni.com/conference/>

Programme

- 15.00 IUSA Annual AGM and Board Elections 2019 Registration
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- 16.30 Conference Registration and Welcome Reception
- 17.00 Lightning Talks: 'Looking Forward: U.S. - Irish Relations, New Europe and New Challenges'
 - Dr. Mary C. Murphy
 - Mr. Arthur Beesley
 - Prof. Ben Tonra
 - Mr. Noel Fahey

Q & A moderated by Ms. Eileen Dunne
- 19:00 Networking Reception in The Sidecar Bar
- 20.00 Awards Dinner
 - Presentation of Alumni Awards 2019 by Gina London
 - Mr Ben English and Ms. Mary McPartland
- 22.00 Event ends

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Our Line Up

We have a mixture of keynote speakers and interactive discussions throughout the programme. Please check out our website for full updates and links to the speakers.

Tweet throughout the day using our Twitter handle @irishusalumni #IUSACon19

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Prof. Ben Tonra

Prof. Ben Tonra is Full Professor of International Relations at the UCD School of Politics and International Relations. Ben is a graduate of the University of Limerick and was awarded his PhD from the University of Dublin, Trinity College. Ben's research interests and publications are concerned with EU security and defence, Irish foreign policy and International Relations theory. He is a Project Leader for the Institute for International and European Affairs' policy group on European Security and Defence.



Charge D'Affaires Reece Smyth

Reece Smyth assumed his duties as Chargé d'affaires ad interim at the U.S. Embassy in Dublin on January 20th, 2017 after the departure of Former Ambassador Kevin O'Malley. Reece originally arrived in Dublin to take up the role of Deputy Chief of Mission on September 30, 2016. He came directly from an assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut where he served as the Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs.



Mr. Arthur Beesley

Arthur Beesley is Dublin correspondent with the Financial Times, covering Irish politics, Brexit, business and the economy. Previously he was European diplomatic correspondent, based in Brussels. Beesley joined the FT in 2016 after 18 years with the Irish Times, where he covered politics, economics, business and Europe. He studied journalism at Dublin City University.



Dr. Mary C. Murphy

Dr. Mary C. Murphy is Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration and is a lecturer in politics with the Department of Government and Politics, University College Cork. Mary specialises in the study of the EU and Northern Ireland politics. Her latest monograph *Europe and Northern Ireland's Future: Negotiating Brexit's Unique Case* was published by Agenda Publishing/Columbia University Press in April 2018. Mary was awarded a Fulbright-Schuman Fellowship and was based at George Mason University, Virginia.



Ms. Eileen Dunne

Eileen Dunne began her career with RTE in 1979, as a radio continuity announcer. She joined the Newsroom in 1984 and for more than 30 years has worked on most of the major news stories – among them, Queen Elizabeth’s visit to Ireland, General Elections, Dunblaine, the talks leading to the Good Friday Agreement and the election and resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. She has presented a weekly radio programme – The God Slot and music programmes on RTE Lyric FM.



Mr. Noel Fahey

Noel Fahey served as Irish Ambassador to Washington between 2002 and 2007. Mr Fahey began his career in the Irish Foreign Service from 1974 and retired in 2011. During a lengthy and distinguished career, Mr Fahey had assignments in Foreign Affairs in Dublin mainly on EU and economic issues. He served abroad in the Irish Embassy in New Delhi and in the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU Brussels. In 2002 he became Ambassador to the US where he served until 2007. From 2007 until retirement he was Ambassador to the Holy See in Rome.

Distinguished and Emerging Leader Alumni Awards



Ms. Gina London

Gina London changes people’s lives. With clients in 5 continents, she represents some of the top companies and executives in the world. An Emmy-winning former CNN correspondent and anchor, Gina brings her passion for people and helping leaders tell their stories better to whatever event she is privileged to be a part of. She is an internationally recognized high energy speaker, facilitator and premier strategic communications expert based in Ireland.



Ms. Mary McPartland

Mary has produced many significant national cultural events, including the concept and development of the TG4 National Traditional Music Awards, a twelve part music series for TG4 and founded and produced the award winning Theatre Company Skehana Productions. She is the Creative Director of the hugely successful Arts in Action programme at NUI Galway where she also teaches.



Mr. Ben English

Ben English is Co-Founder and former CEO of the Dublin Tech Summit, a global gathering of technology and innovation leaders taking place across Dublin’s Silicon Dock in February 2017. Prior to co-founding the Dublin Tech Summit, Ben worked in management consultancy with Accenture, focusing on strategy and transformation across the UK and Ireland.