

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN, IRELAND
School of Psychology Research Seminar Series 2014-2015



Semester 1: October – December 2014
Venue: Lloyd Building Lecture Theatre LB11

Thursday 9th October, 1-2pm

Dr. Eric R. Igou, University of Limerick

Dr Eric Igou joined the University of Limerick in 2008. He previously worked at Tilburg University, New York University, and the University of Mannheim, after receiving his PhD from the University of Heidelberg. He is a social psychologist investigating context effects in judgments and decisions, with particular focus on existential psychology, framing effects, and person perception. His current research investigates how cues can influence the estimation of a person's capacities and performances.

Thursday 16th October, 1-2pm

Dr. Olive Healy, Trinity College Dublin

Dr Olive Healy joined the School of Psychology this year, as Director of the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Behaviour Analysis. She previously worked in NUI Galway. Her research focuses on early behavioural intervention, functional assessment, treatment of challenging behaviour and co-morbid conditions in Autism and related developmental disorders. She aims to disseminate focused behavioural interventions to impact on educational outcomes within marginalized communities.

Thursday 23rd October, 1-2pm

Professor Teresa McCormack, Queen's University Belfast

Professor Teresa McCormack is Director of Research for the Cognition, Development, and Education research cluster at Queen's University. Her research addresses aspects of children's temporal cognition and causal learning. She is interested in the cues that children use to learn the structure of simple causal systems and whether children can use their causal representations appropriately to make inferences. Her talk will focus on her research on children's regret and decision making.

Thursday 30th October, 1-2pm

Professor David French, University of Manchester

Professor David French is Professor of Health Psychology at the University of Manchester. He is co-Editor of the British Journal of Health Psychology. He aims to develop and evaluate interventions to change behaviours that impact on health. He has particular interests in physical activity, medication adherence, screening, and alcohol. He aims to understand why people maintain changes in behaviour, which is essential for changes to impact on health.

Thursday 6th November: READING WEEK: NO SEMINAR

Thursday 13th November, 1-2pm

Dr. Frédérique Vallieres, Trinity College Dublin

Dr. Frédérique Vallieres joined the School of Psychology this year, to coordinate the International Doctorate in Global Health in the Centre for Global Health. She previously worked at the Montréal Institute for Research on Youth Depression, Peking University in Beijing, China, and in Nakuru, Kenya. She has experience working on global health projects in Tanzania, Kenya, and Peru through her role as Director of the Canadian charity, Reach Out To Humanity, and in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mauritania, and Sierra Leone with the Irish Aid-funded AIM-Health programme in collaboration with World Vision Ireland.

Thursday 20th November, 1-2pm

Dr. Nora Balfe, Trinity College Dublin

Dr Nora Balfe is a Research Fellow in the School of Psychology and the Centre for Innovative Human Systems. She works on a Marie Curie Initial Training Networks project to examine how human performance can be supported to maintain safe operations in safety critical systems. She has previously worked as a human factors specialist in the air traffic control and railway domains, where she studied human interactions with advanced automated systems.

Thursday 27th November, 1-2pm

Professor Gregor Thut, University of Glasgow

Professor Gregor Thut is Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience at the Centre for Cognitive NeuroImaging in the University of Glasgow. He obtained his PhD from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH-Zurich) and previously worked in Harvard Medical School. He studies the causal role of oscillations of the visual brain in attentional selection and perception. He aims to understand the changes in the visual brain that determine whether an upcoming visual stimulus will be perceived, (e.g., when, where and what we perceive), through a combination of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), transcranial alternating current stimulation (tACS), and electroencephalography (EEG).

Thursday 4th December, 1-2pm

Dr. Eilis Hennessy, University College Dublin

Dr. Eilis Hennessy works in the School of Psychology, University College Dublin, where she was the Head of School from 2009 to 2012. She has previously worked in Sheffield University, University College Cork, and the University of London. Her research examines the role of cognitive, social and environmental variables in the development of stigma towards children with chronic physical and mental health conditions. She is also interested in the development of children's understanding of nutrition.

Thursday 11th December, 1-2pm

Professor Ian Thornton, University of Malta

Professor Ian Thornton is Professor of Cognitive Science in the University of Malta. He has previously worked at Sydney University, Cambridge Basic Research, the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics in Tuebingen, and Swansea University, after obtaining his PhD from the University of Oregon. His work explores the impact that temporal variation has on the way we internally represent the world, for a range of topics, such as facial identity processing, action recognition, object localization, and change detection.