



The Psychology of the Climate Crisis



Clare Kelly

Lecture & Lecturer Overview

Clare received her BA in Psychology in 2002 and PhD in Psychology in 2006, both from Trinity College Dublin. Since then, Clare has worked as a developmental cognitive neuroscientist whose research has largely focused on using translational brain imaging techniques to better understand psychiatric conditions by tracing the origins of these conditions in the developing brain.

More recently, Clare's focus has broadened to include teaching, research, and advocacy on the climate and biodiversity crisis. She has been awarded Trinity's Sustainability Leadership Award and the School of Psychology's Teaching Award for her commitment to undergraduate education for sustainable development and her undergraduate module and Trinity Elective, The Psychology of the Climate Crisis (<https://www.tcd.ie/trinity-electives/electives/psychology-climate-crisis/>). She recently co-authored the paper "Rethinking Academia in a Time of Climate Crisis" (<https://elifesciences.org/articles/84991>), which argues that many aspects of scientific culture and practice act as a barrier to climate action. Inspired by Kate Raworth's Doughnut Economics (<https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/>), the paper proposes seven new ways of thinking that will help us to reimagine academia in a way that works better for people and enables climate action.



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