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### **Martina Byrne**

Supervisor: Dr Ronit Lentin, Associate Professor, Sociology

Title of Research: Intersection of Class, Race and Ethnicity in contemporary Ireland

Martina's research interests include social class, immigration, race, ethnicity, and national identity. Martina has a BA in Communication Studies from Dublin City University and a M.Phil in Ethnic and Racial Studies from Trinity College. Martina is a Teaching Assistant on Classical Social Theory, Contemporary Social Theory, and Social Inequality modules for Junior Sophomores at TCD. She also lectures on Theories of Race and Ethnicity at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, TCD and for a TCD extra mural course.

Publications: Peer-Reviewed

- Byrne, M. (2011). Irish Professionals, Migrants, and Resource Competition: Talk from before and during the recession. *Translocations: Migration and Social Change*. Volume 7. Issue 1. (Summer).
- Byrne, M. (2012). 'People like us can't say that': Using peer interviews to collect data on a sensitive topic. *Irish Journal of Anthropology*. Special Issue: Interviewing Ireland. Volume 15. Issue 1. (Spring/Summer).

### **Paul Candon**

Supervisor: Professor James Wickham/Dr Mick Wilson

Title: The Emerging Online Public Sphere in Ireland: A Case Study

Paul Candon is researching emerging new media spaces and their discourses in Ireland. His research interests include: cultural studies, the online commentariat, media analysis, the public intellectual, public discourse and the sociology of knowledge and information. He holds a BA in English and Legal Science from UCG and an MA in Public Culture Studies from IADT Dun Laoghaire. Paul is a member of the Association of Internet Researchers, an Associate Researcher at GradCAM (Graduate School of Creative Arts and Media) and is also a guest lecturer at UCD's School of Library and Information Studies. He is

currently a Teaching Assistant in the Department and his research is funded by a Trinity College Postgraduate Studentship.

### **Craig Considine**

Supervisor: Dr Daniel Faas

Title of Research: Attitudes and experiences of young Pakistani men in Dublin and Boston

Craig is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology, University of Dublin, Trinity College. He holds an M.Sc. from the Department of Politics and International Relations from the University of London, Royal Holloway and B.A. from the School of International Service at American University, Washington, D.C. He also served as the documentary feature film maker and research assistant for the project 'Journey into America: The Challenge of Islam' under Dr. Akbar Ahmed. In addition, Craig is currently the editor for the Trinity College Dublin Journal of Postgraduate Research and teaching assistant for first year students. He is a native of Needham, Massachusetts.

### **Katherine Bryda Goodall**

Supervisor: Prof James Wickham

Title of Research: Business Graduate Career Route Decisions

Kathryn Breda is a PhD candidate researching business graduate careers under the supervision of Professor James Wickham. She holds a BA International from the National University of Ireland Maynooth and the University of Vienna in Sociology and German. She was awarded a John and Pat Hume Scholarship and a Trinity College Studentship. Her research interests include: the sociology of work and employment, economic sociology and the sociology of consumption.

### **Maja Halilovic-Pastuovic**

Supervisor: Dr Ronit Lentin

Title of Research: The Case Study of Bosnian Post-refugee Transnationalism

Maja Halilovic-Pastuovic is a graduate of the MPhil in Ethnic and Racial Studies. Her research interests include: migration, post-refugee transnationalism, 'race' and ethnicity, bio-politics of racial states and identity in post-conflict society. Maja's PhD work explores the specificities of Bosnian post-conflict migration to Ireland and the subsequent annual summer migrations back to Bosnia. The research is concerned with

examining the nature of Bosnian post-refugee transnationalism as situated between intercultural Ireland and post-Dayton Bosnia. The research is supervised by Dr. Ronit Lentin.

Maja's work has been funded by the Trinity College Postgraduate Award and by Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences. She is a member of Sociological Association of Ireland and Association of Legal and Social Philosophy.

### **Publications**

Halilovic - Pastuovic, M., 2007 'The "Bosnian project" in Ireland: A "vision of divisions"', in Fanning, Bryan. (ed.) *Immigration and Social Change in Republic of Ireland*, Manchester University Press, Manchester .

Halilovic-Pastuovic, M., 2007 'Diaspora or State-Sponsored Interculturalism?: The Zena Project and Bosnian Migrant Women in Ireland ', in Ni Eigearthaigh, Aoileann, Howard, Kevin and Getty, David (eds.) *Rethinking Diasporas: Hidden Narratives and Imagined Borders*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Cambridge .

Halilovic-Pastuovic, M. 2009 "'Not like it used to be Bosnia" – Grounding Bosnian post-refugee transnationalism: the politicisation of nationalism, ethnic reification and religiosity in post-Dayton Bosnia', in Eleftherakis, G., Hannam, S., Kalyva, E. and Psychogios, A. (eds.) *Infusing Research and Knowledge in South-East Europe*, South East European Research Centre, Vol. 2, Thessaloniki.

### **Lorraine Mancey**

Supervisor: Dr Barbara Bradby

Title of research: Illusion and disillusion in an Irish Aid  
Organisation: An autoethnographic exploration

Lorraine is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology under the supervision of Dr.Barbara Bradby. Her research interests include development organisations, identity and discourse, organisational storytelling and learning, complexity theory and gender and the body. Lorraine has a MA in Social Anthropology from SOAS and a BA in Social Anthropology and Sociology from Newcastle University. Lorraine is currently a Teaching Assistant in the Department.

### **Damien O'Tuama**

Supervisor: Prof. James Wickham

Title of Research: 'Prising Open the Dublin Bikes' Journeys'

Damien is in the third year of his Ph.D. research into Dublin's public bike scheme. The aims of the research are to prise open the journeys on the public bikes and to investigate the claim that the introduction of the system has created ripple effects over and above that which more traditional transport planning indicators would capture. Prior to this research, Damien worked in transport consultancy with a specialism in bicycle policy auditing. He continues to work in this field on a part-time basis.

### **Peter Ozonyia**

Supervisor: Dr Daniel Faas

Title of research: Citizenship and socio-cultural sense of belonging in Ireland

Peter holds a Tutorial position as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Sociology, TCD and his doctoral research project is funded by TCD Postgraduate Studentship Scholarship. His research looks at issues of citizenship and socio-cultural sense of belonging in today's increasingly multicultural Ireland/EU under the supervision of Dr Daniel Faas. Peter has been trained in both Advanced Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods and his general research interests include: Citizenship policy/practices, Politics of Belonging, Migration, Globalisation, Europeanisation, Sociology of Education, Lifelong Learning, and Psychosocial development of adult learners/students. He holds postgraduate degrees both in the field of Sociology (MSoSc) and in the field of Education (PGD/MEd) from UCD and NUI, Maynooth respectively. He is a member of Sociological Association of Ireland (SAI) and European Sociological Association (ESA). Peter also has been in the corporate business world for many years and was the business owner and CEO/Managing Director of Trinity Travels and Tours (Nigeria) Ltd; Trinity Travels and Tours (Cyprus) Ltd; and Trinity Promotions (Ireland) Ltd.

### **Alessia Passarelli**

Supervisor: Dr Ronit Lentin/Dr Daniel Faas

Title of Research: Integration policies and practices in Protestant Churches in Ireland and Italy

Alessia is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology and a research student on the Migrant Networks project. Alessia's PhD work, under the supervision of Dr Ronit Lentin, investigates integration policies and practices in mainline protestant churches in Italy and in the Republic of Ireland looking at social and cultural changes happening due to migration. Her research interests include: migration, sociology of religion and ethnic

minorities in Europe. Alessia's work has been funded by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Publications:**

Passarelli, A. (2010) 'Integration, Migration and Religion: Responses of the Church of Ireland' in *Translocations: The Irish Migration, Race and Social Transformation Review*. Vol. 6 (2)

**Marianna Prontera**

Supervisor: Dr. Daniel Faas

Title of Research: Return Migration and Integration: A comparison of Italian returnees from Argentina and Switzerland

Marianna is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Faas. Her project draws on transnationalism and hybridity to examine the identities of Argentinean and Swiss return migrants of Italian descent. It also explores the relationships of these identities with the specific transferable resources that these migrants bring with them. Her research is funded by a Trinity College Postgraduate Studentship (College Award). Marianna holds a first class honours BA in Sociology and Italian from Trinity College. Marianna has worked as a teaching assistant on the JF course *Researching Society* and the SF course *Introduction to Social Research* as well as filling the position of Teaching Assistant Coordinator from 2008 to 2010.

**Lisa Maria Reilly**

Supervisor: Barbara Bradby

Working Title: Learning to Learn: Experiences of 'non-traditional' students in Higher Education

Biography: Graduated with a B.A (Hons.) in Applied Languages from the Institute of Technology in Tallaght and the M.Phil in Ethnic and Racial Studies in Trinity College. My research interests include sociolinguistics, education, social class and gender. I am a teaching assistant in the Department of Sociology.

**Andrea Rigon**

Supervisor: Barbara Bradby

Title of Research: Power and Conflict in the Development of Informal Settlements in Nairobi, Kenya

Andrea holds a BA in International Cooperation and Development from the University of Pavia and an MSc in Development and Globalisation from SOAS, University of London. He has been working and researching in the informal settlements of Nairobi for four years employed as project manager and country coordinator for an NGO, UN-Habitat consultant, and university researcher. His doctoral research analyses how social and political conflicts among different actors shape the outcome of slum-upgrading programmes. His research interests include: development studies, urban development, anthropology of development organisations, alter-globalisation movements, and sociology of globalisation. Andrea's work has been funded by the prestigious Trinity College Postgraduate Award and the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Postgraduate Scholarship, granted for academic merit. He has been a teaching assistant and guest lecturer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year courses *Themes in Sociological Enquiry* and *Globalisation & Development* in the department. He has been teaching International Development Cooperation, Intercultural Communication and Urbanisation in Africa in the postgraduate programme "Peace Mediators" promoted by the EU and the Regional Government of Sardinia. He expects to submit his PhD in September 2012 and he is currently looking for a job.

#### Selected Publications

2010 'Transforming Institutions: The Politics of Debt Relief in Kenya', Institute for International Integration Studies, *Discussion Paper No. 341*, Dublin. Available online: <http://www.tcd.ie/iis/documents/discussion/abstracts/IIISDP341.php>

2010 '20 years of "sweat and blood": lessons from the constitutional review process in Kenya', *Policy Brief No. 188*, ISPI, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, Milan. Available online: [http://www.ispionline.it/it/documents/PB\\_188\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ispionline.it/it/documents/PB_188_2010.pdf)

2010 'White Migrant Workers in Kenya: X-pats or Illegal Migrants?', *The African Executive*, Issue 257, March. Available online: <http://www.africanexecutive.com/modules/magazine/articles.php?article=5109>

2010 'Bridging the Urban Divide: Social Inclusiveness in the Slum Upgrading of Korogocho – Conflict Prevention, Infrastructures, and Land Tenure'. Discussion paper in preparation of the World Urban Forum.

2006, 'I diritti umani tra universalismo e relativismo' (Human Rights between Universalism and Relativism), *Jura Gentium - Journal of Philosophy of International Law and Global Politics*, 2006. Available online: <http://www.juragentium.unifi.it/it/surveys/wlgo/rigon.htm>

**Justyna Salamonska**

Supervisor: Prof. James Wickham

Title of Research: "Middling migration" – Polish migrants' careers in Ireland

Justyna is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology and a research assistant on the SCIP project, Causes and Consequences of Early Socio-Cultural Integration Processes among New Immigrants in Europe. She also teaches quantitative research methods on the M.Sc. in European Employment Studies in the Department of Sociology. Previously she worked on the Migrant Careers and Aspirations project. Her research interests include skilled migrations, labour markets and mobilities.

### **Waleed Serhan**

Supervisor: Dr Andrew Finlay

Title of Research: Lebanese-Palestinian Ethnic Relations: Othering Through "Tawteen"

Waleed Serhan is a PhD candidate at the Department of Sociology under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Finlay. His current research is on the "othering" of Palestinians in Lebanon where they have resided as refugees for over sixty years. In particular, he is interested in the shift over time in the relationship between Palestinians and Lebanese as indistinguishable co-ethnics to distinctive groups divided by social and cultural boundaries and tensions. Waleed has an MSc in Global Movements, Social Justice and Sustainability from the University of Glasgow. He is currently a Teaching Assistant at the Department and in receipt of a Postgraduate Research Studentship Award.

### **Kathleen Sheehan**

Supervisor: Dr. Anne Holohan

Title of Research: A Network View of the Agencies that Serve Ireland's Asylum Seekers

Kathleen is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology, supervised by Dr. Anne Holohan. Her research interests are migration, networks, phenomenology, and ethics. She holds a BA in Sociology and Philosophy from Trinity and an MFA in Creative Writing from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She is currently a Teaching Assistant in the department.

### **Beata Sokolowska**

Supervisor: Dr. Peter Muhlau

Title of Research: Acculturation of Polish Teenagers in Ireland'.

Beata is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology under the supervision of Dr. Peter Muhlau. Her research interests include immigration, acculturation and identity. Her current research is focused on acculturation of Polish teenagers in Ireland.

### **Ying Yung Wang**

Supervisor: Dr Daniel Faas

Title of Research:

Ying is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Faas. Her research focuses on the occupational, social and cultural experiences of first and second generation Hong Kong Chinese migrants in Ireland. She holds a H.Dip in Community and Youth Work from NUI Maynooth, Ireland (2007). She authored the 'Mapping of Chinese migrants in Ireland' report for the International Organisation for Migration (IOM, 2010) as well as the 'Chinese Students in Ireland' report, published by the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (NCCRI, 2006).

### **Kasia Wodniak**

Supervisor: Anne Holohan

Title of Research: The networking of local government, NGO's and businesses for the purpose of city / regional development and building civil society, in the environment of young democracies of Poland and Ukraine. Multiple-case study - comparative analysis of the networking in the project of organizing European Cup EURO 2012, in two of 12 host cities - Wroclaw in Poland and Lviv in Ukraine.

Bio: Kasia Wodniak is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology under the supervision of Dr Anne Holohan. Her research interest include organizations, media and communication, and networking across public sector and business. She holds a Master's Degree in Management and Social Communication from Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. She is currently a Teaching Assistant in the Department.



**Catriona Delaney**

Supervisors: Dr Andrew Finlay and Dr Ronit Lentin

Title of Research: An Explorative Study of Army Wives in Ireland, focusing on the Curragh Camp in Co. Kildare.

My current research explores the construction of army wives subjectivities, focusing on the Curragh Camp military base in Co. Kildare. I am interested in gender and militarism and the use of personal narratives as a methodology. I have an MPhil in Ethnic and Racial studies from Trinity College Dublin and a double honours Bachelors of Art degree in Sociology and Anthropology from NUI Maynooth. I am currently a Teaching Assistant at the Department and in receipt of a Postgraduate Research Studentship Award.