

# International Women's Week Programme - March 2023



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHIE  
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY



## International Women's Week 2023

### Seachtain Idirnáisiúnta na mBan 2023

6-10 March | 6-10 Márta

Friday, 3rd March  
13:00-14:00

School of Medicine - Grand Rounds

*Women breaking barriers every day*

Large Lecture  
Theatre, Clinical Science  
Institute (CSI) University  
of Galway

*Chair:* **Dr. Andrea Holmes**, Academic Consultant Physician UHG

*Speakers:* **Dr. Sadhbh O'Connor**, Academic Intern; **Dr. Catriona Reddin**, ICAT SpR; **Prof. Emer McGrath**, Academic Consultant Neurologist

Monday, 6th March  
13:00-14:00

*Women, Life, Freedom: a Historical and Contextual Analysis of the Recent Protests in Iran*

Seminar Room, Irish  
Centre for Human Rights

Irish Centre for Human Rights

(or online, [via Zoom](#))

*Speakers:* **Professor Roja Fazaeli**, Trinity College Dublin. Dr. Roja Fazaeli is Professor in Islamic Civilisations and a Fellow of Trinity College Dublin. Roja has published widely on the subjects of Islamic feminisms, human rights, women religious authorities, women's rights in Iran, and the relationship between human rights and religion. She is a graduate of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March  
2:00 – 3:30

*"Fixing the Women"? Supports for Female Staff in Higher Education*

Aula Maxima, Quadrangle

*Chair:* **Dr Helen Maher**, Vice-President for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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*Panel:* **Dr Monica O'Mullane**, UCC; **Prof Margaret Hodgins**, University of Galway; **Niamh O'Donoghue**, Chair of 2nd HEA National Review of Gender Equality in Irish Higher Education Institutions.

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March  
11:30 – 1:00

*Gender in Research Panel*

Aula Maxima, Quadrangle

*Chair:* **Sinéad Beacom**, Head of Researcher Development Centre

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*Panel:* **Dr Maria Quinlan**, HSE; **Dr Oonagh Meade**, University of Galway Research Staff Working Group; **Prof Jim Livesey**, Vice-President for Research & Innovation.

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10:00-12:00**

**Panel discussion with founding members of the University Women's Network**

**Aula Maxima, Quadrangle**

*Chair: **Dr Helen Maher**, Vice-President for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*

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*Panel: **Aoife Cooke**, Head of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion; **Nicola McNicholas**, Senior Management Accountant; **Dr Pat Morgan**, Emerita Lecturer; **Dr Rachel Hilliard**, Senior Lecturer*

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**G010, Hardiman Research Building & online via Zoom**  
*(link will be issued in advance to registered participants)*

***The Rise in the Cost of Living: a crisis of social reproduction***

**Centre for Global Women's Studies, Discipline of Gender and Women's Studies, School of Political Science and Sociology**

*Moderator: **Dr Nata Duvvury**, University of Galway*

*Speaker: **Professor Diane Elson**, University of Essex.*

*Discussants: **Ms Sandra McCullagh**, National Women's Council of Ireland; **Mr Owen Reidy**, Irish Congress of Trade Unions*

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**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**The Druid Theatre, Galway**

**CreateHER: IdeasLab Event in partnership with WestBIC**

**Lisa Regan**, Director LRPR Ltd, in conversation with **Dr. Vanessa Creaven**, Co-founder and CEO Spotlight Oral Care; **Dr. Natalie Walsh**, Director of Entrepreneurial Development, University of Galway and **Mary Ryan**, Deputy CEO Westbic

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*Keynote Speaker: **Noeline Kavanagh**, Former Artistic Director of Macnas*

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**11:00-12:00**

**Online, via Zoom**

***Empowering Women through Coaching***

*Chair: **Anna Cunningham**, Head of Coaching*

*Speaker: **Fiona McKeever**, Executive and Leadership Coach*

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*Discussion Panel: **Prof Alma McCarthy**, Head of J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics; **John Hannon**, Director of Student Services; **Sheena Fennell**, Senior Technical Officer, Earth and Life Sciences; **Jane Ennis**, Student Success Manager, Student Services*

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2:00-3:00**

**G006, Institute for Lifecourse and Society, University of Galway**

***Sustainable Agriculture: Addressing Gender Gap in Agricultural Productivity in Africa***

**Centre for Global Women's Studies, Discipline of Gender and Women's Studies, School of Political Science and Sociology**

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*Moderator:* Dr Nata Duvvury, Director Centre for Global Women's Studies

*Speaker:* **Professor Haroon Akram Lodhi**, Trent University. Haroon Akram-Lodhi is Professor of Economics and International Development Studies at Trent University, Peterborough, Canada. An Associate Editor of Feminist Economics, his most recent (co-edited) book is Handbook of Critical Agrarian Studies (Edward Elgar, 2022).