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Dr. Frank Conaty

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The primary subject area of Frank's research is performance management in the provision of public services, with a focus on the performance challenges for non-profit organisations engaged in the provision of public health and welfare services. The domains of 'disability' services and supports for the 'elderly' are fields of particular interest with perspectives on stakeholder engagement and inclusion a central focus. Corporate governance and ethics in the non-profit, public, and private domains, is a complimentary area of research interest. Frank would welcome prospective PhD students with an interest in pursuing research in these areas.

Dr. Emer Curtis

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Management controls were traditionally thought to hinder innovation and creativity in organisations, however, more recent research suggests that management controls can foster innovation if used in an enabling or interactive manner. My research interest focuses on the relationship between control system use, strategy and innovation in organisations. I am also interested in audit methodologies, audit regulation and institutional arrangements in the audit field.

Dr. Orla Lenihan

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Orla's primary research interest is in the area of corporate governance with a particular focus on board leadership and effectiveness, board composition and structure, board diversity and expertise, executive incentives, climate governance and environmental sustainability. Orla is especially interested in the role that boards play in overseeing corporate sustainability strategies, with current projects examining the extent of climate competence on boards and the use of climate metrics in executive pay. Her research draws on insights from both agency theory and stakeholder theory. Orla predominantly employs econometric models to analyse archival data.

Dr. Patricia Martyn

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Patricia's research interests are in the field of management control systems. She is interested in how different modes of control work in combination to shape middle management behaviours. Specifically, her interests lie in how value systems can be a powerful component of management control particularly in the context of pressure to deliver competing goals.

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Taxation is an extremely important legislative area and source of revenue for government. I focus on informing national and international tax policy debate. The three strands of my research programme are as follows: (i) Social Policy, Citizenship and Taxation (ii) Governance, tax planning and processes in multinationals, (iii) Regulatory Relationships and Compliance in the tax arena.

Dr. John Nolan

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John's research interests are in the field of financial literacy, both at a personal, and MSME level. Specifically, he is interested in exploring financial literacy through a social and cultural lens to understand what constitutes financial literacy in different contexts and the implications this has for issues such as financial inclusion and financial education. John is also interested in the area of MSME financial management with a particular focus on micro and small enterprises.

Dr. Geraldine Robbins

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Geraldine's research interests include: Implementation of new public management (NPM) ideas in an Irish context; the usefulness of accounting information systems in the Irish public sector; e-government challenges; financial management choices and challenges for both the public sector and private sector firms; financial accountability and management; financial management policies and practices of quoted and non-quoted Irish firms.

Prof Breda Sweeney

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Breda's research interests are in the field of measuring and managing performance in organisations. Specifically, she is interested in the design and use of management control practices to foster innovation and manage tensions across a range of contexts including healthcare, professional service firms and innovative industries.