

## Cleraun

Cleraun is a university study centre and residence for third level students, located beside the UCD campus at Belfield. At Cleraun, students are encouraged to take their studies seriously and develop their character in order to help contribute to society. Cleraun has study rooms, lecture and seminar facilities, which are open to non-resident students.

Since it opened in 1982, Cleraun has organised many cultural and educational activities. Guest speakers are regularly invited to discuss and debate topical issues, while social service projects are organised throughout the academic year.



Since 1992 Cleraun has been bringing university students and young professionals to some of the poorest parts of the developing world, giving them the opportunity to work in collaboration with local communities. In recent years, these volunteer aid projects have taken place in rural areas of Uganda and have concentrated on building primary schools. Cleraun also hosts regular seminars and conferences on topics such as the media, philosophy and ethics.

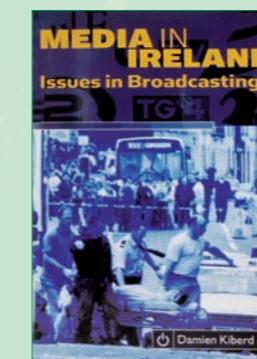
Cleraun has a small oratory and a resident chaplain. Doctrinal and spiritual activities are entrusted to Opus Dei ([www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org)), a prelature of the Catholic Church. Opus Dei, which was founded in 1928 by Saint Josemaría Escrivá, aims to help people from all walks of life live up to their calling as Christians to strive for holiness in and through their everyday work.

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## Cleraun Media Conferences

Scheduled to take place every two years, the Cleraun Media Conferences began in 1986 and have grown in stature since. They have focused on a broad range of topics including coverage of international conflicts; refugees and asylum-seekers; public service broadcasting and democracy; the role of government press offices in peace processes; media monopolies; the responsibilities of media owners; whether media practitioners have a brief to change society; a philosophical foundation for media ethics; ethical issues in news reporting; codes of conduct; leaks to the media; the newspaper ombudsman; newspapers and litigation; the media on terrorism, violence and crime; the use of broadcasting bans by government; opening access to the airwaves and community radio; investigative journalism; church-media relations; regional versus national press; advertising; media education.

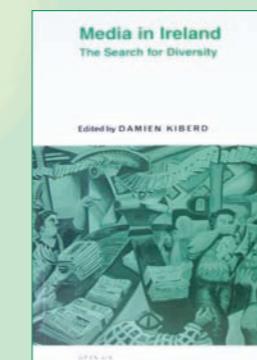
The conferences have led to the publication of the following books which will be on sale in the auditorium:



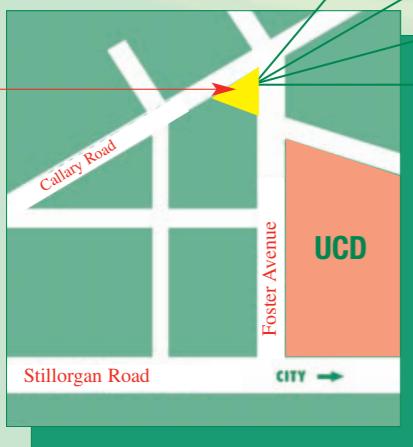
*Media in Ireland: issues in broadcasting* (ISBN 1-85182-624-6) included chapters by George Lee, Joe Duffy and Adrian Moynes of RTÉ; Maggie O'Kane of *The Guardian*; Breda O'Brien of *The Irish Times*; and Ursula Halligan of TV3.



*Media in Ireland: the search for ethical journalism* (ISBN 1-85182-509-6) was launched in 1999 by Liz O'Donnell TD, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. It contained chapters by Conor Brady and Andy Pollak of *The Irish Times*; Séan Duignan of RTÉ; Robert Healy of the *Boston Globe*; Professor Robert Pinker of the British Press Complaints Commission; Professor Claude-Jean Bertrand of the French Press Institute; Professor Klaus Schönbach from the University of Münster, Germany; and Dr Brendan Purcell of University College Dublin.



*Media in Ireland: the search for diversity* (ISBN 1-85182-315-8) was launched in 1997 by Micheál Martin TD, Minister of Education. It included chapters by Bob Collins of RTÉ; Damien Kiberd and Colm Rapple of *The Sunday Business Post*; Professor Joseph Lee of University College Cork and *The Sunday Tribune*; Brian Feeney of *The Irish News*; David Begg of the Communication Workers' Union; and British journalist and broadcaster Joanna Bogle.



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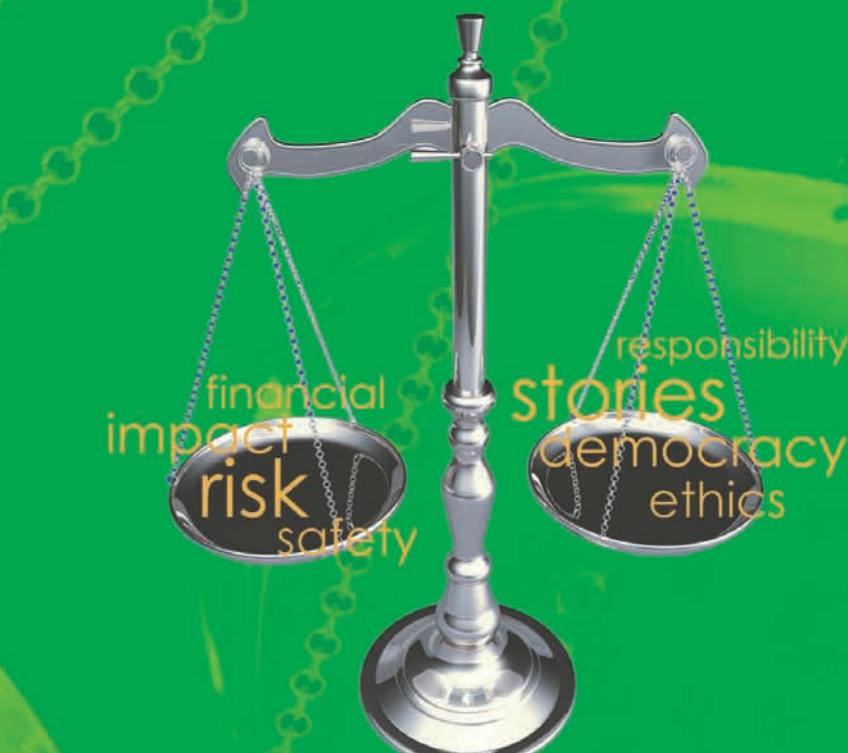
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# Media in Ireland: professional integrity

11th Cleraun Media Conference

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 October 2006



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# 11th CLERAUN MEDIA CONFERENCE *Theme: PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY*

## Saturday 21 October 2006

- 9:15am **Registration**
- 9:45am **Opening address**  
**Minister Noel Dempsey TD**  
Chair: Rónán Mullen, Columnist, *The Irish Daily Mail*
- 10:30am **Public interest journalism and national economic issues**  
**Marc Coleman**  
Chair: Andrew Lynch, Deputy Editor, *Magill* magazine
- 11:30am **Safeguarding personal integrity**  
**Dearbhail McDonald**  
Chair: Brian Trench, Head, School of Communications, DCU
- 12:30pm **Writing the first draft of history - the challenges**  
**Ryle Dwyer**  
Chair: David Quin, SwiftEditing; *The Irish Independent*; former director, MA in Journalism, DIT
- 1:30pm **Lunch**
- 2:30pm **Investigative journalism: standards, sources, accuracy**  
**David Barstow**  
Chair: Colm Keena, Public Affairs Correspondent, *The Irish Times*
- 3:30pm **At the editor's desk - risks and responsibilities**  
**Noel Doran**  
Chair: Seamus Dooley, Irish Secretary, National Union of Journalists
- 4:30pm **Coffee**
- 5:00pm **Viewer as citizen, viewer as consumer**  
**Cathal Goan**  
Chair: Gay Mitchell TD MEP

## Sunday 22 October 2006

- 11:30am **More accurate images of developing countries - the potential of local radio**  
**Mags Murphy**  
Chair: Katherine Meenan, Director, Connect-World
- 12:30pm **Blog etiquette**  
**Sarah Carey**  
Chair: Richard Delevan, Business Editor, *The Sunday Tribune*
- 1:30pm **Lunch**
- 2:30pm **PATRICK NOLAN MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
**After objectivity: what moral norms should govern news reporting?**  
**Kenneth Woodward**  
Chair: Geraldine Kennedy, Editor, *The Irish Times*
- 3:30pm **Is an ethical journalist simply a competent journalist?**  
**Jamie Delargy**  
Chair: Tomás Ó Suíocháin, Programme Editor, RTÉ / TG4
- 4:30pm **Coffee**
- 5:00pm **Fairness and balance**  
**Rachael English**  
Chair: Barbara Loftus, Senior Producer, *The Last Word*, Today FM
- 6:00 pm **Conclusion**

**PATRICK NOLAN (1928-2004)** was Industrial & later Religious Affairs Correspondent for *The Irish Times*, which he joined in 1954. He was also a major figure in the National Union of Journalists, holding most of the senior positions in the union & was at one period effectively the NUJ leader in Ireland. Appointed *The Irish Times'* first Industrial Correspondent in 1969, he was praised by both employers & union leaders for "always getting it right". As Religious Affairs Correspondent from 1976 to 1988, he covered Pope John Paul II's early visits to Poland & Mexico. A devout Catholic, & a man whose sense of decency and integrity was known to all, he believed in the power of collective effort, whether in the NUJ or his local residents' association. (Taken from his obituary in *The Irish Times*, 21 August 2004)



**David Barstow** joined *The New York Times* in 1999. He has covered a wide range of subjects, first for the Metropolitan Desk and, since 2002, for the Investigative Unit. He has reported extensively on the 2000 Florida recount, financial aid for the victims of September 11th, the Jayson Blair scandal, the Columbia space shuttle disaster, government propaganda techniques & erroneous pre-war intelligence on Iraq. He shared the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service with his colleague, Lowell Bergman, for their reporting on workplace safety in America. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1986 with a degree in journalism. His first reporting job was at the *Rochester Times-Union* in upstate New York. In 1990 he joined the *St Petersburg Times* in Florida, where he was a finalist for three Pulitzer Prizes.



**Ryle Dwyer** is a columnist with *The Irish Examiner* and a historian. He earned his PhD at the University of North Texas, lives in County Kerry, and has published many books on aspects of recent Irish history. These include: *Haughey's Forty Years of Controversy* (2005); *Nice Fellow: a biography of Jack Lynch* (2002); *Big Fellow, Long Fellow: a joint biography of Collins and de Valera* (1998; new edition 2006); *De Valera: the Man and the Myths* (new edition 2006); *I signed my death warrant: Michael Collins and the Treaty* (2006); *Tans, Terrors and Troubles – Kerry's Real Fighting Story 1913-23* (2001); *Michael Collins, the man who won the war* (1990); *The Squad and the Intelligence Operations of Michael Collins* (2005).



**Sarah Carey** is a columnist with *The Sunday Times* and a broadcaster with NewsTalk 106FM. She has been writing her blog *GUBU - An Irish woman's social, political & domestic commentary* ([www.sarahcarey.ie](http://www.sarahcarey.ie)) since 2002. After graduating with a degree in history from TCD and a diploma in business studies from UCD, she worked in public relations in the telecommunications and software industries for almost 10 years before switching careers into media.



**Rachael English** presents *The Constituencies*, a weekly politics programme on RTÉ Radio One. She has worked as a reporter and presenter on most of RTÉ Radio's leading current affairs programmes including *Morning Ireland* and the *News at One*. Over the past decade she has covered a wide range of national and international stories for RTÉ, from the signing of the Good Friday Agreement to the 2004 Athens Olympics. From 2000 to 2006 she was the presenter of Ireland's most popular daytime radio programme, *Five Seven Live*. She received a PPI award (Ireland's national radio awards) for the programme's coverage of the September 11th attacks and during her time as presenter, *Five Seven Live* won all of Ireland's major journalism prizes including the National Media Award and the Justice Media Award.



**Marc Coleman** is Economics Editor with *The Irish Times*. He worked for a number of years as an economist with the Fiscal Policies Division of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, and before that with the Department of Finance in Dublin, and with Carr Communications. He studied at TCD, UCD and the Kiel Institute of World Economics.



**Cathal Goan** is Director General of RTÉ since October 2003. A native of Belfast and a graduate of UCD, he joined RTÉ in 1979 and began working as a radio producer in 1983. In 1988 he became a TV producer with *Today Tonight* and later Editor of *Cúrsaí* (the Irish language current affairs and arts programme). In 1990 he was appointed Editor of Irish language programming and was instrumental in bringing *Ros na Rún*, the first Irish language television soap, on screen in 1993. From 1994 to 2000 he was Ceannasaí of Teilifís na Gaeilge (now TG4). In 2000 he was appointed RTÉ's Director of Television.



**Jamie Delargy** is Business Correspondent with UTV. Apart from covering the major stories coming out of the local economy, he provides analysis of business and finance twice daily for Belfast's new radio station U105 and writes a monthly column for *The Irish News*. In 2005 he was named Northern Ireland Business Journalist of the Year. A graduate in philosophy from Cambridge University, he later acquired a degree in finance and investment from the University of Ulster. As Father of the Chapel for the NUJ in UTV, he has many years of experience in negotiating with management on behalf of colleagues.



**Dearbhail McDonald** is Legal Affairs Correspondent with *The Irish Independent*. In 2005, while with *The Sunday Times*, she won two Justice Media Awards for her legal reporting and was also named Young Irish Medical Journalist of the Year. From Newry, she studied law at TCD, began her media career in New York, and completed a postgraduate degree in journalism at DCU. A classically trained violinist, she is a member of the Dublin Symphony Orchestra and is a founding member of The Serafina String Quartet.



**Noel Dempsey** is Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and was first elected to the Dáil for Meath for Fianna Fáil in 1987. Appointed Government Chief Whip and a Minister of State in 1991, he was Minister for the Environment and Local Government from 1997 to 2002, and Minister for Science and Education from 2002 to 2004. He studied arts and career guidance at UCD and youth leadership at NUI Maynooth. In September 2006 he published a draft Broadcasting Bill which aims to update the legislative framework and establish a new regulator, the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland.



**Mags Murphy** is KCLR 96FM's Programme Coordinator with responsibility for over 20 presenters, and has produced documentaries from Guatemala and Uganda. She worked as Assistant Programme Controller at Tipp FM, and as a radio producer and later TV producer with WLR FM. Earlier she was press officer and later project consultant with the Chernobyl Children's Project. She has an MA in Communications from DCU, and also studied at the Kairos Communications Institute. At NUI Maynooth, where she studied arts, she was President of the Students' Union.



**Noel Doran** is the Editor of *The Irish News*. He was appointed to the post in 1999 and is now the longest serving editor of any Irish daily newspaper, north or south. He joined the paper as Deputy Editor in 1993, having previously been Duty News Editor with Downtown Radio, Local Government Correspondent of the *Belfast Telegraph*, and a news reporter with the same paper in both Belfast and Derry. His journalistic career began with the *Antrim Guardian* in 1978.



**Kenneth Woodward** is Contributing Editor with *Newsweek* in New York. He joined the magazine in 1964 and was Religion Editor from then until 2002. In addition, he was Ideas Editor from 1976 to 1981 and a senior writer from 1984 to 2002. He has reported from the five continents, writing more than 750 articles, including nearly 100 cover stories, and won numerous awards. His two best-known books are *The Book of Miracles: The Meaning of the Miracle Stories in Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam* (Simon & Schuster, 2000) and *Making Saints: How the Catholic Church Determines Who Becomes a Saint, Who Doesn't and Why* (Simon & Schuster, 1991), which has been translated into Italian, French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

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