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Personal Profile

Assistant Professor in The University of Groningen's Department of Economic Geography. Main fields of interest include Economic Geography, Regional Science, Urban Economics, and Transportation Science. Proficient in spatial analysis which employs advanced econometric techniques (STATA, QGIS, and R).

Education

PhD in Economics

October 2020 – August 2023

Department of Economics

University College Cork, Ireland

- **Dissertation Title:** *Urban Sprawl: Land-Use, Travel Behaviours, and Emissions in Ireland.*
- **Supervisors:** Prof. Justin Doran, Dr. Frank Crowley, Dr. Níorín McCarthy.
- **PhD Committee:** Dr. Edward Lahiff (Independent Chair; University College Cork), Prof. Aisling Reynolds-Feighan (External Examiner; University College Dublin), Dr. John Eakins (Internal Examiner; University College Cork).

BA: Economics and History

September 2017 – September 2020

University College Cork

Cork, Ireland

- **Grade:** Upper Second-Class Honours (3.33-3.67 GPA) with a First-Class Honours (4.0 GPA) Minor Dissertation.

Employment

Assistant Professor in Economic Geography

October 2023 –

Department of Economic Geography

University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Senior Demonstrator in Economics

September 2022 – June 2023

Centre For Policy Studies

University College Cork, Ireland

Teaching Assistant in Economics

October 2020 – June 2023

Department of Economics

University College Cork, Ireland

Postgraduate Tutor in Business, Social Sciences, and Public Policy

June 2021 – June 2023

Skills Centre

University College Cork, Ireland

Research Assistant

April 2021 – July 2022; July 2023 – September 2023

Department of Economics

University College Cork, Ireland

Teaching Experience

Economic Geography

2024-2025: Introductory Economic Geography (MSc).

Statistics

2023–: Introductory Statistics (BSc); Intermediate Statistics (BSc).

2020-2023: Data Collection, Analysis, and Interpretation (BA); Quantitative Research Methods (BA); Mathematics For Business (BComm); Research in Economics (BA).

Economics

2020-2023: Introductory Microeconomics (BSc, BComm, BA); Intermediate Microeconomics (BComm, BA); Introductory Macroeconomics (BSc, BComm, BA); Intermediate Macroeconomics (BComm, BA); Economics and Social Issues (BComm, BA); Economics and Labour Markets (BComm); Money and Monetary Policy (BComm).

Research Supervision

PhD Proposals [5]; MSc Dissertations [3]; Undergraduate Dissertations/Projects [18].

Accolades and Honors

Third Most Read Paper One-Year Post Publication

Regional Studies

Regional Studies "Most Read Articles In The Last Year"

May 2024

Postgraduate Researcher of The Year, 2021-2022

College of Business and Law

College of Business and Law, University College Cork

December 2023

100th Percentile in Article Social Media Engagement (PlumX Metrics)

Article: Retail sprawl and CO2 emissions: Retail centres in Irish cities

Journal of Transport Geography

December 2022

Best Paper by an Early Career Researcher - Honourable Mention

Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section

RSAI-BIS Early Career Colloquium

November 2022

Grants and Funding Awards

2023: Cork University Business School Travel Bursary (€800); UCC Department of Economics Conference Bursary (€400).

2022: UCC Department of Economics Conference Bursary (€400).

2021: UCC Department of Economics Conference Bursary (€450).

Affiliations and Professional Service

Research Affiliations

Research Associate

Spatial and Regional Economic Research Centre

August 2023 –

University College Cork, Ireland

Research Associate

The Urban and Regional Studies Institute

October 2023 –

University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Editorial Positions

Chief Editor

The Boolean Journal

June 2021 – September 2023

University College Cork, Ireland

Referee Services

Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Journal of Geographical Systems, Urban Climate, The Boolean, The Spatial and Regional Economic Research Centre PhD Development Series.

Publications

Current Research Projects

Conor O'Driscoll. 2024. "Navigating Change: Residential Relocation, Travel Behaviours, and Built Environments".

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2023. "Land-Use Configurations and Population Distributions: A Case Study of UK and Irish Cities". *Under Review in Urban Research and Practice*.

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2023. "Travel Behaviours and Built Environments on School-Runs". *Under Review in Regional Science Policy and Practice*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kevin Credit and **Conor O'Driscoll.** 2024. "Assessing Modal Tradeoffs and Associated Built Environment Characteristics Using a Cost-Distance Framework". *Journal of Transport Geography* 117, pp.1-19.

doi: 10.1016/j.jtrangeo.2024.103870.

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2024. "The relationships between socio-demographics, residential environments, travel considerations, and commute mode choice in Ireland". *Regional Studies* 58(3), pp.1-18. doi: 10.1080/00343404.2023.2199779.

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2023. "Land-Use Mix in Ireland: Implications for Sustainable Development". *Journal of Maps*, 19(1), pp.1-7. doi: 10.1080/17445647.2023.2214165.

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2023. "Land-Use Mixing in Irish Cities: Implications for Sustainable Development". *Land Use Policy*, 128(5), pp.1-7. doi: 10.1016/j.landusepol.2023.106615.

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2022. "Retail Sprawl and CO2 Emissions: Retail Centres in Irish Cities". *Journal of Transport Geography*, 102(6), pp.1-12. doi: 10.1016/j.jtrangeo.2022.103376.

Industry and Policy Reports

Jane Bourke; **Conor O'Driscoll;** Josh O'Driscoll; Páidí O'Reilly. 2022. "Innovating in Ireland: Can We Fail Better?". *Cork University Business School*.

Selected Press Coverage

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2023. "How the relationship between socio-demographics, residential environments and travel influence commuter choices". *Regional Studies Blog*.

Conor O'Driscoll. 2023. "Retail Centre Locations in Cork: The Case of Carrigtwohill". *RTE Prime Time*.

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2022. "Planning For Sustainability: Future Retail Centre Locations". *The Boolean*, 6(8), pp.27-32. doi: 10.33178/boolean.2022.1.5.

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy. 2022. "The Links Between Where We Live and How We Commute". *RTE Brainstorm*.

Jane Bourke; Josh O'Driscoll; **Conor O'Driscoll**. 2022. "Does fear of failure hamper Irish business innovation?". *RTE Brainstorm*.

Conor O'Driscoll. 2021. "Why out of town retail parks don't make sense in a climate crisis". *RTE Brainstorm*.

Conor O'Driscoll. 2021. "Shopping Malls, GHG Emissions and The Role of Policymakers in "Green" Transportation Infrastructure in Ireland". *Regional Science Association International: Student Summer Series*.

Main Conferences and Workshops

2024: Regional Studies Association: Irish Section; Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section (Scheduled); International Geographical Congress (Scheduled).

2023: Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section; Cork University Business School Postgraduate Symposium.

2022: Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section (**Session Chair**); Cork University Business School Postgraduate Symposium.

2021: Conference of Irish Geographers; Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section (**Organising Committee Member**); Cork University Business School Postgraduate Symposium; UCC Spatial and Economic Research Centre Lunchtime Speaker Series; The North American Meetings of The Regional Science Association (**Session Chair**).

References

Professor Justin Doran: Primary PhD Supervisor and Head of UCC's Department of Economics. Email: Justin.Doran@ucc.ie.

Professor Sierdjan Koster: Head of RUG's Department of Economic Geography. Email: sierdjan.koster@rug.nl.

Dr. Viktor Venhorst: Associate Professor in RUG's Department of Economic Geography. Email: v.a.venhorst@rug.nl.