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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:** Prof. Aisling Reynolds-Feighan (External Examiner; University College Dublin), Dr. John Eakins (Internal Examiner; University College Cork), and Dr. Edward Lahiff (Independent Chair; University College Cork).

BA: Economics and History

September 2017 – September 2020

University College Cork

Cork, Ireland

Employment

Assistant Professor in Economic Geography

October 2023 –

Faculty of Spatial Sciences

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–: Economic Geography: Theory and Practice (MSc).

2023–: Economic Geography (BSc).

Statistics

2023–: Introductory Statistics (BSc); Intermediate Statistics (BSc); Quantitative Research Methods (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 [2]; MSc Dissertations [14]; Undergraduate Dissertations/Projects [25].

Accolades and Honors

Postgraduate Researcher of The Year, 2021-2022

College of Business and Law

College of Business and Law, University College Cork

December 2023

Best Paper by an Early Career Researcher - Honourable Mention

RSAI-BIS Early Career Colloquium

Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section

November 2022

Grants and Funding Awards

2025: PhD Starter Grant co-funded by Talent in de Regio (**€300,000 + €50,000**) with Dr. Femke Cnossen and Prof. Sierdjan Koster

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 Affiliate

Rudolf Agricola School for Sustainable Development

January 2025 –
University of Groningen, The Netherlands

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

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

Professional Memberships

Regional Science Association International

2020 –

Regional Studies Association

2023 –

World Society of Transport and Land Use Research

2024 –

Publications

Ongoing Research Projects

Conor O'Driscoll. 2025. "Commuting in Flux: The Roles of Place and Personal Circumstance In Shaping Behavioural Plasticity".

Conor O'Driscoll and Milad Abbasiharofteh. 2024. "Roots and Routes: Residential Relocation and Relatedness".

Conor O'Driscoll and Luise Koeppen. 2025. "Subnational Institutional Corruption and Political Discontent".

Conor O'Driscoll and Federica Rossi. 2025. "Residential Relocation Decisions and Destinations: The Role of Working From Home". *Under Review in Regional Studies*.

Conor O'Driscoll and Ana Maria Silva. 2025. "Working From Home and Labour Market Outcomes: The Case of Earnings and Hours Worked". *Under Review in Oxford Economic Papers*.

Conor O'Driscoll. 2024. "Navigating Change: Residential Relocation, Travel Behaviours, and Built Environments". *Major Revisions in Papers in Regional Science*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Conor O'Driscoll; Frank Crowley; Justin Doran; Nóirín McCarthy; Josh O'Driscoll. 2025. "Travel Behaviours and Built Environments on School-Runs". *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, 17(1), pp.1-14.

doi: 10.1016/j.rspp.2024.100153

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. 2024. "The Cost of Morning Commutes: The Case of Kildare". *Kildare FM*.

Conor O'Driscoll and Kevin Credit. 2024. "Here's the real cost of your morning rush hour commute in Dublin". *RTE Brainstorm*.

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.

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 Studies Association: Student Summer Series*.

Main Conferences and Workshops

2025: Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section; the 64th European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress.

2024: Regional Studies Association: Irish Section; Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section.

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.

Professor Frank Crowley: Secondary PhD Supervisor and Professor in UCC's Department of Economics. Email: Frank.Crowley@ucc.ie.

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