

Seventh International Conference of the
International Network for the Study of Spirituality (INSS)

***Spirituality, Critical Reflection, and Professional Practice
in an Uncertain World***

16-18 May 2023, South East Technological University, Waterford, Ireland

The South East Technological University (SETU), Waterford, Ireland will be hosting the 2023 Biennial International Network for the Study of Spirituality (INSS) Conference from May 16-18, 2023. Collaborative partners are INSS (<https://spiritualitystudiesnetwork.org/>), the Spirituality Institute for Research and Education (SpiRE – www.spiritualityinstitute.ie) & the Spirituality in Society and Professions Research Group (SpirSoP - www.wit.ie/spirsop), School of Humanities, SETU.



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday 16 May 2023

From 12 noon	Registration and Refreshments – SETU Viking Gallery Restaurant
13.00-13.20	Welcome and introductory comments – Main Auditorium
13.20-14.20	Keynote 1: Dr Cheryl Hunt, University of Exeter, UK. <i>‘Doing’ Reflective Practice and Understanding Spirituality as a Way of Being: Implications for Professional and Transformative Practice.</i> – Main Auditorium <i>Chair:</i> Dr Joan Walton, INSS
14.30-16.15	Parallel Sessions (1) in Tourism and Leisure Building (T & L)
16.15- 16.45	Refreshments – T & L / Open area on the 2 nd floor
16.45-17.55	Parallel Sessions (2) T & L Building
18.15-19.15	Buffet Meal – SETU Viking Gallery Restaurant
19.30-20.30	Public Lecture: Professor Jonathan Wooding, University of Sydney, Australia. <i>Seeking God at the World’s Edge: The Contemporary Appeal of ‘Celtic’ Spirituality.</i> – Main Auditorium <i>Chair:</i> Dr Seamus Dillon, SETU (Coach after lecture to Tower Hotel for those staying there)

Wednesday 17 May 2023

- 08.30-08.45 'Spirit Moment' (optional) **Dr Phil Brennan – Main Auditorium**
- 09.00-10.00 **Keynote 2: Prof. John Swinton, University of Aberdeen, UK.**
Thickening Spirituality: Finding Depth within the Spirituality and Health Conversation. – Main Auditorium
Chair: Prof. Wilf McSherry, INSS
- 10.00-10.20 Refreshments – **Main Atrium**
- 10.30-12.15 Parallel Sessions (3) – **T & L Building**
- 12.15-13.15 **Keynote 3: Dr Niamh Brennan, Independent Scholar and Author, Ireland.**
Narrative and the Task of Spirituality. An Investigation of 'The Universe Story' and its Urgent Implications for Understanding and Practising Spirituality. – Main Auditorium
Chair: Prof. Melanie Rogers, INSS
- 13.15-14.15 Lunch – **SETU Viking Gallery Restaurant**
- 14.15-15.30 Parallel Sessions (4) - **T & L Building**
- 15.30-15.40 Break
- 15.40-16.45 Parallel Sessions (5) – **T & L Building**
- 15.45 *Journal for the Study of Spirituality (JSS) Editorial Board meeting (closed session)*
- 15.45-16.40 Spirituality Scholars' Network (SSN) meeting – **T & L Building**
- 16.45-17.30 **Drinks Reception**, including short talk and news about JSS, hosted by the **Journal for the Study of Spirituality. All conference delegates welcome. – T & L / Open area at end of 1st floor**
- 17.30 *Coach to Tower Hotel for those staying there*
- 19.30 *Conference Dinner (optional) in Tower Hotel*

Thursday 18 May 2023

- 08.30-08.45 'Spirit Moment' (optional) **Dr Phil Brennan – Main Auditorium**
- 09.00-10.00 **Keynote 4: Dr Michael O'Sullivan, South East Technological University, Waterford, Ireland**
Authentic Subjectivity and Spirituality in the University. – Main Auditorium
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Robyn Wrigley-Carr, INSS
- 10.10-11.55 Parallel Sessions (6) – **T & L Building**
- 12:00-13.00 Lunch – **SETU Viking Gallery Restaurant**
- 13:10-14.20 Parallel Sessions (7) – **T & L Building**
- 14.30-15:15 Closing Plenary – **Main Auditorium**
- 15:30 *Depart (Coach to Tower Hotel for those staying there)*

