THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Economic and Social Research Institute was founded in 1960, as The Economic Research Institute, with the assistance of a grant from the Ford Foundation of New York. In 1966 the Institute assumed responsibility for social research and extended its title to The Economic and Social Research Institute.

The mission of the ESRI is to produce high-quality research that contributes to understanding economic and social change and that informs public policymaking and civil society in Ireland and throughout the European Union. The Institute’s research has been a vital constituent in national debates on economic and social issues for nearly 50 years. Its primary research goal is to develop and implement a sustainable research agenda that matches closely the key long-term economic and social challenges facing Ireland in the changing international context over the next decade.

The Institute is a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status, registered as a company limited by guarantee. The ESRI is governed by a Council consisting of up to 12 members, in addition to the President and the Director. Members of the Council are appointed from amongst the general members of the Institute, broadly representing the social partners, Government Departments, State agencies, universities and other research institutes. The Institute receives an annual grant-in-aid from the Irish Government, which covers approximately 27 per cent of total expenditure (average over 3 years). The remainder of the Institute’s income comes from funded research programmes, commissioned research projects, EU and Irish research grants, sponsorship of Institute activities by Irish business, and membership subscriptions.

The ESRI’s most important resource is its research staff, whose high levels of expertise allow them to work to international standards of excellence. The results of the Institute’s research have been included in hundreds of reports published by the ESRI, including the Quarterly Economic Commentary and the Medium-Term Review of the Irish Economy, as well as in numerous books and articles in academic journals, published in Ireland and abroad.

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Mary Finan (Chairman), Brian Cowen TD (Minister for Finance) and Frances Ruane (Director) at the official opening of the Institute’s new building.

Brian Goggin (Bank of Ireland), TK Whitaker (Founding Member) and Sean Cromien (Former Secretary General of the Department of Finance)
Since its foundation in 1960, the ESRI has played a key role in providing evidence to inform economic and social decision-making and policy debates in Ireland. Through its research publications and interactions with the policy community and wider society, it has contributed to shaping and enhancing Ireland’s economic and social development. Simultaneously, the Institute has established a world-class reputation as a centre of excellence for policy relevant research in the social sciences, and is one of Europe’s leading research centres.

This Review is designed to give stakeholders and the wider public an overview of the research activities at the ESRI during 2007, when the Institute settled into its new location in the South Docklands, after thirty-five years at Burlington Road. The Tánaiste and Minister for Finance, Mr Brian Cowen TD, presided at the formal opening of the new building on 13 September 2007. This event was attended by a large gathering of ESRI stakeholders. Also present was Dr T. K. Whitaker, who together with the late Dr R. C. Geary played a key role in founding the Institute in 1960.

2007 saw the publication by ESRI researchers of 87 journal articles and book chapters, 45 working papers, 27 books and monographs (published by ESRI and other agencies), and 4 economic commentaries. The books included *Best of Times? The Social Impact of the Celtic Tiger*, a multi-authored study of social change during the past decade, written by the Institute’s sociologists in conjunction with sociologists from the National University of Ireland Maynooth and University College Dublin. The book was launched by An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, on 28 June 2007. The annual Geary Lecture was given by Professor Michael Marmot on December 3. The title of the lecture was *Health in an Unequal World: A Matter of Social Justice*, and the attendance included a mixed audience of health researchers, health professionals and policymakers.

During 2007, the Institute prepared its **ESRI Strategic Plan 2008-2013: Research for a Changing Ireland**. This document, which may be downloaded from www.esri.ie, identifies the Institute’s core direction over the coming six years. It established four domains in which the ESRI’s research can be categorised and the fifteen research programme areas associated with those domains. This Review summarises the Institute’s research activities in each of these domains so that the reader can readily identify the relevant research of interest. To ensure that the coverage for each research programme area is complete, we duplicate some entries, where the research overlaps different research areas.

The direction and focus of ESRI research reflects both challenging policy issues at national and EU levels and the availability of resources to underpin research programmes. The Institute is dependent on public bodies to support its research, and it recognises its responsibility to use these resources efficiently and accountably. This Review identifies the key sources of programme research funding in 2007 – they include major programmes and projects for government departments and agencies, as well as EU, international and Irish research grants. Research in 2008 sees enhanced activity in the Energy, Environment and Regulation areas, reflecting additional sources of funding from both the public and private sectors for research programmes in these areas. Identifying resources to support research agendas in health, education, demography and migration are key priorities for the Institute. In addition to funding considerations, the availability of survey data from the National Longitudinal Study of Children in Ireland and increased access to Central Statistics Office data will inevitably frame research in the Institute over the coming years. As the ESRI faces its 50th Anniversary in 2010 and the Irish economy and society generate new challenges for evidence-based research, the potential for the Institute to contribute to the economic and social research agendas in Ireland has never been greater.

**Frances Ruane**  
Director  
September 2008
The ESRI's research programmes are now grouped under four general headings:

- research which is focused on informing policies related to Economic Growth;
- research which seeks to inform policies relating to Social Progress;
- research at the interface between Economic Growth and Social Progress; and
- research at the interface between Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability.

The following paragraphs summarise research activities and findings in these areas during 2007.
Economic Growth

There are three programmes of research in this area:

- **Macroeconomics**
  (coordinated by Professor John Fitz Gerald);

- **International Economics**
  (coordinated by Dr Iulia Siedschlag); and

- **Technology, Productivity and Innovation**
  (coordinated by Dr Iulia Siedschlag).

MACROECONOMICS

Current research covers three broad areas:

- Structural change.
- Macroeconomics of the labour market.
- Factors driving long-term change.

The organising framework for most of this research on the Irish economy is a series of macroeconomic models.

Because of Ireland’s openness to the outside world, this research also considers how external factors, especially in the wider EU context, affect the Irish economy.

Modelling Structure

Continuing research in this area, which includes development of the Institute’s macro model, HERMES is funded primarily by the Department of Finance.

Over the course of 2007 two reports were published by the ESRI as part of the European Forecasting Network (EFN). The first of these analysed the effects of different adjustment paths for the US economy. The results of this work suggested that an internal adjustment process through, for example, a decline in the housing market, would have less damaging consequences for the EU and the Irish economy than one where adjustment was forced by a major decline in the dollar. In the EFN Autumn report the potential consequences for the EU economy of financial stability were addressed. These reports fed into the ongoing research underlying the ESRI’s Quarterly Economic Commentary, and preparation for the next Medium-Term Review, due for publication in 2008.

The year also saw the publication of papers exploring the role of the labour market in driving change within the economy, for example, through migration and through investment in human capital. A second set of papers considered the progress of EMU, its effects on Ireland, and the implications of this research for both Ireland and the rest of the EU.
**Programme Coordinator: John Fitz Gerald**
Others working in this area include: Alan Barrett, Adele Bergin, Thomas Conefrey, David Duffy, Jean Goggin, Stefanie Haller, Ide Kearney, Edgar Morgenroth, Martin O’Brien, and Iulia Siedschlag.

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“Why the New EU Member States should Adopt the Euro as Soon as Possible”, Eurointelligence: Comment and Analysis, 2007, June, Iulia Siedschlag.

Reports and Other Publications

Budget Perspectives 2008, ESRI Books and Monographs No.199, Tim Callan (ed.).


Quarterly Economic Commentary, Spring 2007, ESRI Macroeconomic Forecasting Series, Alan Barrett, Ide Kearney, Yvonne McCarthy.


The Impact of European Integration and Enlargement on Regional Structural Change and Cohesion, EU Research on Social Sciences and Humanities, EUR 22370, Iulia Siedschlag
Ruediger Soltwedel, Laura Resmini, Edgar Morgenroth, George Petrakos, Andras Inotai, Stoyan Totev.
ESRI Working Papers


Papers Read to Conferences and Learned Societies


ESRI Seminars

“Assessing the Role of Income and Interest Rates in Determining House Prices”, Kieran McQuinn (Central Bank of Ireland).

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

This research programme focuses on the analysis of key factors, economic effects and policies of international and European integration. It covers three main areas: International Macroeconomics, International Trade and Investment, and International Finance with current research on:-

- Macroeconomic adjustment in the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) and the enlargement of the Euro Area.
- International transmission of business cycles.
- Factors and policies underlying economic growth and competitiveness in the context of increased global interdependencies, and current account adjustment.
- Macroeconomic effects of international migration.
- Enterprise activity and multinational foreign direct investment.

In 2007, this research programme comprised three different thematic areas:

(a) European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU): Research papers published analysed the macroeconomic effects of the single currency on the Irish economy, the enlargement of the Euro Area, macroeconomic convergence in the new EU member states, and the role of EMU in explaining the current-account deficit in Ireland. The analysis on macroeconomic adjustment in Ireland under the EMU identifies four major challenges to the Irish economy in the future (a) maintaining a high potential growth; (b) restoring competitiveness; (c) managing potential risks to macroeconomic and financial stability from the housing market; (d) adjusting to shocks originating outside the Euro Area.

(b) Economic Growth in Open Economies:
Research in this area is part of an international research consortium led by the ESRI in co-operation with nine leading universities and research institutes in Europe, funded under the EU 6th RTD Framework Programme. Research on advanced open economies showed that output growth in ICT industries was significantly faster in countries with higher human-capital stock and higher human-capital improvement. Research on Ireland showed that firms were more successful in adopting and using ICT when they had more skilled workers, operated in ICT-producing and ICT-using industries, and were located in the Greater Dublin Area. Other research found that immigration and trade are complements, with the extent depending on the size of the existing immigrant community and of their region of origin.

(c) Capital Flows and Financial Market Integration: This research is funded by the Asian Development Bank Institute, with the objective of developing a policy framework for managing capital flows in Asian countries. Research in 2007 explored the experience of capital-account liberalisation and policy responses to large capital inflows in the new EU member states. Specifically, the focus was on the pace and sequencing of capital account liberalisation and the degree of financial integration over the past decade; trends and patterns of capital inflows in these countries in recent years; macroeconomic implications and policy challenges of coping with large capital inflows.
Programme Coordinator: Iulia Siedschlag
Other staff working in this area include: John Fitz Gerald, Jean Goggin, Stefanie Haller, Edgar Morgenroth, Gavin Murphy, Martin O’Brien, Frances Ruane.

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**ESRI Working Papers**


“Heterogeneous Exporter Behaviour: Exploring the Evidence for Sunk-Costs and Hysteresis”, Working Paper No. 196, Anne Marie Gleeson, **Frances Ruane**.

“Real Interest Parity in the EU and the Consequences for Euro Area Membership: Panel Data Evidence, 1979-2005”, Working Paper No. 183, **Martin O’Brien**.


**Papers Read to Conferences and Learned Societies**


Commission, DG Joint Research Centre, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Seville. February. Iulia Siedschlag.


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**Unit Labour Costs Growth (ULC) and their Components in Ireland: Deviations from the Euro Area Average (percentage points)**

- **ULC Growth**
- Compensation per employee growth
- Inverse of labour productivity growth

* Estimates of November 2006
* Source: Siedschlag, Quarterly Economic Commentary, Spring 2007

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**ESRI Seminars**

“Firm Export Dynamics and the Geography of Trade”, Dr. Martina Lawless (Central Bank of Ireland).

“International Services Outsourcing and Innovation: An Empirical Investigation”, Dr. Hoeger Görg (University of Nottingham).
TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND PRODUCTIVITY

This research programme addresses the diffusion of new technologies, innovation, productivity and competitiveness.

Current research is on:

- Human capital and output growth in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) industries.
- Determinants of ICT diffusion at country, industry and enterprise levels.
- ICT diffusion and the demand for skills.
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), technology intensity and productivity spillovers.
- Evaluation of centres of excellence.

This research programme focused on three themes in 2007:

(a) **The Economic Impact of ICT:** Research in this area has taken place as part of an international research project funded by the European Commission’s Institute for Prospective Technological Studies. The research team includes international and national experts from eleven European countries. Research in 2007 highlighted the key aspects of ICT as a general-purpose technology, discussed the economic impacts of ICT diffusion from macro and micro perspectives, and examined the spatial consequences of ICT diffusion. The concepts of regional innovation systems and globalisation were used to propose an organising framework for the analysis.

The complex and highly nonlinear set of relationships between the various aspects of ICT, the many elements of the innovation system and the innovative capacity of a regional economy facing the competitive pressures of globalisation represents a major challenge for policy at the regional, national and European level.

(b) **Exporting and Productivity:** Research in this area is part of an international research project and is funded under a grant from the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The research shows that exporter premia vary across countries, being larger in countries with a higher degree of openness and more effective institutions. This research is linked to a plant-level study of globalisation through exports and sales to local multinationals being funded by Enterprise Ireland.

(c) **Assessment of Research Excellence:** With the current emphasis on the knowledge-based economy, it is important to be able to identify research leaders. Using a mix of existing and new measures of excellence in research and research supervision, several papers assessed the quality of economic research in Ireland and abroad.
Economic Growth

TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND PRODUCTIVITY (continued)

Programme Coordinator: Iulia Siedschlag
Other members of staff working in this area include: Stefanie Haller, Seán Lyons, Edgar Morgenroth, Gavin Murphy, Frances Ruane, and Richard S. J.Tol.

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“The Effects of Human Capital on ICT Output Growth; Empirical Evidence from OECD Countries”, Seminar Emerging Innovation Issues in Finland and Ireland, Dublin, February, Gavin Murphy.

ESRI Seminars

“The Innovation Value Chain”, Professor Stephen Roper (Aston University).
The Health research programme builds on the ESRI’s high-quality databases. Current research covers a range of issues including:

- The implications of demographic change for health service demand.
- Equity in the use of health care.
- GP services on the island of Ireland.
- The public/private mix in acute hospitals.
- Cross boundary flows for acute hospital services.
- The determinants and impact of health behaviours.

In 2007 two major projects on health status and use of health care came to fruition. First to finish was the programme of research on *The Provision and Use of Health Services, Health Inequalities and Health and Social Gain*. The programme, funded by the Health Research Board (HRB), culminated in a one-day conference for researchers and policymakers and the production of a book of conference proceedings. The second programme to be finished was the study of poverty, health and use of primary care funded by the Combat Poverty Agency, and its results were published in June in *Poor Prescriptions: Poverty and Access to Community Health Services*. Research on health and lifestyle also developed in 2007 with the commencement of the fieldwork for the National Health and Lifestyle Survey (SLÁN).

In collaboration with Trinity College, a HRB-funded study on *The Impact of Demographic Change on Demand for and Delivery of Health Services in Ireland 2006-2021* got underway. This study includes an analysis of how population-driven trends may be expected to impact on demand for health services in Ireland up to 2020.
HEALTH (continued)

Programme Coordinators: Richard Layte and Miriam Wiley
Other members of staff who work in this area include: Sheelagh Bonham, Anne Nolan, Jacqueline O’Reilly, Aoife Brick, Patricia Holmes, Sinead O’Hara, Barbara Clyne, Aisling Mulligan, Cathal McCrory, Aisling Murray, Maeve Thornton, Amanda Quail.

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“Primary Care: the Key to Health Care Reform”, *Public Affairs Ireland Journal*, Issue No. 43, November 2007, Richard Layte.


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Professor Sir Michael Marmot (UCL) and Frances Ruane (Director) at the thirty-eighth Geary Lecture Health in an Unequal World: A Matter of Social Justice.

Reports & Other Publications


HEALTH (continued)

Activity in Acute Public Hospitals in Ireland 2002
Annual Report ESRI Books and Monographs No. 201.


ESRI Working Papers


Papers Read to Conferences and Learned Societies


“Batch Coding High Volume Homogenous Day Cases on Windows HIPE” at Healthcare Informatics Society of Ireland Conference (HISI), Dublin, November. Mark McKenna.


“DRG-Based Case Mix Systems: From Definition to Implementation”, at the Casemix Summer School, Avignon, June. Miriam Wiley.


ESRI Seminar
“Where do the Sick Go? Health Insurance and Employment in Small & Large Firms”, Dr Kanika Kapur (UCD).
Equality research in the ESRI investigates inequalities in opportunities and in outcomes, exploring the processes that lead to inequality. The research has a strong policy focus, assessing the role of public policies in underpinning or reducing inequalities.

Current research focuses on:

- Differences in employment and labour market participation, on the basis of gender, age, family structure and disability.
- Access to education and training, particularly variations by socio-economic group and gender.
- Income inequality and poverty.
- Social attitudes to minority groups and their experience of discrimination.

ESRI research on Equality investigates inequalities in opportunities and in outcomes, exploring the processes that lead to inequality. The research has a strong policy focus, assessing the role of public policies in underpinning or reducing inequalities.

While much social research at the ESRI has an equality focus, the main current project in this programme, funded by the Equality Authority, is centred on equality and discrimination. This programme seeks to investigate the social situation of groups covered by the grounds of the Equality Legislation (gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, ethnicity and membership of the Traveller community), and establish the extent of discrimination experienced by these groups. The research programme comprises a series of projects: some consider a range of grounds, some focus on a single ground like gender or ethnicity. Five projects were underway in 2007 and three were published by the ESRI and Equality Authority in 2008: The Experience of Discrimination in Ireland; Gender Inequalities in Time Use; Immigrants at Work: Ethnicity and Nationality in the Irish Labour Market. Other projects include Perceptions of Equality and Fairness in Irish Society, The Gender Pay Gap, and Female Participation in the Paid Labour Market. These are due to be published late 2008/early 2009.

At the launch of the publication Best of Times? The Social Impact of the Celtic Tiger, were the editors Christopher T. Whelan, Helen Russell and Tony Fahey.
Programme Coordinators: Helen Russell and Fran McGinnity
Other members of staff whose work has an equality dimension include: Delma Byrne, Tim Callan, Merike Darmody, Corona Joyce, Claire Keane, Elish Kelly, Richard Layte, Pete Lunn, Selina McCoy, Seamus McGuinness, Bertrand Maître, Anne Nolan, Philip J. O’Connell, Emma Quinn, Dorothy Watson, Chris Whelan, Emer Smyth.

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“Are Ireland’s Immigrants Integrating into its Labour Market?”, IZA Discussion Paper No. 2838, Alan Barrett, David Duffy.


*Fair Play? Sport and Social Disadvantage in Ireland*, ESRI Books and Monographs No. 190, Pete Lunn.


**ESRI Working Papers**


EQUALITY (continued)


ESRI Seminar
“What Causes Gender Differences in the Participation and Intensity of Lifelong Learning?”, P. Huber (Austrian Institute for Economic Research).
ESRI research in the area of Social Inclusion focuses on access for all to levels of resources regarded as acceptable by Irish society. Current research focuses on:

- Multi-dimensional measurement of deprivation and poverty.
- Spatial distribution of poverty and deprivation.
- The dynamics of poverty and deprivation.
- Educational and labour market disadvantage.
- Social exclusion and the life cycle.
- Social capital and participation.

As part of the programme for research for the Office for Social Inclusion (OSI), throughout 2007 and continuing into 2008 several ESRI staff members were involved in preparing a series of Social Portraits on a range of life cycle groups. The portraits are designed to be of use to members of the public as well as policymakers.

Under the OSI programme, a project relating to The Life Cycle Perspective on Social Inclusion involving an analysis of EU-SILC began in 2007. The current research locates the perspective in the context of the development of the knowledge economy, the changing nature of the welfare state and the emergence of new social risks. It implements a life cycle approach and provides a comprehensive analysis of related issues using EU-SILC. The findings of the project will be published in the ESRI Research Series in 2008.

Throughout 2007 research relating to social inclusion at the national and European levels, arising from the OSI programme and the ESRI’s involvement in the EU EQUALSOC Network of Excellence, was published or accepted for publication in a range of leading international journals.
SOCIAL INCLUSION (continued)

**Programme Coordinator: Christopher T. Whelan**

Other members of staff working in this area include: Richard Layte, Pete Lunn, Bertrand Maître, and Dorothy Watson.

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SOCIAL INCLUSION (continued)

Fair Play? Sport and Social Disadvantage in Ireland, ESRI Books and Monographs No. 190, Pete Lunn.

Multiple Deprivation and Multiple Disadvantage in Ireland: An Analysis of EU-SILC, Policy Research Series No. 61, Christopher T. Whelan, Bertrand Maître, Brian Nolan.


Work Incentives, Poverty and Welfare in Ireland, Policy Research Series No. 60, Tim Callan, Kieran Coleman, John R. Walsh.

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**Economic Growth and Social Progress**

Given the integrated approach to economic and social policy in Ireland and the growing awareness of their interrelatedness in the EU, it is not surprising that quite a large amount of ESRI research takes place in the interface between these two domains. Five research programme areas fall under this category of research:

- **Education** (coordinated by Dr Emer Smyth);
- **Labour Market** (coordinated by Professor Philip J. O’Connell);
- **Migration** (coordinated by Dr Alan Barrett);
- **Social Cohesion and Quality of Life** (coordinated by Professor Christopher T. Whelan and Dr Helen Russell); and
- **Taxation, Welfare and Pensions** (coordinated by Professor Tim Callan).

**EDUCATION**

Education research in the ESRI covers all levels of the educational system, including early childhood education, the primary, second-level and tertiary sectors, and continuing education and training.

Current research addresses the following areas:

- The influence of the institutional context on learning processes and outcomes, particularly within second-level education.
- Pathways through the educational system.
- The relationship between education and labour market outcomes.
2007 saw the continuation of the ESRI’s longitudinal study of second-level students, funded by the National Council for Curriculum Assessment and the Department of Education and Science (DES). This study, the first of its kind in Ireland, explores student experiences as they move through the schooling system. A book relating to third year students, *Gearing Up for the Exam: The Experience of Junior Certificate Students* was published in October, and research was carried out on the transition from junior to senior cycle. Two supplementary projects, looking at parental perceptions of the schooling system and early school leaving among the student cohort, were also initiated.

Since 1980, the ESRI has been involved in conducting a regular survey of school leavers, which provides an invaluable source of information on young people’s pathways into further education and the labour market. Results of the 2006 survey, funded by DES, were published in November 2007 and a new survey commenced later in the year.

The DES has also funded a large-scale study of newcomer (immigrant) students in primary and post-primary schools, a study designed to contribute to policy development in the area of provision for diversity within schools. At primary level, the suitability of current school design for teaching and learning is being explored.

Under funding by the Higher Education Authority (HEA), a large-scale study is being carried out on the reasons for low participation in higher education among non-manual workers. The HEA has also funded a study of the costs of participating in higher education for previously under-represented groups.

**Programme Coordinator: Emer Smyth**
Other members of staff who work in this area include: Joanne Banks, Delma Byrne, Emma Calvert, Merike Darmody, Elish Kelly, Selina McCoy, Seamus McGuinness and Philip J. O’Connell.

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Reports and Other Publications

Attendance and Students’ School Experience, ESRI Books and Monographs No. 188, Selina McCoy, Merike Darmody, Emer Smyth, Allison Dunne.


ESRI Working Papers


Papers Read to Conferences and Learned Societies


“Field of Study and Students’ Workload in Higher Education: Ireland and Austria in Comparative Perspective”, paper presented at EqualSoc (EDUC-Field of Study) workshop meeting in Amsterdam, January. Merike Darmody, Emer Smyth, Martin Unger.


“Using Data and Statistics”, Conference on Sources and Resources for Humanities and Social Research in Ireland, NUIG, December, Delma Byrne.


“T’aint what you know, it’s the way that you do it - that’s what gets results” (Field of study and competencies among higher education graduates), European Research Network on Transitions in Youth annual workshop, Ghent, September. Elish Kelly, Philip J. O’Connell, Emer Smyth.


Employment has increased dramatically for more than a decade, and over the course of that expansion there have been substantial changes in the structure and nature of employment.

Current research focuses on:

- The impact of education and training on employment and earnings.
- Labour market dynamics – transitions into employment from unemployment, school, home.
- Equality and the labour market.
- Working conditions, including wages, hours of work, job security.

Labour market researchers at the ESRI are involved in a major pilot research programme that combines cutting-edge research with important policy developments. In the \textit{National Pilot Profiling of the Unemployed} project, all new claimants during a 3-month period in 2006 were issued with a questionnaire developed by the ESRI in conjunction with the \textit{Department of Social and Family Affairs}, in order to collect a range of variables that have been found in previous ESRI research to influence employment prospects. This generated a national sample of approximately 45,000 unemployed claimants, whose social welfare and labour market outcomes are currently being tracked over an 18-month period. This national experiment will help identify those unemployed people most likely to experience employment difficulties and to enter long-term unemployment. It will also provide a rigorous basis for targeting active labour market policies and thus to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of activation measures. Preliminary analysis indicates that robust models with strong predictive power can be developed with these data.

In an exciting new development, ESRI researchers have been granted direct access to micro-data from the \textit{National Employment Survey}. Access to this large-scale high quality data set has made possible new work on the gender wage gap, for the \textbf{Equality Authority}, as well as new analyses of the impact of labour market institutions on earnings.
Programme Coordinator: Philip J. O’Connell

Other members of staff who work in this area include: Alan Barrett, Adele Bergin, Delma Byrne, Tim Callan, Emma Calvert, Claire Keane, Elish Kelly, Pete Lunn, Selina McCoy, Frances McGinnity, Seamus McGuinness, and Helen Russell.

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**Reports and Other Publications**

“Are Ireland’s Immigrants Integrating into its Labour Market?” IZA Discussion Paper No. 2838, Alan Barrett, David Duffy.

*Bullying in the Workplace: Survey Reports*, 2007, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Philip J. O’Connell, Emma Calvert, Dorothy Watson.


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LABOUR MARKET (continued)

“Overskilling, Job Insecurity and Career Mobility”, Research School of Social Sciences (RSSS) Australian National University (ANU), May. Seamus McGuinness.


“The ESRI Approach to Occupational and Employment Forecasting”, presented to the European Foundation. Pete Lunn.


The role of demographic factors in economic and social developments has always been a key aspect of ESRI research. Most recently, the focus of work in this area has been on migration. Given the large inflows of immigrants into Ireland over the last decade, current research has addressed:

- The impact of immigrants on economic growth, average earnings and the distribution of earnings.
- The earnings of immigrants relative to Irish employees.
- The occupational attainment of immigrants.

Development of the Institute’s programme of research on immigration continued in 2007. Two papers on the earnings of immigrants were published, with both showing substantial gaps between the earnings of immigrants and comparable Irish employees. A working paper was also produced, and accepted for publication in 2008, which shows relatively unfavourable levels of occupational attainment among immigrants, in particular among those from the New Member States of the EU. Three reports were published in 2007 as part of the work of the European Migration Network, funded by the European Commission and the Department of Justice and Law Reform; these reports explore issues such as the conditions for entry of high-skilled immigrants, a policy analysis report on immigration and asylum 2006 and return procedures.

During 2007, ESRI researchers on migration were successful in securing funding from the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences for a two-year project titled Immigrants’ Characteristics, Experiences and Impacts. This work will be carried out over 2008/9.
MIGRATION (continued)

Programme Coordinator: Alan Barrett
Other members of staff who work in this area include: Adele Bergin, David Duffy, Corona Joyce, Elish Kelly, Seamus McGuinness, Fran McGinnity, Martin O’Brien, Philip J. O’Connell and Emma Quinn.

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“Are Ireland’s Immigrants Integrating into Its Labour Market?” Migration Research Fair, Trinity College Dublin. September. Alan Barrett.


ESRI Seminar
SOCIAL COHESION AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Social cohesion refers to social connectedness, solidarity and the extent and quality of social participation. Quality of life research focuses on collective as well as individual resources, in addition to the actual choices people make and the observed outcomes.

Current research focuses on:

- Comparative quality of life in the EU.
- Time use, work-life balance and quality of life.
- Participation in sport.

The research programme on sport and exercise, funded by the Irish Sports Council, has generated a range of interesting papers, in what is an expanding international research area. In 2007, the ESRI published work revealing the strong negative link between participation in sport and social disadvantage. A follow-up study, to be published in early 2008, documents trends in participation in Irish sport over recent generations. The coming year will also see the first results from the Irish Sports Monitor – Ireland’s first ongoing survey of grassroots sport.

Within the EQUALSOC Network of Excellence, ESRI researchers are editing a special issue on Reconciling Work and Family Life of the leading international journal on quality of life, Social Indicators Research. It will make use of the European Social Survey and involves a range of contributors from leading European institutions.

Arising from a programme of collaborative work funded by the European Foundation for Living and Working Conditions, in which the ESRI has been a leading partner, The Handbook of Quality of Life in the Enlarged European Union was published by Routledge in 2007. It contains a number of contributions arising directly from ESRI research.
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### Journal Articles and Chapters in Books


**Reports and Other Publications**


*Fair Play? Sport and Social Disadvantage in Ireland*, ESRI Books and Monographs No. 190, Pete Lunn.

**Papers Read to Conferences and Learned Societies**

“Does Division Always Mean Inequality”, Glencree Summer School, August. Christopher T. Whelan.


TAXATION, WELFARE AND PENSIONS

Taxes and transfers (including pensions) play a key role in influencing both the welfare of households and the behaviour of individuals and firms. Analysis in this area has been an important ongoing area of research for the Institute, feeding directly into the government’s annual budgetary process.

Current research includes:

- Assessing the impact of budgetary policy changes.
- Developing and exploring options for future tax and welfare policies.
- Measuring financial incentives to work.
- Investigating the influence of non-cash benefits on economic welfare.

During 2007 a new Steering Group was established to enhance the contribution of the Institute’s analysis of tax and welfare issues to policy debate and policy formation. The Steering Group is made up of representatives of the Department of Finance and the Department of Social and Family Affairs, along with key ESRI staff. One of the topics identified as being of major importance was the pensions challenge for Ireland. A paper dealing with the balance between state support for occupational pension provision and direct support of the State pension was presented at the Budget Perspectives Conference in October. Further work is under way, to contribute to the debate on pensions in response to the Green Paper. SWITCH, the ESRI tax-benefit model was once again used to undertake “poverty impact assessment” of the annual Budget, in two forms: an official analysis, provided in the Budget booklet, and an independent commentary by ESRI staff.

Work on a major EU-funded project on the Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Policy (AIMAP) continued, with a particular focus on the measurement of non-cash benefits or income advantages arising from owner-occupied housing, and health and education services provided free of charge.

Professor Tim Callan, Professor Brian Nolan, and Dr Albert van der Horst (Central Planning Bureau, Netherlands) at Budget Perspectives 2008 Conference, October 2007.
TAXATION, WELFARE AND PENSIONS (continued)

Programme Coordinator: Tim Callan
Other members of staff who work in this area include: Claire Keane, Sean Lyons, Sue Scott, Richard Tol and John Walsh.

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Work Incentives, Poverty and Welfare in Ireland, Policy Research Series No. 60, Tim Callan, Kieran Coleman, John R. Walsh.

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“Distributional Effects of Public Education Transfers in Seven European Countries”, presentation to AIM-AP project meeting, Athens, May. Tim Callan.

“Identifying the impact of tax-benefit reforms on the income distribution: a decomposition approach” presented to Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Berlin, July. Tim Callan.

“Pension Priorities: Getting the Balance Right?” ESRI/FFS Budget Perspectives 2008 Conference, October. Tim Callan, Brian Nolan, John R. Walsh.


ESRI Seminar
‘Valuing Ireland’s Pension System’, Dr Shane Whelan (UCD).
Current research on energy economics is focused on three broad areas:

- The operation of energy markets and their implications for competitiveness.
- Security of energy supply.
- The environmental implications of energy use.

There were three main strands of research in this area:

(a) Research, funded by a consortium of industry stakeholders and the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, focused on the supply of electricity in Ireland. New estimates suggest that the regulator may have underestimated the value of electricity to households, and has thus set the capacity requirements too low. However, capacity will remain tight for several years even for the current standards. While the dominant position of the ESB and the high penetration of wind energy are contributing factors, the main reason for the lack of investment in peak power is the regulatory uncertainty due to the creation of the Single Electricity Market and the frequent changes in government policy.

(b) Research on household energy use, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, revealed that energy-saving measures are typically used to offset increased energy use, rather than to reduce energy use.

The increasing importance of environmental issues is reflected in the three programmes of research that look at issues where economic and environmental factors interact strongly. These programmes are:

- **Energy** (coordinated by Professors John Fitz Gerald and Richard Tol);
- **Environment and Natural Resources** (coordinated by Professor Richard Tol); and
- **Transport and Infrastructure** (coordinated by Dr Edgar Morgenroth).

1. The ESRI’s other research area in this domain is Competition and Regulation, which is being promoted over the period of the Strategic Plan. Dr Sean Lyons is coordinating this new research programme.
Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability

ENERGY (continued)

(c) Climate change was the other main focus of research, under a programme funded by the European Commission. Previous research had identified energy-intensive sectors as being most vulnerable to climate policy. That finding has to be modulated, however, by the ability of companies to pass on costs to their customers. In this light, the cement industry is less exposed to climate policy than previously thought, while the aluminium industry is more exposed. New research found that climate change is a real problem, but perhaps not as big as often assumed. An implication of this is that European climate policy could be moderated.

Programme Coordinator: Richard Tol
Others who work in this area include: David Anthoff, Nicola Commins, John Fitz Gerald, Seán Lyons, Laura Malaguzzi Valeri, Karen Mayor, Edgar Morgenroth and Sue Scott.

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“Competition Effects of Increased Interconnection Between Great Britain and Ireland, Irish Economic Association Annual Conference, April. Laura Malaguzzi Valeri.
Current research in environmental economics and resource economics is focused on:

- Forecasting emissions to air (ISus).
- Valuation of environmental (dis)amenities.
- Waste policy (ISus).
- Climate policy (FUND).

There were three strands to this research programme:

(a) Research, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, shows that public investment in water supply and conservation was usually well spent, whereas the returns on investment in wastewater treatment were much more variable. Household water use is found to vary with age and family structure and to increase with social class (income, education, occupation). The research has also shown that weight-based charging for waste substantially increases recycling and composting, but has no significant effect on illegal dumping.

(b) Research on natural resources suggests that Ireland’s forests have a considerable value for recreation. This value is estimated at €50-60 million per year for Irish residents only.

(c) The ESRI, supported by funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, is extending its model for the medium-term economic forecast to predict emissions to air and water and resource use. Preliminary results suggest that sectoral value added always exceeds the damage done to the environment. Emissions of fluorinated gases and carbon monoxide, and hazardous waste grow faster than the economy, but other emissions and resource use grow more slowly. Emissions of acidifying gases are falling even as the economy expands.
Programme Coordinator: Richard S. J. Tol

Others who work in this area include: David Anthoff, Nicola Commins, John FitzGerald, Seán Lyons, Karen Mayor, Laura Malaguzzi Valeri, Edgar Morgenroth and Sue Scott.

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*Competition Effects of Environmental Tax Reforms* (COMETR): Final Report to the European Commission, DG Research and DG Taxation and Customs Union, National Environmental Research Institute, University of Aarhus. Mikael Skou Andersen, Terry Barker, Edward Christie, Paul Ekins, John Fitz Gerald, Jirina Jilkova, Sudhir Junankar, Michael Landesmann, Hector Pollitt, Roger Salmons, Susan Scott, Stefan Speck (eds.).

*Introduction of Weight-based Charges for Domestic Solid Waste Disposal*, Environmental Protection Agency, Susan Scott, Dorothy Watson.


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ESRI Seminars:

“Local Environmental Quality and Life Satisfaction”, Dr. Katrin Rehdanz (Kiel University.).

Current research on the economics of transport and infrastructure covers:

- Infrastructure needs.
- Environmental impacts.
- Determinants of household and commercial transport decisions.

In 2007 transport and infrastructure research was focused on energy use of transport and its environmental impact, reflecting current policy concerns. One strand of research, funded by a consortium of industry stakeholders and the Department of Energy, has analysed the effects of a kerosene tax on international tourism. This research has shown that, since fuel use is greatest during take-off and landing, a kerosene tax would disproportionately raise the price of short-haul flights – and thus particularly hurt island-nations near continents (e.g., Ireland) and discount airlines (e.g., Ryanair). The research shows that there is scope for a substantial reduction of carbon dioxide emissions from aviation, but current policies are misdirected at passenger behaviour and will lead to minimal emission reduction (<1 per cent) for sizeable subsidies (> €1 billion) to industry.

A second strand of research on energy use in Irish freight transport identified the disproportionate contribution of the building and construction sector to freight transport, and has identified a number of constraints that will limit the potential to shift freight traffic to modes other than road freight. As part of a major research project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, researchers are analysing the value and impact of transport infrastructure investments, such as road by-passes and railway stations. This work not only shows that the impact is spatially limited but also shows that the impact changes at different stages of construction.
**Transport and Infrastructure (continued)**

**Programme Coordinator: Edgar Morgenroth**
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