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Profile

Conchúr Ó Giollagáin is the Gaelic Research Professor in the University of the Highlands and Islands, Scotland. He is also the academic director of Soillse, a multidisciplinary and multi-institutional research project, based at Scotland's national college for Gàidhlig, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, on the Isle of Skye. In 2015 he was appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Political Science and Sociology, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Conchúr Ó Giollagáin is a prominent scholar in language planning and minority language culture and sociology. He has written extensively on issues concerning the sustainability of minority cultures, especially the Gaeltacht communities in Ireland.

Conchúr previously lectured in the School of Political Science and Sociology in the National University of Ireland Galway on the sociology of language. His teaching and research interests include language planning, sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology. Previously, he was the Head of the Language Planning Unit in Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, where he devised and lead Ireland's first MA programme in Language Planning. He also contributed to the development of the Acadamh's MA in Language Sciences. He co-authored the government-commissioned Gaeltacht survey *Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht* (2007). The update of the study *Nuashonrú ar an Staidéar Cuimsitheach Teangeolaíoch ar Úsáid na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht: 2006–2011* (An Update of the Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht) was published in 2015. Along with Tamás Péterváry, Brian Ó Curnáin and Jerome Sheahan he published the first major study of bilingual acquisition in Ireland, *Iníúchadh ar an gCumas Dátheangach: An sealbhú teanga i measc ghlúin óg na Gaeltachta / Assessment of Bilingual Competence:*

Language acquisition among people in the Gaeltacht. He co-edited two ground-breaking books, *Beartas Úr na nGael: Dálaí na Gaeilge san Iar-Nua-Aoiseachas* [A New Deal for the Gaels: Irish in Postmodernity] (2016) and *An Chonair Chaoch: an Mionteangachas sa Dátheangachas* (2012) examining the minority language condition from the perspective of those whose primary identity is the minority culture. Conchúr received his PhD in Modern Irish from UCD (1997) and lectured in the Department of Irish in St. Patrick's College, Dublin City University, and in the Department of Celtic Studies in the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. He has contributed as an external fellow to the work of the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, where he led a variety of research projects examining different aspects of the language dynamics and linguistic anthropology of minority language culture. He is currently leading the major sociolinguistic research project, 'Pròiseact Rannsachaidh Gàidhlig nan Eilean / Isles Gaelic Research Project', on the vitality of Scottish Gaelic in the Western Isles, which is home to the remaining native-speaking Gaelic communities. Similar to the *Comprehensive Linguistic Study* in Ireland, this baseline study aims to depict the social reality of Gaelic as an initial step in proposing a series of socio-political interventions in support of Gaelic as a living language. He is a regular contributor to various media outlets on issues related to linguistic diversity and minority language groups.

EÒLAS PROIFEISEANTA / ACHOIMRE AR THAITHÍ GHAIRMIÚIL / PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gaelic Research Professor and Director of Soillse,
University of the Highlands and Islands, Scotland
April 2014 –
Adjunct Professor School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway,
Ireland
October 2015 –
School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway, Lecturer,
November 2012 – March 2014
Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, NUI Galway, Director of Language
Planning Unit 2006 – 2012
Department of Irish, St. Patrick's College, Dublin City University, Lecturer
2001 – 2006
Post-doctoral fellow of the National Institute for Regional and Spatial
Analysis, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland, 2001 –
2003.
Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge (Irish Language Books Board), Director 1997 –
2001
School of Irish, Trinity College Dublin, Part-time Lecturer 1997 – 2001
University College Dublin, Teaching Fellow in the Department of Modern
Irish 1994 – 1997

University College Dublin, Tutor in the Department of Modern Irish 1991 – 1994

Catholic University of Lublin (KUL), Poland, Junior Lecturer 1989 – 1991.

DUAISEAN / DUAISEANNA / AWARDS / HONOURS

RSE Visiting Fellow to the University of the Highlands and the Islands, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Eilean Sgitheanach, Scotland, April – June 2013.

External Fellow of the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland, 2004 – 2007; 2013 – 2015.

Oireachtas Literary Award: ‘An Domhandú agus Mionlaigh Teanga, 2011.

Mary Kate O’Kelly Scholarship in Modern Irish UCD, Dublin 1993 – 1996.

TABHARTAIS RANNSACHAIDH / DEONTAIS TAIGHDE / RECENT RESEARCH GRANTS

Pròiseact Rannsachaidh Gàidhlig nan Eilean / Isles Gaelic Research Project, Soillse / Sabhal Mòr Ostaig sociolinguistic survey of the Isles, £270,000, September 2015 – March 2018.

Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht, Irish Government Research Commission, €550,223, April 2004 – October 2006.

Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, PhD Program in Language Planning, funded by Comhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta and Breacadh – the Adult Literacy Programme of the Vocational Education Committees €230,000. 2009 – 2014.

IRCHSS Doctoral Fellowship for Tamás Péterváry, €52,000 (Acadamh/Scoil na Gaeilge NUIG doctoral programme). 2013 – 2016.

Cumas Dátheangach Cainteoirí Dúchais Gaeilge / Bilingual Abilities of Natives Speakers of Irish, Research Commission funded by Comhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta (Irish-medium Education Council), €90,000. 2009 – 2013.

Athnuachan ar na príomhfhoinsí staitistiúla a bhain leis an ‘Staidéar Cuimsitheach Teangeolaíochta ar Úsáid na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht (SCT / CLS 2007) / Demographic trends in language vitality in the Gaeltacht since 2001: Updating the SCT / CLS [€24,200] Údarás na Gaeltachta. 2013.

RANNSACHADH IAR-CHEUMACH / TAIGHDE IARCHÉIME / POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

MA Major Thesis: Moirfeolaíocht an bhriathair i nGaeilge Ráth Chairn

Ph.D Thesis: Stairsheanchas Mhicil Chonraí: Téacs cóirithe dá chuntas saoil

Scholarships: Mary Kate O’Kelly Scholarship in Modern Irish, University College Dublin 1993 – 1996

Teaching Fellowship, Faculty of Arts, University College Dublin 1994 – 1997

Published version: *Stairsheanchas Mhicil Chonraí: Ón Máimín go Ráth Chairn.*

Cló Iar-Chonnachta. 1999

STIÚREADH THRÀCHTASAN PhD / STIÚRADH DOCHTÚIREACHTAÍ / CURRENT PhD SUPERVISION

- Theme 1: Measúnú teanga d’fhorbairt tástálacha diagnóiseacha maidir le cleachtais teiripe urlabhra do chainteoirí dúchais Gaeilge / Assessing language acquisition for developing diagnostics tests in language therapy for native speakers of Irish (Sarah-Ann Muckley).
- Theme 2: An sealbhú laghdaithe teanga agus an forás acadúil agus intleachtúil i measc cainteoirí óga mionteanga / Incomplete acquisition and the academic and intellectual development of young minority language speakers (Ciarán Lenoach).
- Theme 3: Meicníochtaí chun an litearthacht i measc cainteoirí dúchais Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht a thomhas i réimse an aosoideachais / Methodologies for assessing adult literacy in minority speech communities (Éamonn Ó Bróithe).
- Theme 4 An Ghaeilge agus an Idé-eolaíocht in Éirinn Chomhaimseartha / Irish language and Ideology in Contemporary Ireland (Tamás Péterváry).
- Theme 5 Rural economic development in minority language planning (Éamonn Ó Neachtain).

FOILLSEACHAIDHEAN / FOILSEACHÁIN / PUBLICATIONS

Leabhraichean / Leabhair / Books

Beartas Úr na nGael: Dálaí na Gaeilge san Iar-Nua-Aoiseachas (A New Deal for the Gaels: Irish in Postmodernity). Conchúr Ó Giollagáin agus Brian Ó Curnáin (2016) a chuir in eagar. Indreabhán, Co. Galway: Leabhar Breac.

Nuashonrú ar an Staidéar Cuimsitheach Teangeolaíoch ar Úsáid na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht: 2006–2011. (An Update of the Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht: 2006-2011) Ó Giollagáin, C. agus Charlton, M. (2015). Na Forbacha, Co. Galway: Údarás na Gaeltachta.

http://www.udaras.ie/media/pdf/002910_Udaras_Nuashonr%C3%BA_FUL_L_report_A4_FA.pdf

Nuashonrú ar an Staidéar Cuimsitheach Teangeolaíoch ar Úsáid na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht 2006–2011: Príomhfhaisnéis na Limistéar Pleanála Teanga. (An Update of the Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht 2006-2011: Key Data on Language Planning Districts) Ó Giollagáin, C. agus Charlton, M. (2015). Na Forbacha, Co. Galway: Údarás na Gaeltachta.

http://www.udaras.ie/media/pdf/002910_Udaras_Nuashonr%C3%BA_EXC_ERPT_report_A4_2.pdf

Iníuchadh ar an gCumas Dátheangach: An sealbhú teanga i measc ghliúin óg na Gaeltachta / Assessment of Bilingual Competence: Language acquisition among people in the Gaeltacht. Péterváry, T., Ó Curnáin, B., Ó Giollagáin, C. agus J. Sheahan (2014). BÁC / Dublin: An Chomhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta. <http://www.cogg.ie/wp-content/uploads/iniuchadh-ar-an-gcumas-datheangach.pdf>

An Chonair Chaoch: an Mionteangachas sa Dátheangachas. Ciarán Lenoach, Conchúr Ó Giollagáin agus Brian Ó Curnáin a chuir in eagar. Indreabhán: Leabhar Breac. 2012 [2015, 2nd Edition].

Une Vie Irlandaise. Du Connemara à Ráth Chairn: Histoire de la Vie de Micil Chonraí.

Édité par Conchúr Ó Giollagáin, traduit du Gaélique par Jean Le Dû. Rennes: Terre de Brume. 2010.

Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht: Final Report, Ó Giollagáin agus Mac Donnacha *et al.* Dublin: The Stationery Office 2007.

Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht: Principal Findings and Recommendations, Ó Giollagáin agus Mac Donnacha *et al.* Dublin: The Stationery Office 2007.

Stairsheanchas Mhicil Chonraí: Ón Máimín go Ráth Chairn. Indreabhán: Cló Iar-Chonnachta. 1999.

Articles / Chapters

Nuashonrú ar an Staidéar Cuimsitheach Teangeolaíoch ar Úsáid na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht 2006–2011: Moltaí agus Beartais Fhéideartha. (An Update of the Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht 2006-2011: Recommendations and Possible Approaches) Ó Giollagáin, C. (2015). An t-Eilean Sgitheanach: Soillse.

<http://www.soillse.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/4.2-Beartais-Nuashonr2.pdf>

‘Unfirm Ground: a Re-assessment of Language Policy in Ireland since Independence.’ First of a two-part article in *Language Problems and Language Planning* 2014, 38,1. 19–41. DOI 10.1075/lplp.38.1.02gio

‘From Revivalist to Undertaker: New developments in official policies and attitudes to Ireland’s ‘First Language.’” Second of a two-part article in *Language Problems and Language Planning* 2014, 38,2. 101–127. DOI 10.1075/lplp.38.2.01gio

‘Est-ce que les Unités Linguistiques Géographiques Renforcent les Droits Linguistiques? / Do Official Linguistic Boundaries Foster Linguistic Rights?’ *The Tenth International Conference on Language Law*, Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh, 15–17 June 2006, Published on-line 2013: http://www.acadamh.ie/documents/o_giollagain.pdf.

‘Staidéar Cuimsitheach Teangeolaíoch ar Úsáid na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht: Impleachtaí do Ghaeltachtaí Mhaigh Eo,’ *Léann Teanga: an Réiviú Iml.* 1. 2013: 98–117.

‘An Mionteangachas agus na hEolaíochtaí Teanga,’ i C. Lenoach, C. Ó Giollagáin & B. Ó Curnáin (eag.í) *An Chonair Chaoch: An Mionteangachas sa Dátheangachas*. Indreabhán: Leabhar Breac 2012: 193–236.

‘An Réamhrá,’ *An Chonair Chaoch: an Mionteangachas sa Dátheangachas*. Conchúr Ó Giollagáin le Brian Ó Curnáin agus Ciarán Lenoach. Indreabhán: Leabhar Breac. 2012: 3–17.

‘An Antraipeolaíocht Teanga,’ i T. Ó hIfearnáin agus M. Ní Neachtain (eag.í) (2012) *An tSochtheangeolaíocht: Feidhm agus Tuairisc*. BÁC: Cois Life. 2012: 15–32.

‘Speaker Diversity in the Majority-Minority Linguistic Context,’ *Annales, Series historia et sociologia*, 21, 2011, 1: 101–112. University of Primorska, Science and Research Centre of Koper, Slovenia.

‘An Domhandú agus Mionlaigh Teanga,’ i B. Mac Cormaic (eag.) *Féiniúlacht, Cultúr agus Teanga i Ré an Domhandaithe*. BÁC: Coiscéim, 2011: 146–176.

‘The Eclipse of the First Language Minority Speaker: Deficiencies in Ethnolinguistic Acquisition and its Evasive Discourse,’ Lewis, H. agus N. Ostler (eag.í). *Reversing Language Shift: How to Re-awaken a Language Tradition. Proceedings of the 14th Foundation for Endangered Languages Conference*. Bath: Foundation for Endangered Languages. 2010: 11–22.

‘The Irish Language and the Future of the Gaeltacht Regions,’ [le Seosamh Mac Donnacha] in J. McDonagh *et al.* (eag.) *A Living Countryside? The*

Politics of Sustainable Development in Rural Ireland. Surrey: Palgrave. 2009: 303–320.

‘Torthaí an Staidéir Chuimsithíoch Theangeolaíoch ar Úsáid na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht,’ in B. Ó Catháin (eag.) *Sochtheangeolaíocht na Gaeilge, Léachtaí Cholm Cille* 39, 2009: 154-187.

‘Linguistic Dimensions of the Globalised Frontier: Old and New Minorities in Contact and Context,’ in the *International Journal of Anthropology*. Vol. 23, n.3-4, 2008: 247-260.

‘The Gaeltacht Today,’ Ó Giollagáin, C. agus S. Mac Donnacha i Nic Pháidín, C agus S. Ó Cearnaigh (eag.). *A New View of the Irish Language*. BÁC: Cois Life 2008: 108-120.

‘Gnéithe de Stair Theorainn na Gaeltachta: coimhlint idir dhá riachtanas,’ i Doyle, A. agus S. Ní Laoire (eag.). *Aistí ar an Nua-Ghaeilge in Ómós do Bhreandán Ó Buachalla*. BÁC: Cois Life 2006: 95-116.

‘Gnéithe d’antraipeolaíocht theageolaíoch Phobal Ros Muc, Co. na Gaillimhe,’ i Kirk, J. agus D. Ó Baoill (eag.). *Legislation, Literature and Sociolinguistics: Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and Scotland*. Belfast Studies in Language, Culture and Politics 13, 2005: 138-62. Béal Feirste: Cló Ollscoil na Banríona.

Léirmheas ar *Caint Ros Muc* le hArndt Wigger (2004) in *Béaloideas* 73, 2005: 192-94.

Léirmheas ar *Athbheochan na hEabhraise: Ceacht don Ghaeilge?* le Muiris Ó Laoire, in *Studia Hibernica*, Iml. 32. Nollaig 2004: 209-211.

‘Ár scéal inár dteanga féin: Dinimicí teanga Ghaeltacht ár linne,’ *Aistí ag iompar scéil: In ómós do Shéamas P. Ó Mórdha*, An Clóchomhar 2004: 153-70.

‘A Contrastive View of Irish Language Dynamics,’ *Collegium Antropologum*. 2004 Iml. 28 (Supplement 1): 73-81, Zagreb, Croatia.

‘Scagadh ar rannú cainteoirí comhaimseartha Gaeltachta: gnéithe d’antraipeolaíocht teangeolaíochta phobal Ráth Cairn,’ *The Irish Journal of Anthropology*. 2002 Iml. 6: 25-61.

‘Dinimic na litearthachta agus an chultúir bhéil,’ *The Irish Journal of Anthropology*. 1997 Iml. 2: 6-32.

Ailt Eile / Other Articles

‘Gaeltacht education reform must focus on language crisis.’ *The Irish Times*. 28 February 2017
<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/gaeltacht-education-reform-must-focus-on-language-crisis-1.2983770>

‘Irish language needs communal not symbolic use’, *The Irish Times*, 27 April 2016. <http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/comment-the-gaeltacht-must-be-broken-and-remade-to-save-irish-1.2625367>

‘There is no denying the clear threats to future of Irish’, *The Irish Independent*, 21 October 2015.
<http://www.independent.ie/opinion/comment/there-is-no-denying-the-clear-threats-to-future-of-irish-34127412.html>

‘Irish in crisis – we need a New Deal to revitalise the language’, *The Irish Times*, 29 June 2015. <http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/irish-in-crisis-we-need-a-new-deal-to-revitalise-the-language-1.2264426>

‘Is í an phairilís an trioblóid atá sa Ghaeltacht seachas an fhírinne’, *Tuairisc.ie*, 15 June/Meitheamh 2015. <http://tuairisc.ie/is-i-an-phairilis-an-triobluid-ata-sa-ghaeltacht-seachas-an-fhirinne-o-giollagain/>

‘Early exposure to English is damaging the standard of Irish among Gaeltacht young,’ *The Irish Times*, 9 December 2014.
<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/early-exposure-to-english-is-damaging-the-standard-of-irish-among-gaeltacht-young-1.2025774>

‘Why Irish language may soon be a Celtic myth,’ *The Irish Independent* 31/10/2012.

‘Cearta teanga, pobal mionteanga agus polasaí an Stáit,’ *The Irish Times* 15/2/2012.

‘Conair chaoch an dátheangachais do phobail mhionteanga,’ *Feasta* Meán Fómhair 2011: 24-26 [le Brian ó Curnáin agus Ciarán Lenoach].

‘Gaeltacht in danger of being silenced,’ *The Irish Examiner* 5 Lúnasa 2011 [le Brian ó Curnáin].

‘Breac-chríocha na heitnitheangeolaíochta agus an forás oideachais sa mhionteanga,’ *Comhar* Bealtaine 2011 Iml. 71, Uimh. 5: 5–9.

‘Dhá thrá an dátheangachais agus “Straitéis Fiche Bliain don Ghaeilge 2010-2030”,’ *Feasta* 23-24, Feabhra 2010 [le Brian ó Curnáin].

‘Drastic steps needed to save native-spoken Irish,’ *The Irish Times* 29/12/2009
(<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/opinion/2009/1229/1224261353885.html>).

SGRÌOBHAINNEAN POILEASAIDH / RECENT POLICY DOCUMENTS / CÁIPÉISÍ POLASAÍ / PRESENTED PAPERS

‘Language impact statement for Galway County Council relating to the re-alignment of the N59 between Maam Cross and Clifden, Co. Galway’, September 2013.

‘Implications of Contemporary Language Research in Ireland and Policy Responses,’ Invited address to staff of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Inverness, Scotland, 29 April 2013.

‘Athbhreithniú ar Scéim Phobail Fhoras na Gaeilge 2013,’ Feabhra 2013.

‘Resilience and Aspiration in Minority Language Communities,’ Invited address to the Board Members of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Inverness, Scotland, 10 December 2012.

‘Language impact statement for Galway County Council relating to the re-alignment of the N59 between Oughterard and Maam Cross, Co. Galway’, August 2012.

BÒIRD DEASACHAISH / BOIRD EAGARTHÓIREACHTA / EDITORIAL BOARDS

- Editorial Board member *Language Problems and Language Planning*
- Advisory Board member *Studia Celtica Posnaniensis*
- Scientific Board member *Annals of Arts Glottodidactics*
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity ([NPLD](#))
- Member of the European Language Equality Network (ELEN)
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Donostia Language Protocol (Donostia 2016 City of Culture).

CO-LABHAIRTEAN / PÁIPÉIR CHOMHDHÁLACHA / CONFERENCE PAPERS

ORGANISED AND DIRECTED CONFERENCES / EAGRÚ AGUS STIÚRADH COMHDHÁLACHA

- 2nd Soillse Conference, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, An t-Eilean Sgitheanach, Alba, 28th – 30th May 2015
- 2nd NUI Galway Spring Symposium in Language Planning, 28 March 2011
- 1st NUI Galway Spring Symposium in Language Planning, 1-2 February 2010

- 8th International Conference of Irish and Scottish Gaelic Linguistics / Teangeolaíocht na Gaeilge, an tOchtú Comhdháil, St. Patrick's College, DCU, 30 April 2004 – 1 May 2004.

KEYNOTE TALKS / EOCHAIRCHAINTEANNA, AOICHAINTEANNA
COMHDHÁLA/ OLLSCOILE

‘Vitality thresholds in the demography of minority language groups’. Invited speaker to the Sociolinguistic Summer Course of the University of the Basque Country, UDA IKASTAROAK / CURSOS DE VERANO, Donostia, the Basque Country, 20-22 July 2017.

‘Ceansú na Gaeltachta i nDul i Léig na Gaeilge’ [The subordination of the Gaeltacht in the societal erosion of Irish]. Eochairchaint/Keynote to Teacht Aniar conference / Ceardlann Theacht Aniar, Óstán Buswells Hotel, Dublin / Baile Átha Cliath, 17 June / Meitheamh 2017.

‘Implications of Brexit for Minority Languages’. An invited address to a Public Meeting in the School of Celtic, University of Edinburgh, Dùn Èideann, 30th May 2017.

‘Gàidheil Alba is Èireann agus lèirsinn ùr airson poileasaidhean leasachadh cànan’ [The Gael of Scotland and Ireland and a new vision for language development policy]. Òraid phoblach / Public Lecture organised by Comann na Gàidhlig in conjunction with Comann Gàidhlig Inbhir Nis, Colaiste Inbhir Nis / Inverness College, 11 Cèitean / 11 May 2017.

‘Minority bilingual acquisition and challenges for educational provision: Issues for the Gaeltacht and the Gàidhealtachd.’ Invited address to *Workshop about education, language policy issues and minoritized languages across borders*, University of Stockholm 30-31 March 2017.

‘Suidheachadh nan Gàidheal ann an Alba: Leasan an bho Èirinn’ [The situation of the Gael in Scotland: Lessons from Ireland]. Coinneamh Luchd Stiùiridh Chomann na Gàidhlig, Steòrnabhagh / Presentation to the Board of Directors, Comann na Gàidhlig, 23 Màrt / 23 March 2017.

‘Na Gaeil agus a gCinniúint: Fréamhacha pobail nó rogha aonair?’ [The Gael and their fate: Community Roots or individual choice?]. Teacht Aniar Workshop / Ceardlann Theacht Aniar, An Chultúrlann, Béal Feirste / Belfast, 18 Feabhra / 18 February 2017.

‘Staing nan Gàidheal ann an Alba agus ann an Èirinn: A’ strì ris an fhìrinn’ [The Crisis of the Gael in Scotland and Ireland: Struggling with reality]. Òraid do Chomann Gàidhlig Ghlaschu/ Lecture to the Glasgow Gaelic Society, 19 Faoilleach / 19 January 2017.

‘The societal reality of Gàidhlig and minority symbolic culture.’ HARC Conference, UHI, An Lòchran, Inverness, 11 Faoilleach / 11 January 2017.

‘Policy challenges for supporting and promoting Gaelic in the home and in the community,’ Invited address to Highland Council, Gaelic Affairs Committee, 11 August 2016.

‘Language death and language maintenance: the minority language situation,’ May Festival, University of Aberdeen, 29 May 2016.

‘Ath-sgrùdadh air ar Suidheachadh: Na Mion-chànanan ann an Nua-aimsireachd an t-Saoghail Mhòir/ Rethinking Our Condition: Language Minorities in Globalised Modernity,’ Inaugural lecture to UHI, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Isle of Skye, 19 April 2016.

‘The Sociolinguistics of Irish: a differential diagnosis of unidirectional bilingualism,’ with Brian Ó Curnáin, University of Leiden, 26 February 2016.

‘An Pobal Gaelach agus Stát na hÉireann: Athmhachnamh in am an ghátair.’ *Léacht Chonradh na Gaeilge ag Comhdháil Theacht Aniar*. Baile Átha Cliath, 23 Bealtaine 2015.

‘Socrú Nua don Ghaeltacht’, Príomhóraid/Keynote address at *Goitse go Gaoth Dobhair*, Gaeltacht Festival, 28 June 2014.

‘An Ghaeltacht a bhí, an tSéantacht atá agus na Gaeil amach anseo,’ *Gaeltachtaí Mhaigh Eo: Bás nó Fás*, Comhdháil Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann: Saol na Tuaithe Caisleán an Bharraigh/Castelbar, Ireland, 30 November 2013.

‘Bilingualism and Cognition: The Minority Language Perspective,’ invited after dinner speaker at the *International Conference of the Educational Society of the European Regions: The Intellectual and Cognitive Advantages of Bilingual Education*, Trinity Saint David College, University of Wales, Carmarthen, 12–14 September 2013.

‘English’s Burden: Provision and Policy for Minority Languages in Third-level Education in English-dominant Societies,’ invited speaker at the Nitobe Symposium: *Languages and Internationalization in Higher Education: Ideologies, Practices, Alternatives*, Reykjavík, Iceland, 18–20 July 2013.

‘Cumas Dátheangach Chainteoirí Óga Dúchais na Gaeltachta / Bilingual Competence of Young Native Speakers in the Gaeltacht’ le Brian Ó Curnáin agus Tamás Péterváry, eochairchaint ag Comhdháil Lae na Comhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíocht, *Riachtanas na Gaeilge san Oideachas*, BÁC, 23 Bealtaine 2013.

‘Cor cultarach na h-Éireann, cor nam mion-chànan?’ aoisheimineár i Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Eilean Sgitheanach, 8 Cèitinn 2013.

‘Implications of Contemporary Language Research in Ireland and Policy Responses,’ Invited address to staff of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Inverness, Scotland, 29 April 2013.

Fulbright-sponsored lecture tour in New York and Connecticut, March 2013:
‘Reality and Aspiration in Language Identity in Ireland: Cultural Transformations since Independence’.
CUNY Graduate Centre, Manhattan, 11 March 2013
CUNY Lehman College, New York, 12 March 2013
University of Hartford, 14 March 2013
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