

WiSE Centre for Economic Justice
Conversations on Care Seminar Series
Programme September 2022 – May 2023

Care is a fundamental human need. It is not only vital for survival in infancy, early childhood or at times of illness or vulnerability, but also necessary for human development and wellbeing throughout our lives. Despite this, care work has long been undervalued and underpaid and is often invisible. Covid-19 dramatically underscored the centrality of care and exposed the many vulnerabilities within existing care regimes. It also made care more visible and created an opportunity to reinforce the importance of care to economic and social life and to position it as an essential public resource. It is within this context that the WiSE Centre for Economic Justice is launching its 'Conversations on Care' seminar series for the academic year 2022-2023. It aims to bring together academics, policy researchers, care advocates and policymakers to explore critical issues in the post Covid-19 global care landscape including paid and unpaid care work, public investments in care infrastructure, shifts in gendered distribution of care provision, policy proposals and a reimagining of the care economy.

Headlining the opening seminar, Professor Jeffery Sachs (Columbia University) will set out the conceptual framework for the Conversations on Care series by exploring Sustainable Development Goal Five - Gender Equality. The unequal distribution of care work has significant gender implications, erecting a critical barrier to gender equality and women's economic and social empowerment. Building on the SDG framework, the first half of the seminar series will showcase international and macro level perspectives for our Conversations on Care by guest speakers: Dr Katherine Zappone (Former Minister for Children and Youth, Irish Government, Fordham University), Professor Elena Moore (Cape Town University, South Africa), Gary Gillespie (Chief Economist, Scottish Government), Dr Helen Norman (Manchester University), and Professor Kathleen Lynch (University College Dublin). In the second half of the programme, our Conversations on Care will shift to the national Scottish context and micro level experiences of care by inviting guest speakers: Sara Cowan (Scottish Women's Budget Group) Jerome de Heneau (The Open University, United Kingdom), Lynn Williams (Carer in Scotland), Dr Donald MacAskill (Chief Executive Care Scotland), and Jamie Livingstone (Oxfam Scotland).

You are cordially invited to join the upcoming monthly seminars hosted on location at Glasgow Caledonian University. Attendance is free and light refreshments will be served.

PROGRAMME

SEMINAR 1: SGD 5 Gender Equality – The Way Forward?

SPEAKER: Professor Sachs, Columbia University, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia, President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and Chair of the Lancet COVID-19 Commission is a globally renowned economics professor and world leader in sustainable development. Professor Sachs has served as Special Advisor to UN Secretaries General Kofi Annan (2001-7), Ban Ki-moon (2008-16), and António Guterres (2017-18) and as an SDG Advocate for the United Nations on the Sustainable Development Goals.

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DATE: September 27th, 2022 (17:00 – 18:30 BST)

LOCATION: Online

SEMINAR 2. Opportunities and Risks for Practicing a Politics of Care

SPEAKER: Dr Zappone is Visiting Scholar at Fordham University Law School's Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, doing research on how to integrate a gender lens and an ethic of love in the practice of transitional justice, particularly with reference to Ireland's Mother and Baby Homes treatment of women and children. She was a Senator and Minister of the Irish Government. She is a member of the Lancet Covid-19 Commission Taskforce, was a strategic advisor for the UNFPA (2020-2021) and currently advises the Dean for Global Health, Social Justice, and Human Rights at Mount Sinai Hospitals in New York City.

Dr Katherine Zappone will outline Opportunities and Risks for Practicing a Politics of Care, drawing on her experience as an Independent Progressive Minister of Children and Youth, in the Government of Ireland (2016-2020). She will examine how political and legislative work on Ireland's Childcare model demonstrates features of a care economy and the political compromises rendered to make progress.

DATE: October 13th, 2022

LOCATION: Yunus Centre Seminar Room, M303, George Moore Building

SEMINAR 3: Care Regimes in South Africa

SPEAKER: Professor Elena Moore, Cape Town University, South Africa.

Elena's work focuses on the sociology of the family. Her principal research interests lie in the field of personal life, kinship, gender, intergenerational relations, customary law, family law and policy, feminist theories, biographical methods and mixed methods. Elena's work includes projects on intergenerational relationships in South Africa and books on divorce, families and emotion work and customary marriage, divorce and intestate succession. Her most recent edited book (2022) is 'Generation, Gender and Negotiating Custom in South Africa' and her work has also been published in Feminist Economics; The Journal of Family Issues; Gender & Society; Families, Relationships and Societies and The Journal of Southern African Studies.

DATE: November 17th, 2022

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building Room W001

SEMINAR 4: The Well-Being Economy

SPEAKER: Gary Gillespie is the Scottish Government's Chief Economist providing economic advice to the First Minister and the ministerial team. He publishes regular assessments of the state of the economy and analysis of key impacts on changes in the Scottish and UK economies. He frequently participates in economic discussion across Scotland, the UK and internationally. Gary leads engagement on the Wellbeing Economy Government network (instigated in 2018) and seeks to share best practise in delivering international change. Gary joined the civil service in 2000 from the Fraser of Allander Institute (University of Strathclyde). He was made an Honorary Professor at Glasgow Caledonian University in January 2011 and was appointed to the role of Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde in 2015. Gary was appointed a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2017.

Dr. Gillespie will discuss Scotland's vision to be a wellbeing economy by 2032, looking beyond GDP growth and taking a broader social and environmental view of what it means to be a successful country to pursue a fairer, wealthier and greener economy. Wellbeing underpins Scotland's National Performance Framework and central to the journey is tackling inequality and advancing equality for the most disadvantage.

DATE: December 1st, 2022

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building, Room W001

SEMINAR 5: Fatherhood and Care

SPEAKER: Dr Helen Norman, Senior Research Fellow, Leeds University Business School. Helen joined Leeds University Business School in January 2020, previously having worked in Sociology at the University of Manchester as a Research Fellow. Alongside ESRC funded projects, Helen has been involved in international research collaborations and published on the effects of paternal involvement on parental relationships, men and gender equality in family roles and social care jobs; the barriers to quality part-time employment; flexible working; working time; and reconciliation policies to support childcare and eldercare in the UK and across Europe. Helen has also advised the European Commission on gender equality policy as a member of its Expert Network on Employment and Gender Equality (2012-2021) and is on the Department for Business and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) advisory board for their evaluation of Shared Parental Leave (SPL) (2019-), the Working Families academic advisory board (2021-) and is an Associate Editor for Families, Relationships and Societies (2021-).

Dr Norman's lecture will focus on fathers and fatherhood, drawing upon some of her quantitative work that explores how policy regimes, gender role attitudes, socio-demographics, employment hours and other employment related factors affect unpaid work (childcare and housework), work-family reconciliation and the working-time of men and women. In particular, Helen will discuss her ESRC funded cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of the UK's Millennium Cohort Study and what influences paternal involvement in childcare and housework as children age from nine months to eleven years old. She will also discuss her recent ESRC work (2021-2023) that explores whether and how fathers' childcare

involvement affects children's educational attainment as they progress through primary school, using MCS data linked with the National Pupil Database in England.

DATE: December 8th, 2022

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building Room W001

SEMINAR 6: Care and Capitalism

SPEAKER: Professor Kathleen Lynch, is Professor Emerita of Equality Studies at University College Dublin and a Professor in the School for Education. As both an academic and an activist, Kathleen's work is guided by the belief that the purpose of scholarship and research is not just to understand the world but to change it. Kathleen was the primary founder of the UCD Equality Studies Centre in 1990 and the UCD School of Social Justice in 2005, which aimed to create safe academic spaces that would develop emancipatory teaching and research practices. Outside of the university, Kathleen works to challenge inequalities and promote social justice with community groups, non-governmental organisations and statutory bodies, both nationally and internationally.

Professor Kathleen Lynch seminar will draw on her latest book, *Care and Capitalism* (2021) which brings a fresh perspective to the theoretical and empirical discussions on the historical undervaluation of care in policy and discourse. This seminar will focus on her call for a new 'politics of care', politics that include affective justice and based on ethical priorities of care, love, and solidarity.

DATE: January 26th, 2023

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building Room W001

SEMINAR 7: Modelling Adult Social Care Investment for Scotland

SPEAKERS: Sara Cowan, Coordinator of Scottish Women's Budget Group and Jerome de Heneau, The Open University, United Kingdom.

Sara Cowan joined the Scottish Women's Budget Group as Coordinator in September 2020 as the organisation entered a period of development in its 20-year history. The Scottish Women's Budget Group brings together a wide range of women across Scotland who have an interest in women's equality and want to achieve better gender equality in our society. Sara has spent her career working on social justice issues, with 13 years spent in various campaigning roles at Oxfam working on inequality, climate change and humanitarian issues.

Gender budgeting analysis is the focus of this seminar where Sara Cowan and Jerome de Heneau discuss findings from a project by the Scottish Women's Budget Group to model the economic cost of universal and high-quality adult social care investments for Scotland.

DATE: February 23rd, 2023

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building Room W001

SEMINAR 8: Caring for Carers: Perspectives from Carers

SPEAKERS: Lynn Williams, Carer in Scotland and sole unpaid carer for her husband who has a high level spinal injury with complex medical needs and multiple conditions. Lynn is also a carer activist, speaking out and challenging the failure to value and effectively support unpaid care. She has been vocal about current Covid management approaches and the failure to deal with longstanding challenges in social care. She works part time in health and care policy in the charity sector.

This conversation will focus on experiences of unpaid carers and a first-hand perspective by Lynn Williams on institutional response to the daily realities of carers' lives as an indication of how care is valued. Lynn will talk about her caring journey, interactions with public services which are rarely geared up to effectively support people like her husband. She'll talk about current policies such as self-directed support, the planned National Care Service and the need for political and decision making processes to directly involve unpaid carers and disabled people. The conversation will consider why governments are content to rely on unpaid care to fix gaps left by public services.

DATE: March 16, 2023

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building Room W001

SEMINAR 9: A Human Rights Based Approach to Care

SPEAKER: Dr Donald MacAskill, Chief Executive Care Scotland

Dr Donald Macaskill has worked for many years in the health and social care sectors across the United Kingdom. A particular professional focus has been issues related to bereavement, palliative care and individual human rights. Most recently he has acted as a Commissioner on the UK Bereavement Commission. He is the CEO of Scottish Care, the representative body for care providers in the independent sector, namely private, charitable, **and** employee-owned care organisations which includes care home and home care organisations. He serves on a number of Scottish, UK and international charities and boards related to health and social care. He is on the organising panel of the Global Ageing Biennial Conference which is coming to Glasgow in September 2023.

Dr Macaskill's talk will bring a perspective from the care sector and will focus on care and support as a human right and the importance of a human rights-based approach to the provision and receipt of care. He will argue that social care should be recognised as a distinct human right and reflect on the implications of such a position especially for older people care and support, palliative care and bereavement support.

DATE: April 20, 2023

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building Room W001

SEMINAR 10: A Scotland that Cares

SPEAKER: Jamie Livingstone, Head of Oxfam Scotland

Jamie joined Oxfam in 2011 and was appointed Head of Oxfam Scotland in 2013. He was previously a print and broadcast journalist, including Political Correspondent on STV News. In his current role, Jamie leads Oxfam's policy, advocacy, campaigns, and communications in Scotland, working across the organisation's global and Scotland-level priorities. He is a member of the Scottish Government's Expert Advisory Group on reviewing the National Outcomes for Scotland, as well as the Humanitarian Emergency Fund Panel. Jamie is also a Director of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, a fellow of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and plays a leading role within the Disasters Emergency Committee in Scotland.

Oxfam has identified the undervaluation of care as a key driver of poverty globally, and in Scotland. Jamie has played a leading role in developing the "[A Scotland that Cares](#)" campaign for a dedicated new National Outcome to fully value and invest in those experiencing care and all those providing it in Scotland. Jamie brings a campaigning perspective on the importance of placing care at the heart of policy and spending decision-making in Scotland, and the tools that can help secure transformative level change in Scotland.

DATE: May 18, 2023

LOCATION: Annie Lennox Building Room W001