

Fifth Ireland Masterclass in Health Economics

March 18th - 20th 2026

Venue: University of Galway, Ireland

At the Ireland Masterclass in Health Economics, internationally prominent senior researchers share their cutting-edge research with early-career health economists (assistant professors, post-doctoral researchers, and PhD students). The event also includes professional development sessions, such as a “Meet the Editors” event to discuss publication strategies with the editors of health economics journals and “Meet Employers” event to hear about opportunities in industry.

The event is run on a strictly non-profit basis. Generous support from sponsors allows us to cap delegate fees and offer financial support toward registration for a limited number of attendees. Registration fees cover all sessions as well as lunches, tea/coffee during breaks, and a dinner to be held during the week.

Organizers:

- [John Cawley](#), Syracuse University & University of Galway
- [Edel Doherty](#) University of Galway
- [John Mullahy](#), University of Wisconsin & University of Galway
- [Ciaran O’Neill](#), Queens University Belfast & University of Galway

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Faculty:

[Michèle Belot](#) (Cornell University)

[David Bradford](#) (University of Georgia)

[John Cawley](#) (Syracuse University)

[Rena Conti](#) (Boston University)

[Edel Doherty](#) (University of Galway)

[David Grabowski](#) (Harvard University)

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[Ciaran O’Neill](#) (Queens University Belfast)

[Mark Sculpher](#) (University of York)

[David Slusky](#) (University of Kansas)

[Justin Sydnor](#) (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

[Rebecca Thornton](#) (University of Notre Dame)

Wednesday March 18th

- 8.30 – 9.00 Arrival, Registration and Coffee
- 9.00 – 9.15 Welcome: University of Galway Faculty
- 9.15 – 10.15 Michèle Belot (Cornell University) Designing Interventions to Encourage a Healthy Diet - What Do We Know?
- 10.15 – 10.30 Coffee
- 10.30 -11.30 John Cawley (Syracuse University) The Economics of GLP-1 Weight Loss Drugs
- 11.30 – 12.30 David Bradford (University of Georgia) Opioid and Cannabis Policy
- 12.30 – 1.30 Lunch
- 1.30 – 2.30 David Slusky (University of Kansas) Economics of Abortion
- 2.30 – 3.30 David Grabowski (Harvard University) The Economics of Long-Term Care
- 3.30 – 4.00 Coffee
- 4.00 – 4.45 *Meet the editors*
- 4.45 Group Photo
- After 5.00 Informal Pub Outing

Thursday March 19th

- 8.30 – 9.30 Vincent O’Sullivan (University of Limerick) Some new features in Stata
- 9.30 – 10.30 Rebecca Thornton (Notre Dame) Randomized Controlled Experiments
- 10.30 – 11.30 Ciaran O’Neill (Queens University Belfast) Health-Related Quality of Life, its Measurement and Use
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee
- 12.00 – 1.00 Rena Conti (Boston University) The Economics of Biopharmaceutical Markets
- 1.00 – 2.00 Lunch
- 2.00 – 3.00 Mark Sculpher (University of York) Current Issues and Developments in Economic Evaluation and its Use in Policy
- 3.00 - 3.30 Coffee
- 3.30 – 4.15 *HTA panel discussion followed by “meet the employers”*
- 7.30 – 9.30 Masterclass dinner at TBA

Friday March 20th

- 8.30 – 9.30 Edel Doherty (University of Galway) Discrete Choice Experiments in Health Economics
- 9.30 - 10.30 Cormac O’Grada (UCD) Famine
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 – 12.00 Justin Sydnor (University of Wisconsin) What Have We Learned About ‘Consumer-Driven’ Health Insurance?
- 12.00 – 1.00 John Mullahy (University of Wisconsin) Measuring What Matters in Health Economics
- 1.00 – 1.30 Closing remarks
- 1.30 Lunch





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