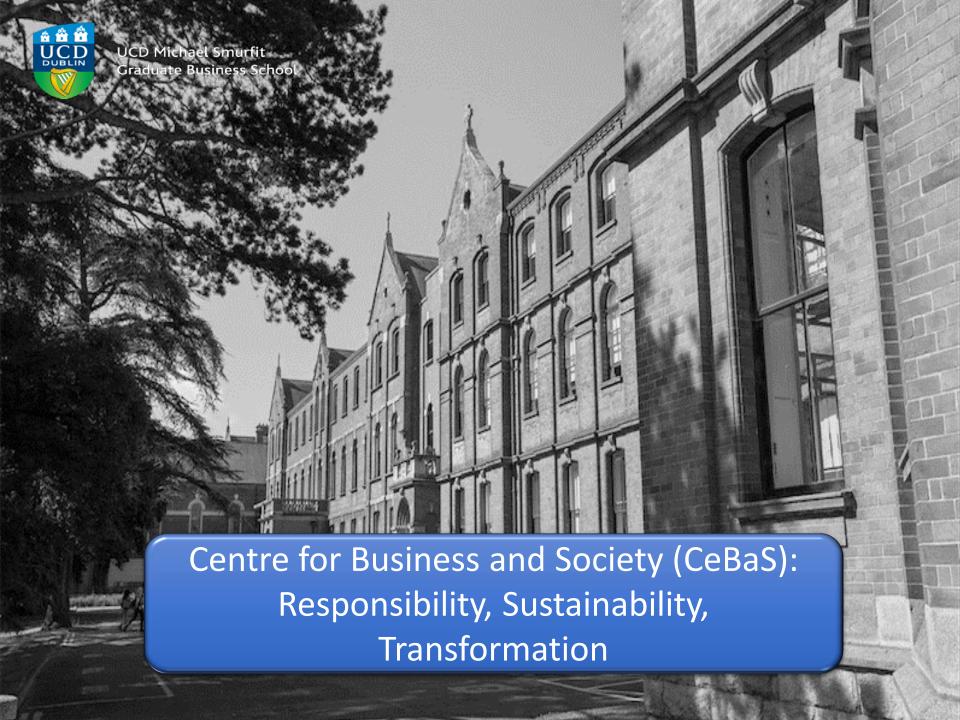
Introduction to BITCI & Centre for Business & Society, UCD (CeBaS) Partnership

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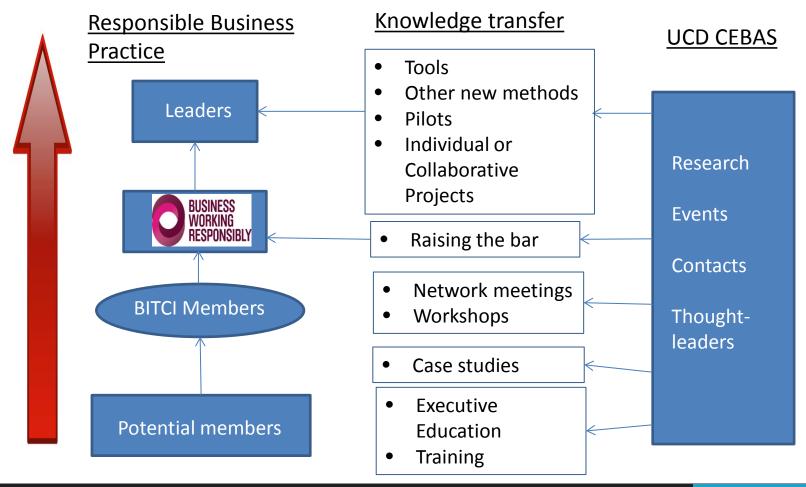
### Centre for Business and Society (CeBaS)

- UCD College of Business
  - 100+ staff
- CebaS 25+ researchers
  - Management
  - Marketing
  - Accounting
  - IR & HR
  - Banking & Finance
  - Management Information Systems
- http://www.smurfitschool.ie/facultyresearch/research expertise/researchgroups/ucdcentreforbusinessandsoc iety/

School	Students
Smurfit Graduate Business School	1,239
Quinn School of Business	2,039
Executive Development	1,500
Centre for Distance Learning	4,460
Total students	9,238



# Business in the Community and UCD CEBAS





### CeBaS – Key people



Prof Andy Prothero Professor, Business & Society



Prof Donna Marshall Professor, Supply Chain Management



Dr Colm McLaughlin Associate Professor, Human Resource Management & Employment Relations



Head of Advisory

Services, BITC



John Curran, Head of Sustainability, Musgrave Group



Carmel McQuaid, Head of Sustainable Business, Marks & Spencer



Eamonn Ryan, TD, Green Party

## Centre for Business and Society (CeBaS)

#### Sustainability

- Innovation
- Marketing
- Supply chains & Logistics
- Environmental Finance
- Consumption
- Environmental psychology
- Business engagement with SDGs

### Gender, Discrimination & Diversity

- Inequality in the workplace
- Racial, sexual and gender identities and discrimination
- Feminism, post-feminism

#### Work

- Human resources
- Worker's rights
- The future of work
- Industrial relations
- Social entrepreneurship
- Sustainable models of business and employment

#### **Africa**

- Business in Africa
- The intersection between business and sustainable development in Africa
- The role of Africa as a global market actor

#### Transparency

- Sustainability Accounting & Reporting
- Corporate, supply chain and country-specific disclosure
- Governance and regulatory environments
- Tax avoidance

#### Health

- Value measurement in health care (costs and health outcomes)
- Process improvement and digital health
- Role of tax policy in addressing the global social and economic challenges of health issues

#### CeBaS Vision & Values

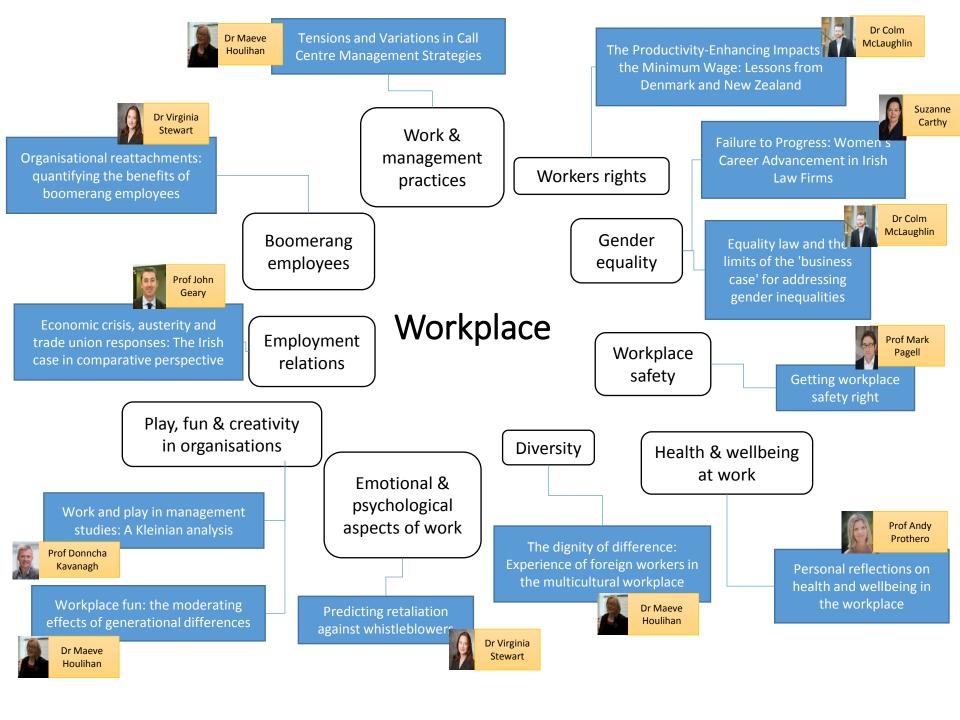
- The UCD Centre for Business and Society (CeBaS) aims to be a globally-recognised inter-disciplinary research centre focusing on all aspects of business and society
- We seek to:
  - celebrate a diversity of research approaches within the business and society field;
  - provide expert knowledge and actively participate in business and society challenges and solutions
  - produce innovative and cutting-edge research;
  - engage with business, government, NGO, consumer and other academic communities to inform responsible business practice as well as to foster inclusion and collaboration;
  - cultivate informed, agile, critical and ethical thinkers and doers, among our students and each other;
  - encourage research that helps to develop responsible business practices and build a better society

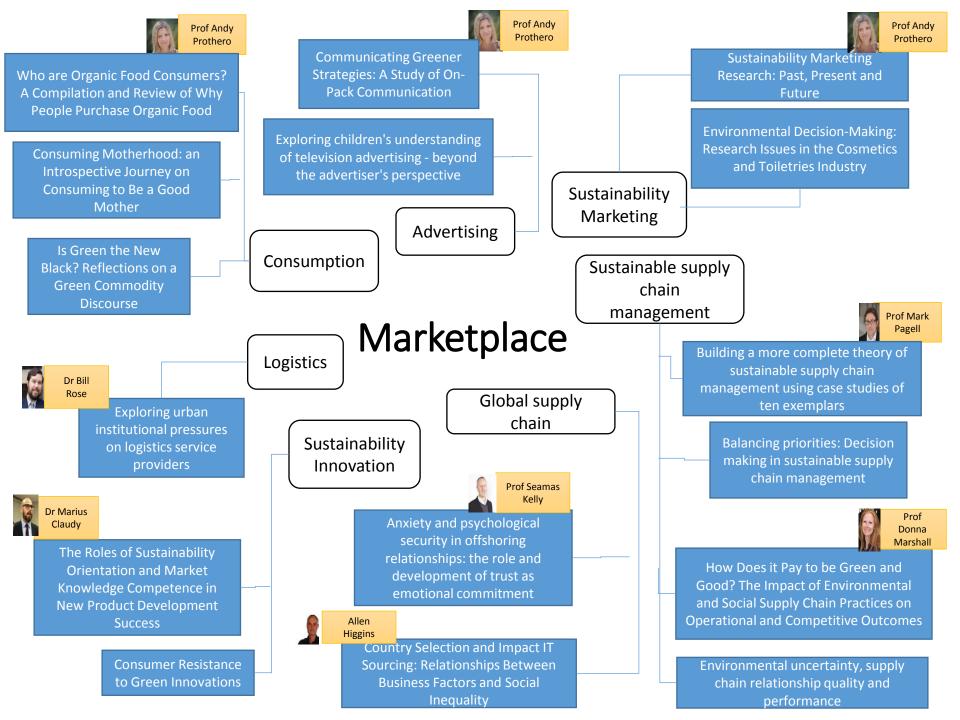


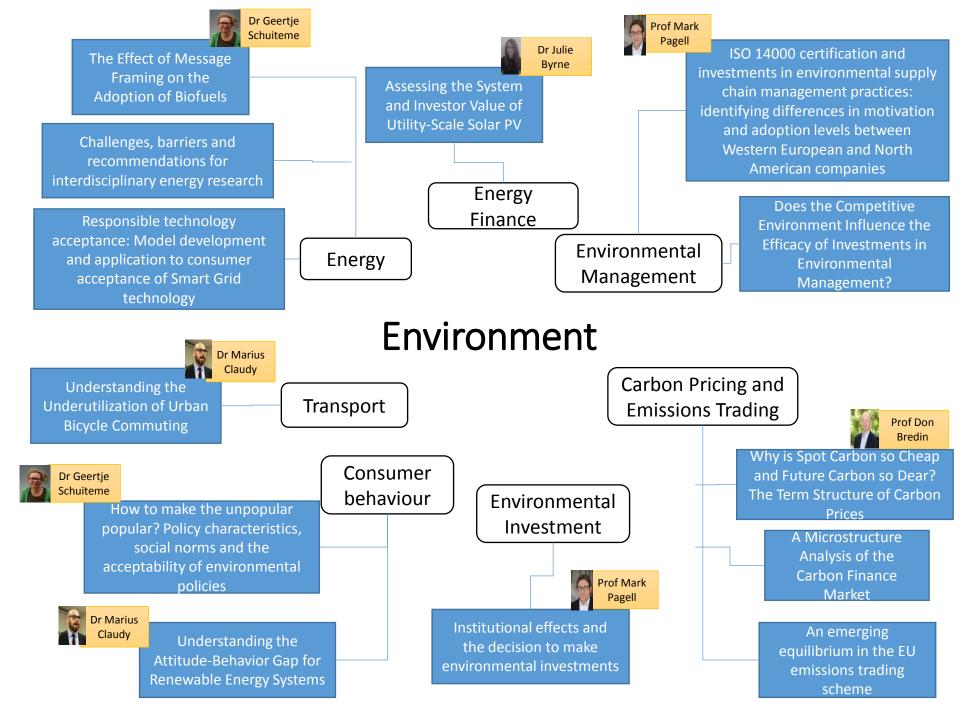
### Collaborative research projects

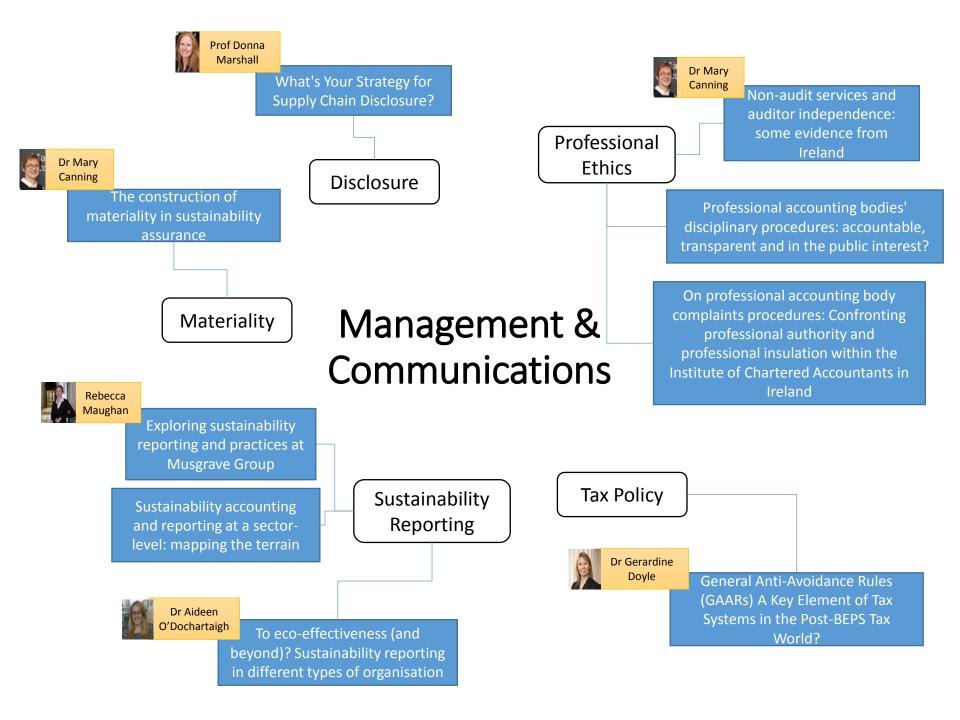
- Bioeconomy bio-based products
  - Interdisciplinary SFI-funded project
  - UCD lead School of Agriculture & CeBaS & other schools
  - €11.5m
- Energy Systems Integration Partnership Programme (ESIPP)
  - Interdisciplinary SFI-funded project
  - UCD lead Earth Institute & College of Business & other schools
  - €11m
- International governance of the financing of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals
  - University of Amsterdam
  - €100k+

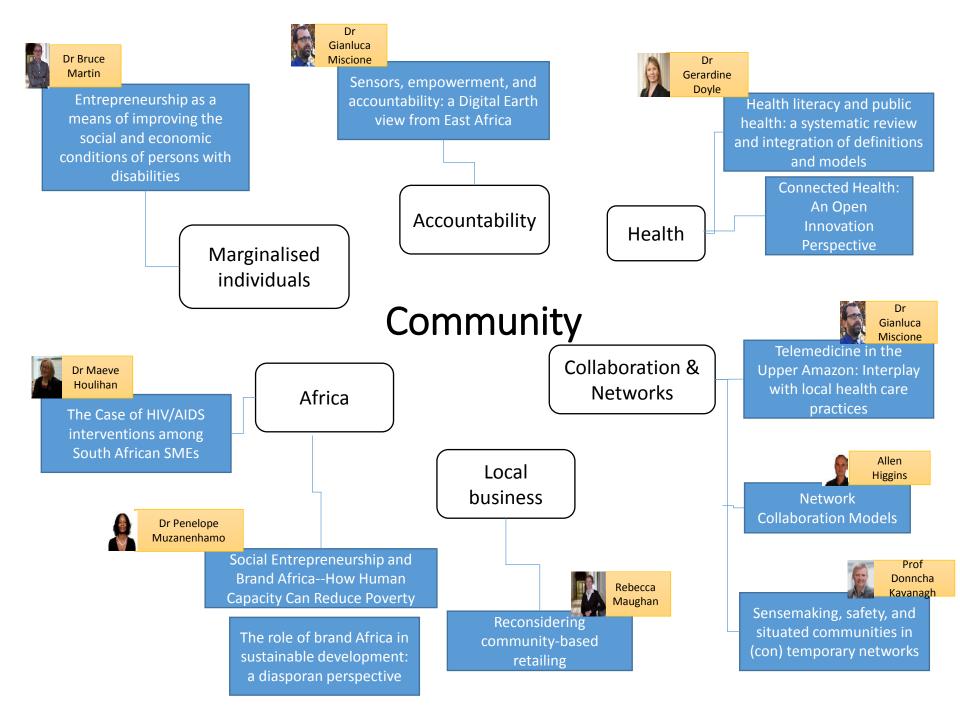












### Examples

#### Workplace:

- Call centre management (Houlihan, 2004) data from four call centres shows that customer service requires emotional labour and discretionary effort characteristic of knowledge work
- Different forms of work organisation (Geary, 1993) two case studies of electronic companies show that workers remain suspicious of, and removed from, management
- Diversity (Houlihan, 2007) interviews with immigrant workers in Ireland suggest that diversity initiatives must be more clearly linked with a notion of dignity
- Workplace safety (Pagell, 2013) case studies show rationale for improving workplace safety
- Lean production and worker health & safety (Pagell, 2013) 10 case studies show how both the social and technical components of lean are required for lean to have positive operational and health and safety impacts

### Examples (2)

#### Marketplace

- Innovation (Claudy, 2016) Data from 300+ international firms showed that sustainability orientation positively influences new product development
- On-pack advertising (Prothero, 1997) analysis of on-pack environmental information shows how packaging can be used to engage consumers with environmental information
- Supply chain management (Marshall, 2015) survey of Irish supply chain managers shows the benefits of engaging with lower tier suppliers and the community surrounding the supply chain
- Green supply chain management (Pagell, 2011) case studies of how exemplars make decisions and balance short and long term objectives
- Outsourcing (Pagell, 2013) survey shows how risk affects outsourcing performance
- Outsourcing (Marshall, 2007) case studies show how companies that developed collaborative relationships with their suppliers achieved higher levels of success with outsourcing

#### Sustainability: Innovation, Transformation, Collaboration

### David Erixon - Head of Digital & Customer Innovation at Ulster Bank:

- Technology is changing at an accelerating pace
- If we can think it we can create it the boundaries are creativity, not technology
- "We are in the business of the unknown, we cannot keep doing what we know and what we've always done"
- Banks are terrible at partnering but this is going to change
- Hitting planetary boundaries need sustainable economies banks are part of this
- "Everyone is striving for independence but the future will be platform economies built on collaboration and interdependence"
- Trends:
  - PSD2 level playing field for banks (<a href="https://www.pwc.ie/industries/banking/psd2-in-ireland.html">https://www.pwc.ie/industries/banking/psd2-in-ireland.html</a>)
  - Swish fintech app in Sweden (<a href="http://bit.ly/2wUvfoT">http://bit.ly/2wUvfoT</a>)
  - Cryptocurrencies



#### Sustainability: Innovation, Transformation, Collaboration

#### Prof. Seamas Kelly - Professor of Organisation, Technology & Society, UCD

- Innovation and transformation are lionised; little critical commentary on the way we talk about tech and change
- We overemphasise the extent to which we think we can control tech outcomes but technology is an emergent phenomenon with unintended consequences
- Need to understand the dynamics and politics of these contexts around technology

### Prof. Donna Marshall, UCD & Matthew Chalkley, Supply Chain Consultant, IBM

- 15 year working relationship
- Advice for IBM on strategies, behaviours and practices to manage diverse, customised relationships in the supply chain
- Non-financial disclosure in the supply chain understanding 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> tier suppliers
- Access to talent, careers fairs
- "Sometimes we get constrained by corporate thinking, we get access to that free thinking and research that we don't get time to do" – Matthew Chalkley
- Credibility within the organisation



### Roundtable discussions

### Questions to discuss

- What has resonated with you? (2mins)
- Given your challenges, what are the potential opportunities?
- How would engagement with CeBaS help your business to innovate?

