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**Foreign language learning and Ireland's 'Languages Connect' strategy:
a symposium on perspectives for higher education**

**Friday, 30th November 2018: 10:30am-5:00pm (Registration from 10am)
Mary Ryan Seminar Room, G27, O'Rahilly Building, UCC**

To register, please email: pmaguire@nui.ie by 21st November 2018.

Session 1: 10:30am – 12:30pm	Session 2: 1:15pm – 3:15pm
<p>Welcome: Professor Patrick O'Shea, President, UCC</p> <p>1. Introduction Dr Maurice Manning, DLitt, MRIA, NUI Chancellor</p> <p>2. Opening lecture on language policy and foreign language skills</p> <p><i>Languages Connect: What does Ireland's first strategy for foreign languages in education mean for the Higher Education sector?</i> Dr Jennifer Bruen, DCU</p> <p>Discussant Dr Clive Earls, Maynooth University.</p> <p>3. Internationalisation, language policy and foreign language skills</p> <p><i>Thoughts on advocacy for modern languages and international education</i> Professor Celeste Kinginger, Pennsylvania State University</p> <p>Discussant Professor Patrick O'Donovan, UCC</p>	<p>4. Language policy and motivation among third-level language learners</p> <p><i>Foreign language motivation in a globalised world: The case of languages other than English (LOTEs)</i> Professor Leigh Oakes, Queen Mary University of London</p> <p>Discussant Dr Rosario Hernández, UCD</p> <p>5. Opportunities and challenges for ab-initio and non-specialist learners</p> <p><i>Shifting language policy into the 21st century: How to innovate, diversify and thrive</i> Professor Lorna Carson, TCD</p> <p>Discussant Dr Susanna Nocchi, DIT</p> <p>6. The bilingual advantage in third language learning?</p> <p><i>Learning French through Irish, advantages, disadvantages, challenges</i> Dr Éamon Ó Cofaigh, NUI Galway</p> <p>Discussant Dr Emma Riordan, UCC</p>
Lunch 12:30-1:15pm	Refreshment break 3:15-3:30pm
Session 3: 3:30pm – 5pm	
<p>7. Implementation, critical thinking and wider skills development</p> <p><i>A modest proposal: Directing ambition in modern language learning at university</i> Professor Mary Gallagher, UCD</p> <p><i>On the opportunities and challenges of implementation: Connecting with 'Languages Connect' in Higher Education</i> Professor Michael Brophy, UCD</p> <p>Discussant Claire McGee, Innovation & Education Policy, Senior Executive, IBEC</p>	
8. Plenary Q&A Chaired by Dr Martin Howard, UCC	Close: Dr Attracta Halpin, NUI Registrar