

## What are Universities for? Exploring Irish university education and the public good

BROADCAST: 11.30am – 1pm on Friday, 8 October 2021

**Chair:** Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, President, National University of Ireland, Galway

**11.30 Opening of Webinar**

Brief welcome by the Chancellor of NUI, **Dr Maurice Manning**.

**11.35 1: The contribution of mass education in Ireland to the public good**

**Presentation:** Dr Ann Averill, 2018-2020 NUI Dr Garret FitzGerald Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Social Sciences

*The Contribution of Mass Higher Education in Ireland to the Public Good: Perceptions within and outside Irish universities*

**Response:** Dr Andrew Loxley, Centre for Cultures and Academic Values (CAVE), Trinity College Dublin

**12.05 2: Student perspectives on the value of university education**

**Presentation:** Rachel Brooks, Professor of Sociology, University of Surrey  
*EuroStudents - Constructing the Higher Education Student: a comparative study of six European countries*

**Response:** Clare Austick, President, the Union of Students in Ireland (USI)

**12.35 3: Panel Discussion chaired by Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh**

Dr Ann Averill, Professor Rachel Brooks, Dr Andrew Loxely, Clare Austick, and Professor Marie Clarke (University College Dublin).