

35th IAFA Annual Conference and Doctoral Colloquium

University of Galway

7-9th June, 2023

The 35th IAFA Annual Conference and Doctoral Colloquium was hosted by University of Galway on 7-9th June 2023. With over 35 doctoral students, 130 delegates and 58 conference papers, this was the largest ever IAFA Doctoral Colloquium and Conference and it showcased the very best of accounting and finance research.

The conference was organised by Dr John Nolan and was opened by Professor Geraint Howells, Executive Dean, College of Business, Public Policy and Law, University of Galway. The main conference was preceded by the Doctoral Colloquium on 7th June 2023, chaired by Professor Joan Ballantine, University of Ulster. This event provided an opportunity for both current and prospective doctoral students to learn more about the research process, research methodologies and publishing academic work. 29 current doctoral students presented their work and received feedback from experienced academics.

The two keynote speakers for the Doctoral Colloquium were;

Professor Lee Parker, Research Professor of Accounting, Glasgow University

Title: *'Managing the Research Writing Process'*

Dr. Andrea Mennicken, Associate Professor of Accounting, Co-Director of CARR, Department of Accounting, London School of Economics

Title: *'The Power of Numbers'*



Pictured L-R: Dr. Michael Hayden, Chairperson IAFA (Maynooth University), Professor Lee Parker (Glasgow University), Professor Joan Ballantine, Doctoral Colloquium Chair, (University of Ulster), Professor Emer Mulligan, Head of Accountancy & Finance (University of Galway), Dr. Andrea Mennicken (London School of Economics), and Dr. John Nolan, IAFA Conference Chair (University of Galway)

During the main conference, 58 research papers were presented across a broad range of topics from corporate governance, accounting education, financial literacy, sustainability reporting, taxation, performance measurement, management control, and much more.

The conference keynote address was given by **Professor Lukas Goretzki, Professor of Management Accounting & Control, Stockholm School of Economics** on the topic of “*Exploring the intricacies of management accountants' identity work*”



Pictured L-R: Professor Emer Mulligan, Head of Accountancy & Finance (University of Galway), Dr. Michael Hayden, Chairperson IAFA (Maynooth University), Professor Lukas Goretzki (Stockholm School of Economics), Dr. John Nolan, IAFA Conference Chair (University of Galway), Professor Breda Sweeney (University of Galway), and Professor Geraint Howells, Executive Dean, College of Business, Public Policy and Law (University of Galway).

The *Meet the Editors* session was another highlight of the conference this year. A panel of editors introduced their publications, gave advice on how to write papers for successful publication, and highlighted common pitfalls to avoid.

The panel (and associated topics) consisted of:

Making a decision on a manuscript and how to navigate revision/rejection

Professor Lee Parker, Research Professor of Accounting, University of Glasgow
Joint founding editor of Accounting Auditing & Accountability Journal (AAAJ)

The challenges of converting a conference paper into a journal paper

Professor Breda Sweeney, Professor of Accounting, University of Galway
Joint editor of Accounting, Finance, and Governance Review (AFGR)

Paper development and the role of mobilizing method theories

Professor Lukas Goretzki, Professor of Management Accounting & Control, Stockholm School of Economics
Editor of Qualitative Research in Accounting & Management (QRAM)

Professor Martin Quinn from Queen's University Belfast was also on hand to launch a special issue for the Accounting, Finance, and Governance Review on "*Systematic literature reviews in Accounting, Finance and Governance*".

The conference dinner took place at the Galmont Hotel on Thursday evening. The Doctoral Colloquium Funding Awards, in association with Chartered Accountants Ireland Educational Trust were presented to:

- Clodagh Hegarty, Ulster University.
- Natasha Caulfield, University of Galway.
- Ziqi Liu, Queen's University Belfast.
- Michael Metzger, University College Dublin.

Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, President of University of Galway, provided the closing address to conference delegates on Friday morning.