Seventh International Conference of the
International Network for the Study of Spirituality (INSS)

**Spirituality, Critical Reflection, and Professional Practice in an Uncertain World**

16-18 May 2023, South East Technological University, Waterford, Ireland

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The South East Technological University (SETU), Waterford, Ireland will be hosting the 2023 Biennial Conference of the International Network for the Study of Spirituality (INSS) in collaboration with INSS, the Spirituality Institute for Research and Education (SpiRE) and the Spirituality in Society and Professions Research Unit (SpirSoP), School of Humanities, SETU.

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 16 May 2023**

From 12 noon  | **Registration and Refreshments**
13:00-13:20  | **Welcome and Introductory Comments**
13:20-14:20  | **Keynote 1: Dr Cheryl Hunt, University of Exeter, UK.**
             | ‘Doing’ Reflective Practice and Understanding Spirituality as a Way of Being: Implications for Professional and Transformative Practice.
14:30-16:15  | **Parallel Sessions (1)**
16:15-16:45  | **Refreshments**
16:45-17:55  | **Parallel Sessions (2)**
18:15-19:15  | **Buffet Meal**
19:30-20:30  | **Public Lecture: Professor Jonathan Wooding, University of Sydney, Australia.**

**Wednesday 17 May 2023**

08:30-08:45  | ‘Spirit Moment’ *(optional)*
09:00-10:00  | **Keynote 2: Prof. John Swinton, University of Aberdeen, UK.**
             | Thickening Spirituality: Finding Depth within the Spirituality and Health Conversation.
10:00-10:30  | **Refreshments**
10:30-12:15  | **Parallel Sessions (3)**
12:15-13:15  **Keynote 3: Dr Niamh Brennan, Independent Scholar and Author, Ireland.**  
*Narrative and the Task of Spirituality. An Investigation of ‘The Universe Story’ and its Urgent Implications for Understanding and Practising Spirituality.*

13:15-14:15  Lunch
14:15-15:30  Parallel Sessions (4)
15:30-15:45  **Refreshments and move to the Atrium in the Tourism and Leisure Building**
15:45-16:45  Poster Session
15:45  **Journal for the Study of Spirituality (JSS) Editorial Board Meeting (closed session)**
15:45  Spirituality Scholars Network (SSN) Meeting – All Welcome
16:45-17:30  **Drinks Reception sponsored by the Journal for the Study of Spirituality – All Welcome**
17:30  **Bus to Tower Hotel**
19:30  **Conference Dinner (optional) in Tower Hotel**

**Thursday 18 May 2023**
08:30-08:45  ‘Spirit Moment’ *(optional)*
09:00-10:00  **Keynote 4: Dr Michael O’Sullivan, South East Technological University, Waterford, Ireland.**  
*Authentic Subjectivity and Spirituality in the University.*
10:00-11:45  Parallel Sessions (5)
11:45-12:15  **Refreshments**
12:15-12:45  **INSS Annual General Meeting (Everyone welcome to attend)**
12:45-14:00  Lunch
14:00-15:15  Parallel Sessions (6)
15:20-16:00  Closing Plenary
16:00  **Depart**

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