

**Can Social Investment save Social Europe?**

**Special Seminar hosted by the**

**Department of Sociology/ NIRSA**

**Political Economy and Work Cluster - New Deals in the New Economy**

9.30-13.30, Thursday 29th May 2014

Phoenix Building, North Campus, NUI Maynooth

Keynotes: Prof Anton Hemerijck, VU University Amsterdam and Prof Brian Nolan, UCD

Roundtable Discussion: Rossella Ciccia (NUIM), Tom Healy (NERI), Mary Murphy (NUIM), Rory O’Donnell (NESC)



 ‘Social Investment’ focuses on investing in people’s skills and capacities and supporting them to participate fully in employment and social life (EU Commission). Does ‘social investment’ lead to a renewal or an erosion of the welfare state? Will ‘social investment’ support economic and social recovery? Join us for a discussion with leading figures in the debate.

At 13:30 Joan Burton, Minister for Social Protection will launch a new NUIM MA Sociology*: Work, Labour Markets and Employment* (MAWLE).

(To commence September 2014 subject to approval of the Academic Council)

**Please register for seminar by emailing** **newdeals@nuim.ie** **before May 26th, 2014**

Details of transport available at: <https://www.nuim.ie/location>

**Schedule of Events**

**9.30       Registration/ Coffee**

**10.00-11.40 Keynote Presentations**

“Affordable Social Investment after the Crisis: A Reply to Critics”
Prof. Anton Hemerijck, VU University Amsterdam

"What Use is 'Social Investment'?"
Professor Brian Nolan, UCD

Discussion, chaired by Prof. Seán Ó Riain, NUI Maynooth

 **11.40     Coffee**

**12.00-1.15     Panel Discussion and Conclusion**

Dr. Rossella Ciccia, NUI Maynooth
Dr. Tom Healy, Nevin Institute
Prof. Rory O’Donnell, NESC

Chaired by Dr. Mary Murphy, NUI Maynooth

 **1.30       Launch**

Minister Joan Burton, Minister for Social Protection, launches the Department of Sociology’s ***MA in Sociology: Work, Labour Markets and Employment***