



Professional Certificate Digital Policy

A Microsoft-UCD Digital Policy programme with the goal of building digital policy training in Ireland & Europe.

Monday 12th – Friday 16th December 2022 | Online

The Professional Certificate in Digital Policy is designed to prepare graduates for careers in evaluating, implementing, and studying core topical, theoretical and awareness of methodological issues that arise in digital policy today. The course will take a multi-disciplinary approach to investigating the institutional and public policy dimensions of the prevalence of digital technology, as well as the underlying social conditions (economic, political and cultural) and public/private sector contexts that give rise to such technologies and their governance. Content will include lectures and hands-on workshops by academics, digital industries representatives, government representatives and civil society.

PROGRAMME

Monday, 12 December

What is Digital Policy - EU considerations

- 10:00** Welcome to workshop
Assistant Professor Elizabeth Farries ([bio](#))
Co-Director, UCD Centre for Digital Policy

- 10:30** Identifying intervention moments in digital regulatory cycles
Assistant Professor Elizabeth Farries ([bio](#))
Co-Director, UCD Centre for Digital Policy

- 13:00** Lunch Break

- 14:00 -16:00** Foundational analysis of regulatory tools and the policy making cycle
Colin Scott ([bio](#))
Professor of EU Regulation and Governance, UCD Sutherland School of Law; Principal, UCD College of Social Sciences and Law

Tuesday, 13 December

Developing policies, protections and standards in the digital age: politics, governance and research

- 10:30** Where digital policy and digital politics collide
Ciarán Conlon
Government Affairs Director, Microsoft

- 13:00** Lunch Break

- 14:00 -16:00** IO research and policymaking
Assistant Professor Marco Bastos ([bio](#))
Executive, UCD Centre for Digital Policy

Wednesday, 14 December

Platform governance and digital infrastructures

- 10:30** Platform governance
Professor Eugenia Siapera ([bio](#))
Co-Director, UCD Centre for Digital Policy

- 13:00** Lunch Break

- 14:00 -16:00** Digital infrastructures, supply chains, and the environment
Assistant Professor Patrick Brodie ([bio](#))
Ad Astra Fellow, ICS

Thursday, 15 December

Regulatory futures in AI and disinformation

- 10:30** The EU AI Act and the future of AI policy
Assistant Professor James Steinhoff ([bio](#))
Ad Astra Fellow, ICS

- 13:00** Lunch Break

- 14:00 -16:00** Misinformation, disinformation and malinformation: Challenges and responses
Assistant Professor Brendan Spillane ([bio](#)) UCD ICS, Principal Investigator of the Horizon Europe VIGILANT project and a researcher in the SFI ADAPT Centre

Friday, 16 December

Reviewing course themes

- 10:00** Assessment review
Assistant Professor Elizabeth Farries ([bio](#))
Co-Director, UCD Centre for Digital Policy

- 10:30 -11.15** Concluding course themes | Closing remarks
Assistant Professor Elizabeth Farries ([bio](#))
Co-Director, UCD Centre for Digital Policy

