

**Reimagining Humanitarianism in the Age of Global Solidarity:**

***Interrogating power structures in aid and multilateral institutions***

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Dr Chris O'Connell is a Postdoctoral CAROLINE Fellow with Dublin City University and Anti-Slavery International in London. His current research focuses on the relationship between climate change and contemporary forms of slavery in Peru and Bolivia. In particular, this project examines the response by both the state and civil society to these issues, and the influence of the prevailing political economy on the nature of the response. This research has received funding from the Irish Research Council and from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 713279.

Chris's research interests centre on alternative and sustainable models of development, and their political realisation. Chris holds a PhD in Political Science from Dublin City University, wherein he analysed the influence of civil society on policy switching by leftist presidents in Latin America. His doctoral research examined socio-environmental conflicts and policy implementation relating to resource extraction and food production, topics on which Chris has published. Other research interests include the political economy of development in Latin America and the politics of 'post-neoliberalism', human and environmental rights, and the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030.

Chris has delivered modules on Latin American politics at DCU, along with sessions on international relations and human rights. He is an experienced development education facilitator, and he has also published on this topic. He believes in active, participant-centred learning to promote critical engagement with accepted global wisdoms.

Prior to his doctoral studies, Chris spent a decade as an international educator at third-level, much of it in Latin America. Chris has also worked in the NGO sector, and holds a Masters in Development from DCU. He holds a degree in Law from University College Cork, and practiced for a number of years as a litigation solicitor.

***Hear Chris discuss what global solidarity means to him at the Climate Crisis session from 3.15 – 4.15pm on Thursday 8 July.***