

**Reimagining Humanitarianism in the Age of Global Solidarity:
*Interrogating power structures in aid and multilateral institutions***

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Dr Su-Ming Khoo is a lecturer at NUI Galway's [School of Political Science & Sociology](#). Her research and teaching promote knowledge and enquiry concerning different meanings of globalization and development and the contestation of those meanings along North/South lines. It addresses the challenge of development after 'post-development' and from the perspective of human rights. Her research and course material engages with development theory and political economy of development, with an emphasis on alternative approaches including human development, human rights and sustainable development.

Dr Khoo has a strong research interest in, and commitment, to public scholarship, critical higher education studies, higher education for development and global educational ethics. From 2019-2022, she is a Principal Investigator on IRC-COALESCE BCAUSE project: Building Collaborative Approaches to University Strategies against Exclusion in Ireland and Africa: pedagogies for quality Higher Education and inclusive global citizenship. From 2005-2009, she was the Project Leader of the Development Education and Research Network, which worked to sustainably mainstream development education in higher education through professional disciplines such as nursing, medicine, engineering, and human rights.

As Vice-Dean for Internationalization in the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies, she seeks to advance research-informed responsible or ethical internationalization and engagement with international development and human rights, and the promotion of academic and educational values.

She is strongly an inter-and trans-disciplinary scholar, with a particular interest in bridging the fields of human rights, development, and education, addressing issues of active citizenship, cultural difference, decolonization, ecology, democratization of knowledge and advocacy and activism, with a focus on humanistic and ecological development alternatives. She works collaboratively through the Centre for Environment, Development and Sustainability (CEDS) which brings the Sustainable Development and Governance Research Cluster in the School of Political Science and Sociology, together with researchers in Geography, Economics, and other Humanities disciplines.

Listen to Dr. Khoo speak about what global solidarity means to her at the Human Rights session from 12.10 – 1.10pm (GMT+1) on Thursday 8 July.