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## Biography

Dr Philip McDermott is a senior lecturer in Sociology within the School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences. In Sociology he teaches modules on Media Sociology, Research Methods and Irish Society.

Philip's research is concerned with the broad field of cultural identity and heritage. His work focuses specifically on the relationship between the state and the heritage of minority groups – especially linguistic and migrant minorities.

One key strand of Philip's work is in the area of language policy and planning for (and by) migrant communities. He has a specific interest in the perception of migrant languages in public places, the ways that government and communities deal with such linguistic diversity and the manner in which multilingualism and bilingualism are dealt with in policy contexts. In 2011 Philip published a book on these research themes and his work has also appeared in international journals such as English Today, Current Issues in Language Planning, Identities, Ethnicities, and Ethnopolitics. In 2019 he co-edited an edition of the Anthropological Journal of European Cultures on Linguistic Identities in 21st Century Europe - <https://doi.org/10.3167/ajec.2019.280205> (With Dr Sarah McMonagle, Hamburg).

A second element of Philip's research relates to concepts of heritage and identity in diverse settings. He has published on the political dynamics of Derry's year as UK City of Culture (with NicCraith and Strani, Heriot Watt) and also on the context of heritage and migration in Northern Ireland. Recently he was the PI on an AHRC/Living Legacies sponsored project on the dynamics of commemorating WWI amongst migrant communities living in Northern Ireland. He also was part of an ERASMUS Plus Programme (Youth Work and You) which developed online tools for Youth Workers relating to identity in diverse settings with Dr Breda Friel (Ulster PI).

Philip has received funding from sources such as the British Academy, the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the National Trust and the Department for International Development to support his research. From 2015-16 he was the holder of a prestigious Charlemont Scholarship from the Royal Irish Academy. In addition, Philip has also acted as an independent research expert for the European Commission. He continues to work closely with a number of NGOs representing ethnic minority communities in Northern Ireland.

## Qualifications

PhD  
Award Date: 10 Dec 2008  
Master  
Bachelor

## Employment

### Senior Lecturer

Senior Lecturer  
School of Applied Social and Policy Sc.  
Vice-Chancellor's Office  
1 Aug 2017 → present

### Senior Lecturer

Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences  
Vice-Chancellor's Office  
1 Aug 2017 → present

### Independent Expert

European Commission  
Belgium  
1 Jun 2017 → present

## Research outputs

### **Cultural Heritage across European Borders Bridges or Walls?**

McDermott, P. & McDowell, S., 1 Apr 2021, (Accepted/In press) In: *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*. 30, 1, p. 96-103 p.

### **Dealing with the Legacy of Conflict in Northern Ireland through Engagement and Dialogue**

Lundy, P. (ed.), Gilmartin, N. (ed.), McDermott, P. (ed.), Finegan, R. (ed.) & Murphy, R. (ed.), 21 Mar 2021, 254 p.

### **Migration and the Making of a Diverse City**

McDermott, P., Ó Ciardha, É. (ed.) & Kelly, W. P., 1 Jan 2021, Derry: Guildhall Press. 18 p.

### **Language, Power and Identity Politics: Continuing Challenges for Today's Europe**

McDermott, P., 1 Dec 2020, *Per Scribendum, Sumus: Ethnopoiesis, Or: Writing Heritage*. Vienna, p. 51-9 p.

### **Per Scribendum, Sumus: Ethnopoiesis, Or: Writing Heritage**

Kockel, U. (ed.), McDermott, P. (ed.) & Campbell, L. (ed.), 1 Dec 2020, Vienna: LIT Verlag. 261 p.

### **Writing Heritage, Anthropologically**

Kockel, U., McDermott, P. & Campbell, L., 1 Dec 2020, *Per Scribendum, Sumus: Ethnopoiesis, Or: Writing Heritage*. Vienna, p. 1-8 p.

### **Local Public Service Media in Northern Ireland: the merit goods argument**

Ramsey, P. & McDermott, P., 27 Apr 2020, *Routledge Companion to Local Media and Journalism*. Gulyas, A. & Baines, D. (eds.). Routledge, p. 448-456-9 p.

### **Language and a Continent in Flux: Twenty-First Century Tensions of Inclusion and Exclusion**

McDermott, P. & McMonagle, S., 1 Sep 2019, In: *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*. 28, 2, p. 66-71-6 p.

### **Linguistic Identities in 21st Century Europe: Edited Forum in Anthropological Journal of European Cultures**

McDermott, P. (ed.) & McMonagle, S. (ed.), 1 Sep 2019, 42 p. Berghahn Books.

### **Youth Work in Diverse Societies: introduction**

Friel, B. & McDermott, P., 1 Sep 2019, 15 p.

### **Youth Work in Diverse Societies: Skills and Self-Awareness for Youth Work Practice in a Diverse Society**

Friel, B. & McDermott, P., 1 Sep 2019, 15 p.

### **Youth Work in Diverse Societies: Diversity in Practice**

Friel, B. & McDermott, P., 1 Sep 2019, 15 p.

### **From ridicule to legitimacy? 'Contested languages' and devolved language planning**

McDermott, P., 30 Apr 2019, In: *Current Issues in Language Planning*. 20, 2, p. 121-139-19 p.

### **Linguistic Recognition in Deeply Divided Societies: Antagonism or Reconciliation?**

McDermott, P. & Nic Craith, M., 2019, *The Palgrave Handbook of Minority Languages and Communities*. Hogan-Brun, G. & O'Rourke, B. (eds.). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 159-179-21 p.

### **Migrants and the Heritage Sector: Issues of Recognition, Access and Representation**

Mc Dermott, P., 15 Aug 2018, *Heritage After Conflict: Northern Ireland*. Croke, E. & Maguire, T. (eds.). Routledge, p. 1-20

**Diverse Perspectives on a Global Conflict: Migrant Voices and Living Legacies of World War One**  
Mc Dermott, P., 25 Mar 2018

**Shared Stories, Safe Spaces**

Friel, B. & McDermott, P., 2018, Derry : North West Migrants Forum. 21 p.

**Language rights and the Council of Europe: A failed response to a multilingual continent?**

Mc Dermott, P., 1 Oct 2017, In: *Ethnicities*. 17, 5, p. 603-626 24 p.

**Social Innovation in Community Development**

Mc Dermott, P. & Seenoi-Bar, L., 2017, (Accepted/In press) *Social Innovation in Ireland: Challenges and Prospects*. Dublin: Glasnevin Publishers, p. 86-94

**Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in an Already Divided Society**

McDermott, P., 2016, *Politics of Identity in Post-Conflict States: The Bosnian and Irish Experience*. London: Routledge, p. 207-222

**Attitudes towards minority ethnic people and migrant workers 2014**

McDermott, P., Nov 2015, Access Research Knowledge. 4 p.

**Fundamental Issues in Evaluation and Research in Violently Divided Societies: An Analysis of the Literature**

McDermott, P., Yousuf, Z., Strecker, J. & Mendez, E., 2015, *Evaluation in the Extreme: Research, Impact and Politics in Violently Divided Societies*. New Delhi: SAGE Publications, p. 33-88

**Public space, collective memory and intercultural dialogue in a (UK) city of culture**

McDermott, P., Nic Craith, M. & Strani, K., 2015, In: *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. Online

**Transitional Politics and Language Rights in a Multi-ethnic Northern Ireland: Towards a True Linguistic Pluralism?**

McMonagle, S. & McDermott, P., 30 Jun 2014, In: *Ethnopolitics*. 13, 3, p. 245-266 22 p.

**Research Update 95: Intolerance towards minority ethnic communities: An overview of responses 2005-2013**

McDermott, P., 2014, Access Research Knowledge. 4 p.

**A 'Shared Society'? Attitudes on immigration and diversity (Research Update 86)**

McDermott, P., Nov 2013, Access Research Knowledge. 4 p.

**Cohesion, sharing and integration? Migrant languages and cultural spaces in Northern Ireland's urban environment**

McDermott, P., 2012, In: *Current Issues in Language Planning*. 13, 3, p. 187-205

**Book Review: Language and conflict in Northern Ireland and Canada: a silent war by Janet Muller (Palgrave).**

McDermott, P., 2011, In: *Current Issues in Language Planning*. 12, 3, p. 427-430

**'Irish isn't spoken here?' Language policy and planning in Ireland**

McDermott, P., 2011, In: *English Today*. 27, 2, p. 25-31

**Migrant Languages in the Public Space: A Case Study from Northern Ireland**

McDermott, P., 2011, Muenster: LIT Verlag. 304 p.

**Negotiating Belonging: Discourse on Culture and Language for Migrants from the Global South**

McDermott, P. & Odhiambo, E., 2010, In: *Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review*. 11, p. 112-119

### **Voices From the Global South**

Odhiambo, E. & McDermott, P., 2010, Centre for Global Education. 56 p.

### **Acquisition, Loss or Multilingualism? Educational Planning for Speakers of Migrant Community Languages in Northern Ireland**

Mc Dermott, P., 2008, In: *Current Issues in Language Planning*. 9, 4, p. 483-500

### **Towards Linguistic Diversity? Community Languages in Northern Ireland**

McDermott, P., 2008, In: *Shared Space: A research journal on peace, conflict and community relations in Northern Ireland*. 5, p. 5-20

### **Broadcasting for Minorities: The Case of the Celtic Languages**

McDermott, P., 2007, *Language, Power and Identity Politics*. Nic Craith, M. (ed.). Palgrave Macmillan, p. 101-122

### **Oral Histories of Irish Heritage at the 2007 Smithsonian Folklife Festival**

McDermott, P., 2007

### **Supporting Linguistic Diversity in the United Kingdom: The Case of Northern Ireland**

McDermott, P., 2007, *Multiculturalism at the Start of the 21st Century: The British-Polish Experience*. Kujawinska-Courtney, K. & Lukowska, M. (eds.). Wydawnictwo UŁ, p. 97-105

## **Activities**

### **Multilingualism in the UK in the Post-Brexit Climate**

Philip Mc Dermott (Speaker)

3 Feb 2021

### **Irish Journal of Sociology (Journal)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Editor)

1 Nov 2020

### **Grant peer reviewer**

Philip Mc Dermott (Other)

3 Jun 2020

### **European Commission (External organisation)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Member)

31 Mar 2020 → 3 Jun 2020

### **Sociological Association of Ireland (External organisation)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Member)

1 Jan 2020

### **Migrant Languages in the Public Space**

Philip Mc Dermott (Speaker)

30 Nov 2019

### **International Heritage Law, Migration and Belonging**

Philip Mc Dermott (Speaker)

25 Oct 2019

**Irish Humanities Alliance Annual Conference**

Philip Mc Dermott (Participant)  
25 Oct 2019

**Ministry of Science and Higher Education Poland (External organisation)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Member)  
1 Sep 2019 → ...

**Routledge (Publisher)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Reviewer)  
22 Mar 2019

**Anthropological Journal of European Cultures (Journal)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Reviewer)  
2019

**Association of Critical Heritage Studies (External organisation)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Member)  
1 Oct 2018

**Migrant Voices and Living Legacies of World War One**

Philip Mc Dermott (Participant)  
Aug 2018 → ...

**European Commission (External organisation)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Member)  
28 Jun 2018

**Tallinn University**

Philip Mc Dermott (Visiting researcher)  
8 Jun 2018 → 16 Jun 2018

**Youth Work and the Social Sciences in a Diverse Society**

Philip Mc Dermott (Speaker) & Breda Friel (Speaker)  
4 Jun 2018

**Humak University of Applied Sciences**

Philip Mc Dermott (Visiting researcher)  
18 Feb 2018 → 25 Feb 2018

**Multilingualism for Wellbeing**

Philip Mc Dermott (Speaker)  
19 Oct 2017

**Anthropological Journal of European Cultures (Journal)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Editor)  
1 Oct 2017

**De Gruyter Mouton (Publisher)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Reviewer)  
27 Sep 2017

**Language policy, multilingualism and wellbeing**

Philip Mc Dermott (Speaker)  
6 Jul 2017

**Palgrave Macmillan (Publisher)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Reviewer)  
2 Jul 2017

**Heriot-Watt University**

Philip Mc Dermott (Visiting researcher)  
11 May 2015 → 22 May 2015

**Berghahn Books (Publisher)**

Philip Mc Dermott (Reviewer)  
3 Apr 2014

**Prizes****Charlemont Scholar Royal Irish Academy 2014-2015**

Mc Dermott, Philip (Recipient), 19 Feb 2015

**Legal Island Diversity Champion - Education Sector**

Mc Dermott, Philip (Recipient), 23 Mar 2018

**Awards****Museums, Crisis and Covid-19: Vitality and Vulnerabilities**

Maguire, T., Crooke, E., Friel, B., Mc Dermott, P., Jackson, H. & Hook, A.  
1/12/20 → 31/05/22