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# Background

 Research-creation (Loveless 2019) & 'limitative' and 'enabling' constraints (Manning & Massumi, 2014)

Image: Augustine O'Donoghue and her work *Artwork in Anticipation of Door-knocking Politicians*, 2024

Academic researchers	Artists
5 people	7 people
Full time	0.6 FTE
4 year contracts(ish)	One year engagements
(plus the PI)	



### Spatial constraints

• The neoliberal university and the demand for interdisciplinarity alongside the simultaneous sidelining of certain ways of knowing (Gill, 2009; Breeze et al., 2019; Troiani & Dutson, 2021)

Division/institutional walls (Ahmed, 2017. In Breeze et al., 2019), negotiation of multiple spatial

scales (Moreton, 2021)













# Spatial constraints



Denmark

Germany

Poland

Austria

Dublin



Kazakhstan



Mongolia



Social Sciences



Sea of

Okhotsk

# Temporal constraints

"real collaboration [between artists and academics, academics and activists, artists and activists]...takes a lot of time" (Stoecker, 1999: 845. Q in Pfoser & de Jong, 2021)

'fast' academia / acceleration (Gill, 2009 building on Thrift, 2000; Hawkins, 2019)









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AB Alex B	*	×	×	<b>/</b>
F Fiadh	•	×	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>
SM Sam Mutter	*	×	×	×
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# EVICTION NATION

Evictions in Ireland from 2015 to 2024





The 'finished resource' – CATU's Eviction Nation Report and Top Evictors website.

Check out the website and download the report at topevictors.ie

Notes on Doormats, Samuel Mutter in response to Augustine O'Donoghue >



^Zine creation a collaboration between Mel, Sam and Danielle (part of a Dublin Fringe show premiering in September)



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Augustine O'Donoghue and her work Artwork in Anticipation of Door-knocking Politicians, 2024

### Concluding

- What are the possibilities of institutionally planned and funded creativity within the university?
- How is it possible to conduct socially engaged research creation that subverts/challenges the parameters imposed by the neoliberal university, if at all?
- And, how is it possible to avoid co-potation within the structure of the (neoliberal) university?
- Is it possible to engage in non-extractive research creation collaborations in a year long timescale?

'politics of resourcefulness' (Derickson & Routledge, 2015)

Idea of tactical vs. Strategic moves/dangers of co-option (Pfoser & de Jong, 2020; Bill, 2017)









# Thank you!

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