

DATA STORIES CIG 2026 CALL FOR PAPERS (1/2)

GEOGRAPHERS IN THE POLICY ARENA: BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING

Submission Guidelines: Please submit abstracts (no more than 250 words) for this session to Juliette Davret (juliette.davret@mu.ie) by 15 March. We will alert you on the outcome of your abstract by 20 March to give you sufficient time to upload your abstract to the CIG portal before it closes on 27th March.

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Conference Details: Conference of Irish Geographers, University College Cork, 6th - 8th May 2026.

Read the full CFP on the Data Stories project blog:

<https://datastories.maynoothuniversity.ie/>



[Image – Data City Dublin, 3D Printed model of Dublin with projected data overlays]

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Institutional barriers and facilitators to evidence uptake in policymaking
2. Increased role of consultants in policymaking
3. The evolution of GIS from data visualisation tools to strategic policy design instruments
4. Challenges around what does and does not qualify as evidence for policymaking
5. Participatory approaches to geographic knowledge production
6. The use of emerging technologies (e.g. AI-enhanced spatial analytics) in reshaping the evidence base available to policymakers.