

# ICLO-NLS Open Event: “States of Segregation”

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Saturday 19th January 2019 / 10am to 2pm / PSI, Grantham St., D8

Fee: 10e / Booking: [register@iclo-nls.org](mailto:register@iclo-nls.org)

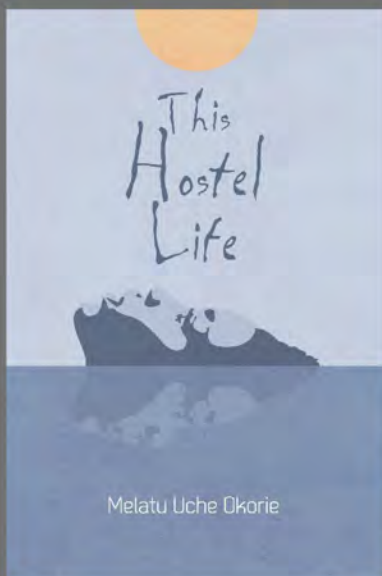
ICLO-NLS is delighted to welcome **Dr Gloria Kirwan**, **Dr Fiona O'Reilly** and **Melatu Uche Okorie** to States of Segregation, a conversation with Susan **McFeely**, **Rik Loose** and **Linda Clarke** (ICLO-NLS) on segregation in contemporary times.

Dr **Gloria Kirwan** is a Lecturer in Social Work in the Dept of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University. In addition to her social work qualifications, Gloria also holds law degrees at primary and masters level. Her research interests are strongly influenced by the combination of her previous work experience in mental health, child welfare and community development alongside her commitment to promoting human rights and the participation of people in decisions that affect their lives.

Dr **Fiona O'Reilly** is General Manager of Safetynet Primary Care which is a medical charity that delivers quality care to those marginalized in society without access to healthcare, including homeless people, drug users and migrants. Fiona's work has involved health care delivery, design, management, review and evaluation. She established and managed programmes in war torn countries (e.g. Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia) and conducted evaluations in Afghanistan, Zambia and Kenya. Closer to home Fiona has a particular interest in the effect of social deprivation on health and has led and participated in many research studies including “Homelessness: An Unhealthy State”.

**Melatu-Uche Okorie** was born in Enugu, Nigeria and has been living in Ireland for twelve years. She has an M.Phil in creative writing from Trinity College, Dublin. Her work has been published in Dublin: Ten Journeys One Destination, Alms on the Highway (New Writing from the Oscar Wilde Centre), LIT Journal, College Green Magazine. Her debut collection, This Hostel Life, was published in May, 2018. She is currently working on a novel.

## STATES OF SEGREGATION



ICLO-NLS is delighted to welcome Melatu Uche Okorie a Nigerian born writer living in Ireland who will read from her debut novel *This Hostel Life*. Melatu tells stories of migrant women living in direct provision, speaking truths that Ireland would rather pretend to not already know. A conversation will follow the reading.

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The term segregation designates the action or state of setting someone or something apart from others. The Latin root of the word literally means “separated from the flock”, whilst the reference to the religious notion of segregating implies separating the flock of the godly from the sinners. In a modern social context, it can be understood as, to force or enforce separation and exclusion. Already in 1968 segregation was a concern for Lacan as then he predicted its increase and would have considered this increase detrimental to the aims of psychoanalytic discourse and treatment. Segregation has materialised exponentially in recent times and thus is a real concern for psychoanalysis in the Lacanian orientation today.

We could say that segregation is now part of everyday life. One only has to open a newspaper, turn on the TV, scroll down your mobile phone to see it instantly displayed. A familiar type of segregation is manifested by the exclusion of a social group that does not enjoy itself in the same way as the dominant group and is therefore excluded. Here we can think of racism, migrants in direct provision, mental health, the homeless and so forth. Another type of segregation concerns an internal exclusion, for example, when one group insists on a way of enjoying that is inconsistent with the dominant way of enjoying. In both cases the one who initiates segregation claims that his way of enjoying is the superior way and, on this basis, seeks separation from the others. In both cases segregation is defined by the band of ‘small differences’ which can lead to identifications on the basis of perceived “similarity”.

Analytic discourse aims at something else. Precisely because it objects to segregation as an effect of grouping or being grouped together on the basis of sameness, it aims not at a universal that is always related to the particular as demonstrated by the group that brings individuals in their particularity together, but, instead it aims at each subject which makes a place for the singularity of all of them within the logic of the not-all.

ICLO-NLS would like to invite you to States of Segregation, a conversation with Susan McFeely, Rik Loose, Linda Clarke (ICLO-NLS) and guests on segregation in contemporary times.





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