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**Prominent trade unionist says EU-IMF financial crisis
threatens whole of Ireland's economy**

Mick O'Reilly of the Dublin Trades Council will address a public meeting in NUI, Maynooth, entitled: 'European Union: friend or foe for Ireland's economic recovery?'

O'Reilly, one of Ireland's most respected trade union leaders, will contend that "the EU-IMF bailout and government's four year plan will copper-fasten the stranglehold of EU and international finance on the Irish economy to the extent that it threatens to undermine the productive and profitable sectors of the economy".

The meeting will take place in the John Hume building, north campus, NUIM on Wednesday next, 8 December at 6 p.m. It is being hosted by the Pol/Soc society.

Also speaking will be Dr Mary Murphy, lecturer in Irish politics and society of NUIM's sociology department. Dr. Murphy's work at NUIM and her doctoral thesis 'Domestic Constraints on Globalisation: A Case study of Irish Social Security Policy 1986-2006' has brought her to prominence among innovative thinkers and social activists.

All welcome to attend and participate.

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