

## Dr. Larry Stapleton PhD, MA, BA (Mod) Hons., CPIM

### Biography

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#### **Senior Lecturer, Waterford Institute of Technology, 1989-current**

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Develop and deliver the INSYTE strategic vision (this includes establishing and running the new INSYTE-Cooley Laboratory which has gained national attention in 2020 (new clipping enclosed).

Take responsibility for management and procedures associated with programme design and delivery, including school reviews and excellence in scholarship.

Design, develop, deliver, and direct new academic programmes, ensuring academic rigour and compliance with HETAC/QQI regulations at levels 7 through 10. The INSYTE taught MSc has secured job-bridge funding and generated €2 million in fee income.

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I also have national and international experience in academic leadership as a visiting professor:

2006-current: Visiting Professor, Technical University of Vienna at both the Centre for Executive Education (CEC) and the IHRT Institute in the faculty of Mechatronics, awarded "Best International Lecturer" 5 times, including in 2019. I develop and deliver postgraduate and executive education, accredited under EU and Austrian NFQ regulations at levels 9 and 10, and I supervise research.

2004-current: Visiting Professor, University of Business and Technology, Western Balkans, awarded "Best International Professor" 3 times. Reporting to the President, I drive academic QA/QI and accreditation to ensure alignment with EU standards and deliver new taught and research programmes across 3 schools including Management, Business and Economics.

2021-current: Visiting Professor in Digital Business and the Digital Society, RiInvest University, Western Balkans [London School of Economics accredited].

2006-current: Visiting faculty, Institute of Banking. Achievements include academic lead for the innovative "Banking in the Digital Age" which has graduated approximately 2,000 students since 2015 at level 8, and the level 7 "Digital Financial Services and Data Analytics" programme to support Irish banking as it adapts to the new digital paradigm.

2020-current: Programme Director (Executive Education) for MSc in Digital Business, Irish Management Institute, National University of Ireland, Cork.

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### **Senior Lecturer**

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