

*Comhaltas na gCumann Staire*  
*Irish History Students' Association*  
COMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OÉ MÁ NUAD - NUI MAYNOOTH

Amchlár na Comhdhála - Conference schedule

**AOINE 6 MÁRTA - FRIDAY 6 MARCH**

**18:00-19:30** Clárú - Conference registration  
*Renehan Hall*

**19:30** Fáiltiú - Launch reception  
*Pugin Hall*  
The President of NUI Maynooth, Prof John G. Hughes, and the Head of the Department of History, Prof R.V. Comerford, will welcome the attendees.

**SATHARN 7 MÁRTA - SATURDAY 7 MARCH**

**9:15-10:45** Session one

**Panel one: Medieval and Early Modern Europe I**

*Renehan Hall*

Chair: Dr Colmán Etchingham

Noel French (NUI Maynooth):  
Hugh de Lacy's Earthwork Castles

Andrew Sargent, IRCHSS (NUI Galway):  
The Identity of Leonard Dacre and the Consolidation of Crown Power in the Tudor Borderlands

Tonaí Ó Roduibh, IRCHSS (NUI Galway):  
The Prices of Key Goods in Dublin under the Tudors

**Panel two: Economic history I**

*Dunboyne Hall*

Chair: Mr Jim O'Leary

Eóin McLaughlin, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):  
A de facto bank in Ireland: the role of government in the Irish economy, 1861-1914

Sinead Power (MIC):  
The Hidden Economy in County Wexford 1930-1980

Martin Ryan, IRCHSS (UCD):  
Admission Rates to Higher Education in Ireland

**Panel three: Landlords and tenants**

*Top Loftus*

Chair: Dr Terence Dooley

Kevin McKenna, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):

Work and discipline, order emanating outward, from big house and demesne to tenant farmers on the estate of Lord Clonbrock in the 1850s

Brian Casey, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):

The split in the national movement in Ballinasloe, 1879-1885

Aidan Enright (QUB):

The O’Conor Don, 1860-1906: Catholic landlordism in mid to late Victorian Ireland

**Panel four: Republicanism and the Irish Revolution I**

*First Divinity*

Chair: Dr Seán Lucey

Denis Lehane (NUI Maynooth):

Forgotten Leader: General Sean Moylan in the War of Independence

Matthew Lewis, AHRC (QUB):

The IRB and its regional significance in the Irish War of Independence, 1919-1921

Jason Robinson (TCD):

Perception and Reality: ‘Volunteer’ militancy and violence in Roscommon, 1919-1921

**Panel five: Contemporary Ireland and the world**

*Middle Loftus/Scripture*

Chair: Dr Brian Sayers

Joe Ryan (MIC):

Ireland and the Congo

Michael Geary (EUI Florence):

Challenging the rules: Ireland and the EEC enlargement negotiations, 1969-72

Alan Fernihough (UCD):

Famine in Malawi 2001/02: An Economic Analysis

**10:45-11:00 Tae, Coffee**

*Pugin Hall*

**11:00-12:30 Session two**

**Panel one: Republicanism and the Irish Revolution II**

*Reghan Hall*

Chair: Dr Ian Speller

Patricia Marsh (QUB):

‘A coach and fours was driven through the prison regulations’: Irish Internees and the influenza pandemic of 1918-19

Kelly Thompson (TCD):

Joint IRA in Donegal, 1922

Breen Murphy (NUI Maynooth):

The 1922 Public Safety Act and the Irish civil war executions, 1922-1923

**Panel two: Nineteenth-century Irish urban and rural elites**

*Dunboyne Hall*

Chair: Dr Jennifer Kelly

Richard Keogh (Northumbria):

Irish Catholic officers and the British army

Daragh Curran (NUI Maynooth):

The Social World of a Tyrone Magistrate in the Early Nineteenth Century

Ciarán Reilly, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):

The murder of Hector John Toler, second earl of Norbury, King’s County 1839

**Panel three: The history of medicine**

*Top Loftus*

Chair: Dr Ann Daly

Ann Bergin, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):

‘Me mammy died having her babby, I don’t want to die having mine’: the story of Lizzie Dollard’s confinement in a Dublin lying-in hospital in December 1862

Bróna Ní Chobhthaigh:

Trends in Irish Historical Infant Mortality 1920-1960

Mark McGovern (UCD):

Early life conditions and adult health in Ireland: Do the 1940s still matter?

**Panel four: Postmodernism, politics and religion**

*First Divinity*

Chair: Dr Louise Fuller

Daniel Ostendorff (QUB):

Postmodernism's Troubling Place in Holocaust Denial: Moderation and Extremism

Joe Dunlop (St. Antony's College, Oxford)

The Hidden Law: Liberalism, Catholicism, and Pluralism in Contemporary Ireland and Canada

Louise O'Reilly (NUI Maynooth):

Role of the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes in the renewal of women's religious life post Vatican II: Case study of the Union of Presentation Sisters

**Panel five: Contemporary Northern Ireland I**

*Middle Loftus/Scripture*

Chair: Dr Conor McNamara

Stuart Ciarnan Aveyard, AHRC (QUB):

Doomsday scenarios and long-term strategy: the Labour government and constitutional policy in Northern Ireland 1974-6

Shaun McDaid (QUB):

The Sunningdale Agreement – The benefits of the historical approach

**12.30-13.45 Lón - Lunch**

*Pugin Hall*

**13.45-15.15 Session three**

**Panel one: Economic history II**

*Reghan Hall*

Chair: William Smyth

Pat Given, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):

From Patent Officers to Patentees; Coffey and Logie and their Technical Developments

Seamus Mimmagh (NUI Maynooth):

Grain mills of County Longford, c.1750 – c.1950. A case study

**Panel two: Early Modern Europe II**

*Dunboyne Hall*

Chair: Prof Colm Lennon

John Gallagher (TCD):

‘A Shadow of a Substance’: Translation and the English Renaissance

Michael Quinn (NUI Maynooth):

When England was a Republic: A Paper on the Relationship between English Revolutionaries and Ireland (1641-1649)

Liam O’Rourke (NUI Maynooth):

"And he built there an Altar, and called the place El-Bethel": Innovations in Church of Ireland worship in constructing the theory of royal authority in the 1670s

**Panel three: Urban social and economic life in nineteenth-century Ireland**

*Top Loftus*

Chair: Prof Jacqueline Hill

Claire Allen (QUB):

Town meetings in Belfast, c.1800-32

Alice Johnson (QUB):

The 1852 British Association visit to Belfast: a case study in civic pride

John McGrath (MIC):

Labour and Politics in nineteenth century Limerick

**Panel four: Irish emigrants in England and the United States**

*First Divinity*

Chair: Prof R.V. Comerford

Brian Coughlan, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):

From Achill to Achill Patch: emigration from Achill Island to Cleveland, Ohio (1860-1960)

Alan Noonan (UCC):

Garryowen! The Irish of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry at the Battle of Little Big Horn

Giulia Ní Dhulchaointigh (TCD):

‘The God of our Small world’: the interconnecting worlds, and omniscient leaders of London’s active Irish Community 1919-23

**Panel five: Representations of Ireland in press and film**

*Middle Loftus/Scripture*

Chair: Dr Mark Wehrly

Zsuzsanna Zarka (NUI Maynooth):

'...Our friendship hath arms for all lands under Heaven.' The *Nation's* perception of Ireland's place in Europe and of Hungary (1842-1845)

Aoife Ní Dhubhlaigh (UCD):

Eoghan Ó Neachtain and the *Irish Independent* – a native-speaker's perspective on the language movement

Claudia Bossay (QUB):

Representing Irish History on Screen: An exploration of *Michael Collins* and *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*

**15:15-15:30 Tae, Coffee**

*Pugin Hall*

**15:30-17:00 Session four**

**Panel one: Contemporary Northern Ireland II**

*Renahan Hall*

Chair: Prof Margaret Kelleher

Peter Munce (UU):

The origins of the Northern Ireland Bill of Rights debate: Partition, protest and power sharing 1921-1985

Eoin Barry Clarke (QUB):

Irish republican women and prison politics 1976 to 1981

**Panel two: Eighteenth-century Ireland and Europe**

*Dunboyne Hall*

Chair: Prof Raymond Gillespie

Robert Whan (QUB):

The Ulster Presbyterian gentry and 'improvement', c. 1680-1730

Ursula O'Callaghan (MIC):

Book Advertisements and Subscriptions in Eighteenth Century Limerick

Maria Laura Pennisi (Catania):

Foreign travellers in Sicily during the second half of the eighteenth century and their impressions about mafia and banditry

**Panel three: Ireland and Europe in the twentieth century**

*Top Loftus*

Chair: Dr Marta Ramón

Mark Phelan, IRCHSS (NUI Galway):

Prophet of the Oppressed Nations: Gabrielle D’Annunzio and the Irish Republic, 1919-21

Aaron Desmond (MIC):

An analysis of *The Irish Independent’s* coverage of right-wing political issues in 1936

Barry Whelan (NUI Maynooth):

Irish-Spanish Diplomatic, Political and Cultural Relations during the Second World War

**Panel four: Religion and society**

*First Divinity*

Chair: Dr Karol Mullaney-Dignam

Declan O’Keeffe (UCD):

“A man for others and a beacon in the twilight”. Fr. Matthew Russell SJ and *The Irish Monthly*

Brian Heffernan, IRCHSS (NUI Maynooth):

Dr Harty’s horror: The Irish Catholic bishops and the War of Independence, 1919-21

Dale Montgomery (QUB):

Dancing in 1930s Ireland: Moral subversion or innocent pastime?

**Panel five: Art and heritage**

*Middle Loftus/Scripture*

Chair: Dr Maire Ní Chearbhaill

Mary Healy (UL):

Uncovering the Life Narrative, Artistic Career and Oeuvre of 19<sup>th</sup> century French Orientalist Artist Marie Elizabeth Aimee Lucas Robiquet (1858-1959)

Susan Loughran (NUI Maynooth):

Heritage Centres: a necessary evil?

**17:05**

**Cruinniú Chinn Bhliana - Annual General Meeting**

*Reghan Hall*

**18:00**

**Béile na Comhdhála - Conference Dinner**

*Pugin Hall*