Ireland-in-the-world

A symposium
Trinity Long Room Hub, 22-23 November 2017
This two-day symposium, involving collaboration between leading Irish and international universities, brings together new, emerging, and world-leading scholars to explore comparative, transnational, deep and global approaches to history and culture. It will provide an opportunity to reflect on how these approaches can shape historical studies within Ireland and help to broaden our understanding of Ireland’s relationship with the wider world. At its heart is a recognition of the need for Ireland to be more of a testing ground and less of a receptacle for wider global intellectual trends and for scholars working on Irish history and culture to be developers of and contributors to (more than mere carriers of) new and innovative approaches and ideas. The event includes a graduate workshop in modern Irish history in association with the University of Cambridge and the University of Edinburgh, alongside workshops from leading scholars in the field of transnational history in Ireland and on interdisciplinary approaches to history. It culminates with the launch of a new and innovative lecture series in the neurohumanities with a public lecture by Professor Daniel Lord Smail, Head of History, Harvard University.

**Wednesday 22 November (TCD)**

**1.10pm-2.25pm: Graduate session (A)**

Christopher Morash (University of Cambridge), "'You may boast of your English connexion, but you'll get nothing by it.' The Young Ireland generation and the case for self-government in the Anglo-world.'

Stuart Clark (University of Edinburgh), "Is Ireland an improving country?": The Scots and "improvement" in pre-Famine Ireland

Joseph Curran (University of Edinburgh), "A large animal that lives in the Castle": government, voluntary organisations, and society in Dublin and Edinburgh, 1815-1845
Break

2.40-3.55pm Graduate session (B)

Catherine Bateson (University of Edinburgh), “Creed nor faction can divide us”: Irish attitudes to emancipation and race in American civil war songs


Kate Brophy (Trinity College Dublin), 'Heathendom is calling': Irish Catholic missions and the wider world

4pm-5.30pm: Seminar in contemporary Irish history

Prof. Elizabeth Crooke (University of Ulster),

‘The fearful Object’: The Heritage of Culpability and Blame

Thursday 23 November (TCD)

9.15-10.55pm Graduate session (C)

Gareth Lyle (University of Edinburgh), "A fit lot and rejections infinitesimal": recruitment of the East Belfast Volunteers into the 8th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles 1914

Elaine Callinan (Trinity College Dublin/ Carlow College), The propaganda of conflict and violence during the 1918 general election

Hugh Hanley (University of Cambridge), "'Intellectuals and mock-intellectuals": the absence thesis and post-revolutionary Irish intellectuals."
Roseanna Doughty (University of Edinburgh), "The long road to permanent peace": British press coverage of the Northern Ireland Peace Process

Break

11.15am-12.45pm

Interdisciplinary histories workshop

Bill Kissane (Reader in Politics, LSE), Irish Democracy: a Case in Search of a Theory

Gerry Kearns (Professor of Geography, Maynooth University), The Cultural Politics of AIDS in historical perspective

Lunch

2.15pm-3.45pm

Transnational and gender histories workshop

Niall Whelehan (University of Strathclyde), The Ladies' Land League in Britain: Class, Gender and Diaspora Nationalism

Jennifer Redmond (Maynooth University), ‘Mere sentiment will not keep them here’: Gender and Migration during the Revolution in Ireland, 1912-22

Break

4-5.15 Graduate session (D)

Catherine Healy (Trinity College Dublin), Towards a transnational history of Irish domestic servants

Antonia Hart (Trinity College Dublin), "She is hereby adjudged Bankrupt": struggles and failures of women in business in Antrim, Down and Armagh, 1889-1922"
Ciara Molloy (Trinity College Dublin / UCD), 'Ireland, Britain, America and the wider world: Exploring the diffusion of ideas and patterns concerning rape crime during the long 1980s'.

*Break*

**5.30pm**

**Public lecture:** Debt: A natural history

Professor Daniel Lord Smail (Head of History, Harvard University)

This lecture is the first in a new Neurohumanities Seminar Series funded by the Trinity College Dublin Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund. It will be followed by a reception to mark the launch of the new series.

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**Symposium organisers: Dr. Richard Mc Mahon and Dr. Ciaran O’Neill**

Attendance is open to the public but please register your interest in attending by e-mailing the organisers at: rimcmaho@tcd.ie or ciaran.oneill@tcd.ie