

D-Day : The Battle for Normandy

70 Years On

Thursday 15 May 2014 : 14.00 – 17.30

J. M. Synge Lecture Theatre, Arts Building

Speakers

Steven O'Connor holds an Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Centre for Contemporary Irish History, Trinity College Dublin. His book *Irish Officers in the British Forces, 1922-45* has just been published by Routledge Palgrave.

Eunan O'Halpin is Professor of Contemporary Irish History and Director of the Centre for Contemporary Irish History, Trinity College Dublin. Amongst his works are *MI5 and Ireland, 1939-1945: the official history* (Dublin, 2003) and *Spying on Ireland: British intelligence and Irish neutrality during the Second World War* (Oxford, 2008).

Geoffrey Roberts is Professor of Modern History at NUI Cork. Amongst his works are *The Soviet Union and the Origins of the Second World War* (London, 1995), and *Stalin's General: The Life of Georgy Zhukov* (London, 2012).

Mark Seaman, an historian in the British Cabinet Office, is a leading authority on intelligence history. Amongst his works are *Bravest of the Brave: True Story of Wing Commander Tommy Yeo Thomas* (London, 1997), (ed.) *Operation Foxley: the British plan to kill Hitler* (London, 2001), and (ed.), *SOE: a new instrument of war* (London, 2005).

Ian Speller is Director of the Centre for Military History and Strategic Studies at NUI Maynooth. Amongst his works are *The Role of Amphibious Warfare in British Defence Policy 1945-56* (London, 2001) and *Understanding Naval Warfare* (London, 2012).

Brian Stewart CMG served in the Black Watch from 1942 to 1946, and was wounded in Normandy in 1944. He was subsequently an official of the Malayan civil service, before joining the diplomatic service in 1957. In addition to posts in the Foreign Office and Cabinet Office, he served in Rangoon, Beijing, Shanghai, Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Hanoi, and Hong Kong. He retired in 1978. He is the author of *Smashing Terrorism in the Malayan Emergency: the vital contribution of the police* (Singapore, 2004).

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