

Special and Public Lectures and Courses

SPECIAL LECTURES

Elementary Irish

A course in Irish for beginners is given each year. It is, as a rule, confined to members of staff, students on the College books and graduates of the University.

PUBLIC LECTURES

The Cocker lecture in chemistry

In 2007 the late Professor Wesley Cocker bequeathed a sum of money to the College for the benefit of the School of Chemistry. The income from this bequest is used to support an annual lecture on a topic of public interest related to chemistry. The speaker, eminent in the field of chemical science, is chosen by staff of the School of Chemistry.

The Godfrey Day memorial lectures

The Godfrey Day memorial lectureship was founded by the Board on 9 December 1939. Each year a lecture (or lectures) on a missionary theme is organised. The Board appoints the lecturer on the nomination of the Missionary Council of the Church of Ireland which is at all times advised by the committee of the Dublin University Far Eastern Mission.

The 2015 lecture was given by Dr Matthew Jones, lecturer in contextual theology at Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong, and was titled *The Context of Christian Belief in Melanesia*.

The Donnellan lectures

The Donnellan lectures were founded by the Board on 22 February 1794, to carry out the intentions of Miss Anne Donnellan, of the parish of St George, Hanover Square, Middlesex, spinster, who bequeathed £1,243 to the College 'for the encouragement of religion, learning, and good manners; the particular mode of application being left to the Provost and Senior Fellows'. The subject is presented in not less than two lectures.

The Edmund Burke lecture

The annual Edmund Burke lecture was instituted in 2014 by the Trinity Long Room Hub arts and humanities research institute thanks to a generous endowment from the Fallon family in honour of Trinity graduate Padraic Fallon (B.A. 1969). The lecture was established to mark Trinity College Dublin's deep connection with the 18th-century philosopher, historian and politician Edmund Burke. This lecture is to be delivered by a leading public intellectual on a topic that engages with current challenges and in doing so keep Edmund Burke's manifold legacies alive in considering the type of society we want to live in and the traditions, perspectives and values we need to draw on in the shaping of our future.

The E.S. and R. Duthie lecture in microbiology

In 1984 the late Mrs Ruth Duthie made a gift of £1,000 to the College, which she augmented in 1989 by a further £1,000, to fund a lecture to be delivered once every two years, the lecturer to be chosen by the Professor of Microbiology and the Head of Clinical Microbiology.

The Hely-Hutchinson memorial lecture

In 1976 the Earl of Donoughmore, together with members of the Hely-Hutchinson family, endowed a visiting lectureship in memory of John Hely-Hutchinson who established the Professorships of Modern Languages and Literature in 1776 (during his term as Provost). The lectures are given every second year by a scholar or writer of the highest distinction in the modern languages and literature field.

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The Joly memorial lectures

After the death of John Joly, F.T.C.D., SC.D., F.R.S., Professor of Geology and Mineralogy 1897-1933, a number of his friends subscribed a sum of money to found a series of lectures in his memory.

The John Kirker memorial lecture in epilepsy

Dr John Kirker (1922-2011), a graduate of the University of Dublin, was consultant neurologist in Sir Patrick Dun and Beaumont hospitals. He was instrumental in the development of clinical services in epilepsy in Ireland. Dr Kirker cared deeply about Trinity. In 2013 his family provided an endowment to fund an annual John Kirker memorial lecture in epilepsy to be organised by the School of Medicine.

The MacNeill lectures

This lectureship was founded in 1970 from a benefaction provided by the Engineering School Trust Fund to commemorate Sir John MacNeill, the first professor of civil engineering in the University. A public lecture is delivered every year by a lecturer appointed by the Board.

The Normanby lecture in microbiology

Founded in 1996 by the Department of Microbiology in recognition of the generous support given to the department by the Dowager Marchioness of Normanby and her family, which includes funding the construction of the Moyne Institute of Preventive Medicine in 1953 and the provision of additional research facilities within the institute since then. The lecture is delivered annually by a research scientist who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of microbiology.

The O'Donnell lectures in Celtic history and literature

These lectures take their name from Charles James O'Donnell 1850-1934, who bequeathed a sum of money to found annual lectures in the Universities of Oxford, Wales and Edinburgh, the National University of Ireland, and the University of Dublin. In the British universities the lectures are on the Celtic element in the English language and population; in the Irish universities they are on Irish history since Cromwell, with special reference to the history of ancient Irish families since 1641.

The first O'Donnell lecture given in the University of Dublin was in 1957.

The Royal Dublin Society lecture

In 1981, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary, the Royal Dublin Society commemorated the College meeting to which it traces its origins by endowing a biennial lecture on aspects of Irish social and economic policy and history with special reference to the contribution of individuals and institutions.

The Schrödinger lecture series

In 1995 the School of Physics, together with the Austrian Embassy and the Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies, hosted the first Schrödinger lecture. The lecture series is an annual event commemorating the famous lecture series entitled "What is Life?" given by Erwin Schrödinger in Trinity College Dublin in 1943.

The W.B. Stanford memorial lectures

These lectures were founded in 1988 from funds provided by subscription to commemorate William Bedell Stanford, Regius Professor of Greek 1940-80, and Chancellor of the University 1983-4. A series of three public lectures is delivered twice every three years by a lecturer appointed by the Board. It is intended that the lectures shall be published.

The John Lighton Synge public lecture

This lecture was established in 1992 from funds subscribed by friends and past colleagues and students to honour John Lighton Synge, F.R.S., M.R.I.A. [Scholar (1916), Fellow and Professor of

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Natural Philosophy (1925-30), Honorary Fellow (1954-95)]. The lecture is delivered once every two years by a lecturer appointed by the School of Mathematics.

The Hilda and Robert Tweedy lecture series

This lecture series was established in 2007 in honour of Mr and Mrs Robert and Hilda Tweedy by Dr Jean M. Tweedy Walker, a Trinity alumna and daughter of Hilda and Robert. It consists of biennial lectures alternatively addressing peace, gender and human rights, and environmental issues. These topics reflect long-time interests of Hilda and Robert Tweedy.

The H.O. White memorial lectures

These lectures were founded in 1964 from funds provided by subscription to commemorate Herbert Martyn Oliver White, Professor of English Literature 1939-60. A public lecture is delivered every two or three years by a lecturer appointed by the Board and is followed by a seminar for senior students in English literature.

The White social policy lecture series

This lecture series was established in 2004 from funds given by Tony White, former student of the College, to honour *Emeritus* Senior Lecturer in Social Policy, Anthony Coughlan.

PUBLIC LECTURES IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Mary Louisa Prentice Montgomery lectures in ophthalmology

The John Mallet Purser lectures

The Frederick Price lectures

The T.J.D. Lane lectures

For details see FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES.

PUBLIC LECTURES

The following public lectures were held during the academic year 2015-16.

TRINITY MONDAY DISCOURSE

Professor Anne Dolan, F.T.C.D.: 'Patrick Pearse (1879-1916)'

MICHAELMAS TERM

Professor Gillian T.W. Ahlgren: 'Enkindling love, the legacy of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross'

Kaisa Alanne, Rachel O'Neill: 'Sign language recognition: Scottish and Finnish experiences'

Professor Jane Alden: 'Visual sounds: notation and the imagination'

Professor Roger Alford: 'The relationship between international investment arbitration and international trade'

Dr Roisin Blunnie, Dr Con Casey, Dr James Harpur, Dr Michael Kirwan, Dr Gillian Wylie: 'Violence and the human condition'

Dr Patricia Brazil, Dr Daniel Faas, Hassina Kiboua, Dr Gillian Wylie: 'Destination Europe: reflections on the refugee crisis'

Professor Andrew Burke: 'The new entrepreneurship'

Dr Patrick Claffey: 'Beyond the monotheistic world religions'

Professor Clare Clarke: 'Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*'

Professor Philip Coleman: 'Emily Dickinson, selected poetry'

Professor Catherine Comiskey, Professor Paul Horan, Professor Carole King: 'My family connections to 1916'

Dr Neville Cox: 'Blasphemy in relation to law'

Professor Paul Delaney: 'Brian Friel, *Translations*'

Dr Eric Descheemaeker, Professor Eoin O'Dell: 'Defamation reform in the British Isles: a comparative analysis'

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- Professor Ulrike Diebold: 'An atomic-scale view at oxide surfaces'
- Dr Alexis Downe: 'Comparative contract law: methodological and substantial highlights'
- Dr Itiel Dror: 'The use and abuse of science in the courts'
- Jean Duff: 'Faith and health'
- Jean Duff: 'Religion and sustainable development'
- Joe Duffy: 'Children of the Rising: the untold story of the young lives lost during Easter 1916'
- Gerry Dunne: 'Philosophical perspectives on the search for meaning and values'
- Professor Patrick Geoghegan, Cormac Leonard, Dr Mary Phelan: 'International translation day: interpreters in the court - an historical overview'
- Professor Alexandra Grieser: 'Spiritual, but not religious? – how to study change in modern religion'
- Dr Johnny Hartz Soraker: 'Beyond right and wrong – designing for well-being'
- Dr Isabella Jackson: 'Unbound feet: the changing status of Chinese women, c.1890-1950'
- Professor Terry Janzen, Professor Lorraine Leeson, Professor Barbara Shaffer: 'Police interpreting within the Deaf community'
- Professor Darryl Jones: 'Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*'
- Professor Maureen Junker-Kenny: 'Moral decision-making: the debate on genetic enhancement'
- Dr Jonathan Kearney: 'Major world religions - the concepts of God and of salvation in Islam'
- Professor Jarlath Killeen: 'Emily Bronte, *Wuthering Heights*'
- Amie Kirkham: 'Listening to communities from northern Shan and Kachin State in Myanmar'
- Professor Jake Lynch: 'Does peace journalism make any difference?'
- Professor Stephen Matterson: 'F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*'
- Professor Brian McGing: 'Teaching resources: the papyrological treasures of the Chester Beatty Library'
- Professor Bernice Murphy: 'Kazuo Ishiguro, *Never Let Me Go*'
- Dr Brian Murphy: 'Fungal endophytes: miracle workers of the plant microbiome'
- Sandra Namutebi: 'LGBT rights in Uganda, front line defenders'
- Professor Derek Nolan: 'African trypanosomiasis: it's in the blood'
- Professor Eoin O'Dell, Dr Giuseppe Mazziotti: 'The future of copyright'
- Professor Kevin O'Rourke: 'Celebrating the centenary of So Chongju, Korea's premier 20th century poet'
- Dr Michael O'Sullivan: 'Spiritual experience and religious socialisation in childhood as foundational in a life'
- Professor Daniele Pevarello: 'Christianity – its origins and its early development in the cultures of antiquity'
- Dr Ultan F. Power: 'Modelling respiratory syncytial virus interactions with paediatric airway epithelium'
- Professor Cathriona Russell: 'Religion and science'
- Dr John Scally: 'Ethics and sport'
- Professor Johanna Schmidt-Rantsch: 'Property law in the German unification treaty'
- Professor Jackie Sheehan: 'From "Mao's little red soldiers" to the thinking generation: red guards and the emergence of China's democracy and human-rights movement'
- Dr Gesa Thiessen: 'The Bible: literature and sacred text as reflected in western art history'
- Professor Ema Vyroubalova: 'Shakespeare, *King Lear*'
- Professor Tom Walker: 'W.B. Yeats, selected poetry'
- Professor Gerry Whyte: 'Freedom of religion'

HILARY TERM

- Yaffa Abu Ajamia, Dr Yaser Alashqar, Motasem Ali, Ayman Amounah, Hassina Kiboua, Zainab Salman, Dr Gillian Wylie: 'Refugee voices in Ireland: displacement, exile and hope'

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- Professor Carlo Aldrovandi, Professor Neville Cox, Professor Jude Lal Fernando, Revd David S.G. Godfrey, Professor Linda Hogan, Professor Pan-chiu Lai, Professor Andrew Pierce, Professor Fainche Ryan, Professor Gillian Wylie: 'Religion, conflict and peace: global perspectives'
- Dr John Barry, Catherine Devitt, Dr Lorna Gold, Dr John Guiney S.J., Dr Liam Lysaght, Dr Eamonn Meehan, Professor Cathriona Russell: 'Caring for our common home: towards an integrated perspective on society and environment'
- Dr Leslie Bash, Dr Melanie Brown, Dr Patrick Claffey, Dr John O'Grady, Swami Purnananda, Shaykh Dr Umar Al-Qadri: 'Cultural and religious pluralism in education'
- Professor Martin Beirne: 'Leadership reform in healthcare: struggling with images of post-heroic change'
- Professor Mark Bell: 'Mental health and employment in Ireland: is equality law the solution?'
- Professor John G. Blair, Professor Jerusha McCormack: 'Thinking through China'
- Dr Brendan Browne: 'Education under occupation: reflections from Al Quds University'
- Dr Brendan Browne: 'Visualising conflict in Palestine'
- Professor Roger Brownsword: 'Regulating emerging technologies: a challenge for law, a challenge for ethics, a challenge for everyone'
- Dr Con Casey, Professor Fainche Ryan: 'The Book of Kells: a theological reading'
- Professor Clare Clarke: 'Nineteenth century scientific revolutions in H.G. Wells's *The Time Machine*'
- Professor William T. Cavanaugh, Professor Patrick Deneen, Sim D'Hertefeldt, Professor Terry Eagleton, Professor Massimo Faggioli, Professor Siobhan Garrigan, Professor Bryan Hehir, Professor Hans Joas, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, Catherine Pepinster, Professor Patrick Riordan, Professor Fainche Ryan, Professor Peter Steinfels, Professor Gerry Whyte: 'The role of church in a pluralist society: good riddance or good influence?'
- Rachel Clarke, Allison Daire, Claire Faughey, Joy Howlin, Suzanna Weedle: 'Volunteering in Belarus: the experiences of intellectual disability nursing students'
- Dr Michael Cowan: 'How do some community leaders overcome social traps?'
- Dr Neville Cox: 'Challenging the global mainstreaming of an inherent link between terrorism and Islam, particularly from a legal point of view'
- Dr Margaret Daly-Denton, Professor Hille Haker, Professor Cathriona Russell, Professor Joseph Verheyden, Dr Tom Arnold: 'Ecology, the Bible and ethics'
- Professor Gerald Dawe, Professor Eunan O'Halpin, Professor Etain Tannam: 'Brexit'
- Professor Gerald Dawe: 'In the wars: Irish writing, 1914-1945'
- Dr Federica De Sisto: 'The central Mediterranean route and the Italian protection/reception system: between myth and reality'
- Dr Olivier Dussurget: 'The Great Escape: Listeria's secret weapon revealed'
- Dr Marc Erhardt: 'The bacterial flagellum of Salmonella: regulation, assembly and protein export mechanisms of a macromolecular machine'
- Professor Roja Fazaeli, Professor Elizabeth Harris, Professor Linda Hogan, Gina Menzies, Professor Andrew Pierce, Professor Fainche Ryan, Sr Patricia Santos, Professor Lieve Troch: 'Religions and feminisms: intercultural theology and interreligious perspectives'
- Professor Jude Lal Fernando: 'Thinking beyond 'War on Terror' and terrorism'
- Dr Clara Fisher: 'Gendered politics of shame and containment in 20th century Ireland'
- Dr Clara Fisher: 'Turning to affect: what's new about feeling in feminist theory?'
- Professor Luciano Floridi: 'Right to be forgotten – the spark in the powder keg'
- Professor Hille Haker: 'Ethics of surveillance technologies'
- Dr Lindsay Hall: 'Early life microbiota and host interactions'
- Bronagh Hinds, Professor Soon-Won Kang, Sun-Hye Kim, Professor Gillian Wylie: 'ISE women building peace event - women from Korea, Northern Ireland and Ireland'
- Professor Paul F. Horan: 'The nurses and midwives of 1916 - Irish heroines'

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Dr Isabella Jackson: 'Revolutions in the air: The 1911 Chinese revolution in the context of the 1916 Rising'

Professor Darryl Jones: 'You say you want a revolution? The Beatles in the 1960s'

Peadar King: 'The real debate starts here'

Dr Elizabeth Klemm: 'Emergence of a host-adapted pathogen through rapid evolution in an immunocompromised host'

Professor Pan-Chiu Lai: 'Salvation(s) – singular or plural? Rethinking the concept of salvation and religious diversity'

Professor Richard Layte: 'Can we balance social inequality with economic growth? Lessons from the life course model of human development'

Dr Toby Lincoln: 'China's urban civilization: a brief history'

Professor Ben McFarlane: 'The structure of private law and the role of primary liabilities'

Professor Wilfred McSherry: 'Exploring spiritual assessment: definition, categorisation and features using a dementia-based scenario'

Professor James E. Moliterno: 'The American legal profession in crisis: resistance and responses to change'

Professor Chris Morash: 'Changed times: 1916 and Irish time'

Dr Damian Murchan: 'Bombs, buses and exams: a selected journey through education policy in Ireland since the 1916 Rising'

Professor Herta Nagl-Docekal: 'Gender justice: in what way could a philosophical perspective be relevant for a theological debate?'

Professor Herta Nagl-Docekal: 'Going the extra mile' and the question of supererogatory ethics'

Professor John O'Callaghan: 'Fearless mercy: Aquinas beyond Aristotle'

Professor Brendan O'Connell: 'The beastly rebels of 1381'

Professor David O'Shaughnessy: 'Edmund Burke: prophet of doom'

Professor Eve Patten: 'The novel and 1916'

Professor Martha Serpas: 'Poetry now'

Dr Diego Serra: 'Biofilm architecture: a tale of how *Escherichia coli* builds up its own fortress'

Dr Fintan Sheeran: 'Search and rescue and first reception conditions for migrants in the southern door of Europe. Reflections from Lampedusa'

Professor David Shepherd: 'The gospel according to Guy'

Professor Sam Slote: 'Revolution, failed: the spirit of '68 up against the wall'

Professor Liz Sockett: 'Antibacterial activities of the predatory bacterium *Bdellovibrio bacteriovorus*'

Dr Christopher Stone: 'Cogs in the wheel: the organisation of interpreters' work in the U.S. education system'

Professor Kato Takayuki: 'Equality - common value?'

Dr Etain Tannam: 'Brexit and the future of the U.K.'

Dr Adrian Tien: 'Chinese music and its cultural tradition: an introduction'

Dr Adrian Tien: 'The linguistics of Chinese new year: linguistic and cultural practices'

Professor Ben Trachtenberg: 'What's going on in the American supreme court?'

Professor Ema Vyroubalova: 'Literary and cinematic afterlives of the Prague Spring'

Dr Kevin Waldron: 'Overcoming nutritional immunity: the battle for essential metals at the host-pathogen interface'

Professor Tom Walker: '1968 and writing the Troubles'

Robin Wilton: 'Data ethics: it's murder out there ...'

Professor Kiho Yi: 'Envisioning civic states: politics of peace and conflict in East Asia'

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Dr Paul Bernal: 'The internet, warts and all'

Dr Arun Bokde: 'Functional anatomy of memory'

Dr Sabina Brennan: 'Memory science and social impact'

Malachy Browne: 'What is the first rough draft of history in a digital age?'

- Professor John Carroll: 'Extraordinary and unaccountable customs: British observations on population, infanticide, and footbinding in China'
- Dr Joseph Clarke: 'Historians, memory and commemoration'
- Professor Gráinne de Búrca: 'Is EU anti-discrimination law in decline?'
- Professor Josep Domingo-Ferrer: 'Empowering the data subject in anonymization: verifiability, transparency and co-utility'
- Dr Declan Downey: 'Learning from Talleyrand: Yoshida Shigeru and postwar Japanese foreign policy'
- Margaret Flood: 'Going, going gone - what can libraries do about the digital black hole?'
- Professor Siobhán Garrigan: 'Christian forgetfulness and ritual remembering'
- Arlene Healy: 'Mandated digital collecting – U.K. non-print legal deposit'
- Dr Tammy Hopper: 'Did I already tell you that? Memory, dementia and communication'
- Professor Jörgen Johansson: 'Disarming bacterial pathogens'
- Dr Jeff Kallen: 'Language homelands: language, space and place'
- Dr Aine Kelly: 'Memory: beyond the brain'
- William Kilbride: 'Forgetting to remember: if we want to preserve anything we will need to dispose of something'
- Dr Sarah Kuenzler: 'Memory in early Irish literature'
- Dr Seamus Lawless: 'Why search is hard, and why search in cultural heritage is REALLY hard'
- Robert Lee, Professor Christina Monikowski, Professor Rico Peterson: 'Fit to practice? Preparing and maintaining interpreter skill competence'
- Professor Lorraine Leeson: 'Sign language in action: remembering, revitalizing and documenting the ephemeral'
- Dr Ronan Lyons: 'Memory, lack of it, and the Irish housing bubble'
- Dr Otilia Martí-Arnándiz: 'Men don't beg – when gender meets interlanguage pragmatics'
- Professor Colin Martin: 'Reflecting on spirituality within the context of the damaged brain'
- Dr Ciarán McCabe: 'The Cork Street fever hospital and fever epidemics in pre-famine Dublin'
- Dr Timothy Meagher: 'Irish-American dimensions to the 1916 Rising and its aftermath'
- Professor Christine Monikowski: 'Language myths: first language, second language, what language? Deaf students and sign language interpreters'
- Professor John Naughton: 'You can't always get what you want'
- Professor Jonel Newman, Melissa Swain: 'The value of establishing medical-legal partnerships to serve vulnerable populations'
- Dr Sarah O'Brien: 'Irish diaspora'
- Antoin Ó Lachtnain: 'The virtue of privacy in a digital age'
- Professor Shane O'Mara: 'Memory: how it works'
- Dr Brendan Power: 'Voluntary digital collecting - the 1916 Rising web-archiving project'
- Dr Zuleika Rodgers: 'Memory and history in Judaism'
- Professor Michael Rowan: 'Antibodies for Alzheimer's disease'
- Dr Christoph Schmidt Supprian: 'Voluntary digital collecting – edepositIreland'
- Professor Fintan Sheerin: 'Engagement and disengagement: implications for human interaction'
- Dr Mark Sweetnam: 'Six by nine. Forty two. Or how to ask the ultimate question'
- Dr Marian Tsanov: 'How does the episodic memory work? Experience-dependent pattern separation'
- Professor Peter-Paul Verbeek: 'Ethics by design? On value sensitive design and moral mediation'
- Professor Karsten Weber: 'Value-sensitive design: why ethics is important if you want to build good computer systems'
- Dr Stephen C. Wingreen: 'Technology, freedom and privacy in the 21st Century: perspectives about the ethical implications of emerging technologies'