

# *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 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.

## Public Lectures

### *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 James Lydon lectures in Medieval history and culture*

The Lydon lectures provide a platform for a distinguished lecturer to reflect on these issues and to convey specialist findings to a mixed audience of academic specialists, students and members of the public. The series, which is published by Cambridge University Press, is named for Professor James Francis Lydon, Department of History, who died in 2013. The inaugural Lydon lecture was Professor John Gillingham (Emeritus Professor of History at the London School of Economics) in 2014.

### *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 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 2017-18.

TRINITY MONDAY DISCOURSE

Jane Grimson, Fellow *Emeritus* and Pro-Chancellor: 'John Gabriel Byrne (1933-2016)'

MICHAELMAS TERM

Richard Andrews: 'Australia's East Asian foreign policy'

Nizar Ayoub: 'The Syrian Golan - 50 years under occupation'

Susan Baserga: 'Genome-wide screen reveals novel regulators of nucleolar function'

Marc Bennett: 'It's how you react that matters': studies on the acquisition, persistence and reduction of fear-avoidance reactions'

Robert Bickers: 'World in motion: professional circuits through nineteenth-century China'

Gareth Brady: 'Good artists copy, great artists steal: investigating innate immune signalling with human-adapted poxviruses'

Padraic Brennan, Chen Tian: 'Business between Ireland and China'

Jeroen Dewinter: 'Autistic adolescents and adults, romantic relationships, sexuality and sexual well-being: all evident or still remaining questions?'

## Public Lectures

- John Doyle, Vincent Durac, Claire Devlin, Eoghan Rice, Yaser Alashqar, Gillian Wylie: 'From the Balfour Declaration to partition: the past and future prospects in Palestine'
- Alexandra Grieser: 'Martin Luther King, *I have a dream*, and Malcom X, *Ballot or bullet*: protest and preaching in US politics and popular culture'
- Alexandra Grieser: 'Mohandas Gandhi, *Quit India!* and the Salt March speech: religion and the secular in post-colonial India'
- Darryl Jones: 'The power of Christ compels you! - Catholic priests in 1970s horror films'
- Maureen Junker-Kenny: 'Friedrich Schleiermacher, on religion. Speeches to its cultured despisers'
- Maureen Junker-Kenny: 'Jesus of Nazareth, the sermon on the mount and its history of reception'
- Maureen Junker-Kenny, Cathriona Russell, Alexandra Grieser: 'Religion in the public sphere: concepts, history and media'
- Angela Kallhoff: 'Plant ethics and the future of food production: smart farming vs. gardening?'
- Peter Keating: 'Learning to hear sounds in space: from neural flexibility to sensory rehabilitation'
- John F. Larkin: 'The case of the Clough meeting house (1836): law reporting and pamphleteering'
- Kinga Morsanyi: 'The role of ordering abilities in early mathematics development and developmental dyscalculia'
- Sinéad Mullally: 'The rise and fall of episodic memory: an investigation of hippocampal-dependent memory throughout the lifespan'
- Tadhg O'Croinin: 'DNA supercoiling and the regulation of virulence in *Campylobacter jejuni*'
- Nestor Osorio: 'The Colombian peace process: opportunities and challenges'
- Sian Owen: 'Naughty or nice'
- Cathriona Russell: 'Arundhati Roy, *The Greater Common Good*: environmental ethics in the anthropocene'
- Cathriona Russell: 'Albert Camus's Nobel prize acceptance speech: almost young, rich only in his doubts'
- Youcef Sai: 'Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary speeches: between politics, rhetoric, and religion'
- Youcef Sai: 'Mohammed the prophet, *The Qur'an* and the interplay of divine and human speech'
- Suzana Salcedo: 'Studying host-pathogen interactions of bacterial nosocomials'
- John Scally: 'Ethics in sport'
- Gemma Simmonds: 'Jansenism: friend or foe?'
- Emmanuel Stamatakis: 'Large-scale brain networks in consciousness: focus on the default mode network'
- Kenn Nakata Steffensen: 'From 'Far East' to 'East Asia' in global English academic and societal discourse'
- Eduard Torrents: 'Why do bacteria encode multiple ribonucleotide reductases? Implications for biofilm formation and virulence'
- Yijiang Zhong: 'The underside of Japan: capitalism, empire, and the production of space in modern East Asia, 1895-1972'

## HILARY TERM

- Dianne Bergant: 'Merciful and gracious: the face of God'
- Heiner Bielefeldt: 'Dealing with religious diversity – a challenge for law, ethics and theology'
- Heiner Bielefeldt: 'Religious freedom in a secular human rights framework - a contradiction in theory and practice?'
- Brendan Ciarán Browne: 'Burnt out: forgotten victims of the conflict in the north of Ireland'
- Gerard Clarke: 'The gut microbiome, stress-related psychiatric disorders and the psychobiotic revolution: real deal or false dawn'
- Francesc Coll: 'Application of genome-wide association studies in bacteria: understanding the genetic basis of bacterial traits'
- Rhodri Cusack: 'Neuroimaging of the emergence of cognition in infants and its clinical applications'
- Colum Eastwood: 'A defence of the Good Friday Agreement'

## Public Lectures

Ram Frost: 'Visual statistical learning and writing systems: learning to read a novel orthography'  
Brian Gibson: 'Industrial interspecies yeast hybrids: ability and stability'  
Isabella Jackson: 'The best laid plans: the Year of the Dog in modern Chinese history'  
Dong Jin Kim: 'The Korean peace process and civil society: towards strategic peacebuilding'  
Michael Kirwan: 'Stand upright and raise your head: doing theology in dangerous times'  
Mark Leake: 'Illuminating the black box of protein-DNA interactions at a level of single, functional molecules'  
Sébastien Maillard: 'Brexit and Europe, a political and spiritual challenge'  
Gary Moran: 'Crohn's, cancer and the oral microbiome'  
Adele Reinhartz: 'Jesus: good Jew or bad Jew?'  
Shirley Reynolds: 'The puzzle of adolescent depression'  
Derek Richards: 'The future is not what it used to be: digital health contribution to mental health care'  
Christian Ruff: 'Dazed and confused? Neural origins of behavioral variability in value-based choice'  
Gaia Scerif: 'Early developmental trajectories in genetic disorders: how does attentional control matter?'  
Lisa Sowle-Cahill: 'Catholic teaching on war and peace: old problems and new directions'  
Amy Summerville: 'New approaches to measuring counterfactual thinking and regret'  
Michael Theophilos: 'The sacred background of Biblos in Matthew 11 in light of recently published documentary Papyri'  
Adrian Tien: 'From the paddy field to the palate: Chinese culinary tradition'  
Adrian Tien, Isabella Jackson, Heidi Wang: 'China in the Year of Dog'  
Satoshi Ushioda: 'Caring for Japanese arts at the Chester Beatty Library: a life'  
Willem van Schaik: 'Antibiotic resistance and the gut microbiome'  
Heidi Wang: 'Chinese investment in renewable energy'

### TRINITY TERM

Thomas Kehl-Fie: 'You are what you don't eat: bacterial strategies for overcoming nutritional immunity'  
Olivia Steele-Mortimer: '*Salmonella* survival and replication in epithelial cells'