LIST III

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY DUBLIN (HI 4312)

Hilary/2013

Duration: one semester
Contact Hours p/w: 2 hrs lecture/seminar
Weighting: 10 ECTS

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This semester-long course encourages students to explore the transformation of the city of Dublin between the 1690s and c.1800, spanning the time that it functioned as the parliamentary capital of the country and as a centre of upper-class resort, rivaled only by London within the English-speaking world. The course serves as an introduction to the comparative study of urban history, but the focus remains firmly on the city itself, on its problems of growth, on the development of the public sphere, and on the opening out of politics from Parliament House to guild-hall, tavern and the street itself. The course is organized around a close analysis of some ten moments in the history of the eighteenth-century city -- political, architectural, literary and scandalous. These ten events have been chosen as starting-points from which to explore broader themes and processes of change, and hopefully they will also provide inspiration for major essay topics.

Students will be required [a] to take part in one collaborative tutorial presentation in the course of the term on a pre-arranged topic and subsequently to submit a paper of appx. 1,000 words based on the presentation, drawing from the menu of topics listed below; and [b] to complete one essay from the menu of topics listed below; the essay must be no more than 3,000 words in length, and must delivered to the Departmental Office on the date as given in the Departmental Handbook. Note that it must be accompanied by the appropriate cover-sheet and delivered in hard copy to Room 3118. Essays and assignments may not be posted, e-mailed or handed to members of the academic staff. Students are required to retain an electronic copy of all written work in their own files.

Students taking the course will sit one 3-hour examination at the end of the year, and will be required to answer three questions.
Collaborative and other tutorial topics

Students will be assigned to one to the six group sessions set out below at the first meeting of term, and everyone will be required to report briefly to the class in week 2 on the approach to be adopted in each group as to how the presentation will be made. Presentations will be made in Weeks 4-6 and 8-10. The class as a whole will prepare material for Weeks 3, 11 and 12.

The events to be examined, contextualized and debated are:

Week 4. Dublin and the great frost of 1740
Week 5. The destruction of the Smock Alley Theatre, 1756
Week 6. The building of the new Custom House in the 1780s

Week 8. The launch of the Freeman’s Journal (1763)
Week 9. The launch of professional policing in 1786
Week 10. The opening of the Grand Canal basin in 1796

Events to be examined by the class as a whole are:

Week 3 Why a new parliament house (1732) ?

Week 11 The Catholic convention, Back Lane, 1792
Week 12 In search of the rebels: The visitation of TCD, 1798
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**Essay topics (which can be tweaked)**

Private palaces: where and why?

Prostitution and scandal

The Wide Streets Commissioners: Planning for whom?

Catholic religious practice in penal Dublin

Banks and bankruptcy

The evolution of shops and retailing

*See pp 15 ff for suggested essay readings*
General Course Bibliography

Note – relatively little of the key primary material for this course is digitally available as yet, but I have asterisked [*] items that are on open-access, and double asterisked [**] material that is available via the TCD Library site. If you discover additional digital versions of the material below, please share it with the class ...

I. General reading

(a) Older works of reference

F.E. BALL, History of the county of Dublin, 6 vols (1902-20)
J. C. GILBERT, History of the city of Dublin, 3 vols (1854-9)*;
(2nd ed. with new index, 1978)

(b) Modern works of reference

Douglas BENNETT, Encyclopaedia of Dublin (1991)
Christine CASEY, The buildings of Ireland: Dublin (2005)

(c) Single-author synoptic surveys

Constantia MAXWELL, Dublin under the Georges (1st ed., 1937)*
Maurice CRAIG, Dublin 1660-1860: a social and architectural history (1952)
Peter SOMERVILLE-LARGE, Dublin (1979)
Jacqueline HILL, From patriots to unionists: Dublin civic politics and Irish Protestant patriotism 1660-1840 (1997)
Brendan TWOMEY. Dublin in 1707: A year in the life of the city (2009)

(d) Composite surveys

Joseph BRADY & Angret SIMMS (eds.), Dublin through space and time (2001)
Peter CLARK & Raymond GiILLESPIE (eds.), Two capitals: London and Dublin 1500 -1840 (2001)
Art COSGROVE (ed.), Dublin through the ages (l988)
Michael MacCARTHY, Lord Charlemont and his circle (2000)
James KELLY & Martyn Powell (eds.), Clubs and societies in eighteenth-century ireland (Dublin,2010)
(e) **Readings on 18C Ireland of particular relevance**

---------------------, *Making the grand figure: Lives and possessions in Ireland 1641-1770* (2004), esp. chap. 9  
Thomas BARTLETT, *The fall and rise of the Irish nation* (1992)  
L.M. CULLEN, *The emergence of modern Ireland...* (1981)  
R.B. McDOWELL, *Ireland in the age of imperialism and revolution...* (1979)  

(f) **General readings on urban history**

Peter CLARK & B. LEPETIT (eds.), *Capital cities and their hinterlands in early modern Europe* (1996)  

**II. Primary sources of general utility**

A. **CONTEMPORARY REFERENCE.** [Early Printed Books Dept.]

*Watson’s Treble Almanack* (1753-) ** [some years in ECCO]  
Pigot and Co.’s *City of Dublin and Hibernian Directory* 1824 [* but h’back is best]  

B. **NEWSPAPERS** [Hardcopy in E.P.B.D or micfm. In Ussher]

*Faulkner’s Dublin Journal* (1750s, 1760s, esp.)  
*Freeman’s Journal* (1760s, 1770s, 1810s-20s) [some **]  
*Dublin Evening Post* (1780s-1810s)  
*Hibernian Journal* (1790s, 1800)

C. **PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES**

Sir John GILBERT (ed.), *Calendar of the ancient records of Dublin, VI-XIX* (1896-1944) [Research Floor]  
MS - Minutes of the Wide Streets Commissioners, 1757-1830 [Pearse St. Library Journals of the House of Commons (Ireland) [E.P.B.D.]
E. OTHER POLITICAL SOURCES


F. PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES/REPORTS [social and/or economic]

Commons Grand Committees on trade etc.: Journal of the House of Commons of Ireland, vol. X, pp. clxxxvii-, cxi-; vol. XI, pp. cxxxv et seq. (1780-4) [E.P.B.D.]
Evidence taken on the legislative union, 1800 (U.K. House of Commons papers, 1833, xxxv) [O.P.] **

[See also online parliamentary papers relating to Dublin [a] on the EPPI site www.eppi.ac.uk/eppi/digbib/home and [b] at http://parlipapers.chadwyck.co.uk]

G. OTHER SOCIAL ENQUIRIES

J. WHITEHALL, 'Essay on the population of the city of Dublin' (1804), in R. Wall, ed., Slum conditions in London (1974) [Reserve, Iveagh Hall] and *

H. MAPS

Joseph BRADY, 'A brief guide to maps of Dublin from 1610 to the beginning of the twentieth century’, in Joseph Brady & Anngret Simms, (eds.), Dublin through space and time (2001), 341-46
John ROCQUE, An exact survey of the city and suburbs of Dublin (1756; mod. ed. 1977 with intro by J.H. Andrews) [TCD Map Library]

I. SOURCE DOCUMENTS, COLLECTIONS AND COMMENTARY

Jean AGNEW (ed.), The Drennan-McTier letters (3 vols., Dublin, 1999)
Andrew CARPENTER (ed.), Verse in English from eighteenth-century Ireland (1998)
Mary LYONS (ed.), *The memoirs of Mrs Leeson: Madam, 1727-97* (1995)  
Orsolya SZKALY, 'Eighteenth-century Dublin in the eyes of a Hungarian aristocrat', in *Irish Economic and Social History*, 29 (2002), 56-70  
[Dublin Corporation Public Libraries], *A directory of Dublin for the year 1738* (2000)

**III. Specific secondary sources**

**Contents**

1. **ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING, HOUSING AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**
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15. **CRIME, LAW AND ORDER**

1. **ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING, HOUSING AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**

Nuala BURKE, 'Dublin 1600-1800: A study in urban morphogenesis' (TCD Ph.D., 1972)  
Paul BUTEL & L.M. CULLEN (eds.), *Cities and merchants...* (1986), chaps. 7 and 8  
Christine CASEY (ed.), *The eighteenth-century Dublin town house: Form, function and finance* (Dublin, 2010)  
C.P. CURRAN, *Dublin decorative plasterwork in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries* (1967)  
Mairead Dunlevy, 'Dublin in the early nineteenth century: Domestic evidence', in Gillespie & Kennedy (eds.), *Ireland* [see above]
Murray Fraser, 'Public building and colonial policy in Dublin, 1760-1800', in *Architectural History*, XXVIII (1985) **
J.A. Geoghegan, 'Notes on eighteenth-century houses', in D.H.R., VII, 2 (1945) **
Arthur Gibney, 'Studies in eighteenth-century building history' (TCD, PhD, 1997)
J.B. Maguire, 'Dublin Castle; three centuries of development', in *J.R.S.A.I.*, CXV (1985) **
-------------------, *James Gandon: Vitruvius Hibernicus* (1985)
-------------------, *Public architecture in Ireland 1680-1760* (2001)
Susan Roundtree, 'A history of clay brick ... in Ireland' (TCD MLitt, 1999)
Yvonne Whelan, 'The construction and destruction of a colonial landscape: Monuments to British monarchs in Dublin before and after independence', in *Journal of Historical Geography*, 28 (2002), 508-33 **

2. TRADE AND FINANCE

G.L. Barrow, *The emergence of the Irish banking system 1820-45* (1975)
Paul Butel & L.M. Cullen (eds.), *Cities and merchants...* (1986), esp. chaps. 4 and 14
------------------, *Princes and pirates: The Dublin Chamber of Commerce* (1983)
------------------, *Economy, trade and Irish merchants at home and abroad 1600-1988* (2012), chaps. 8-10, 12-14
David DICKSON, 'The place of Dublin in the eighteenth-century Irish economy', in T. Devine and D. Dickson, (eds.) Ireland and Scotland 1600-1850 (1983)


F.G. HALL, The Bank of Ireland (1949)
Liam KENNEDY & PETER M. SOLAR, Irish agriculture: A price history from the mid-eighteenth century to the eve of the First World War (2007)
Nini RODGERS, Ireland, slavery and anti-slavery 1612-1865 (2007), esp. chap. 8
W.A. THOMAS, The stock exchanges of Ireland (1986)
See also FAGAN (1998) in section 13

3. INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

David DICKSON, 'The Irish cotton industry', in L.M. Cullen and T.C. Smout, (eds.), Comparative aspects of Scottish and Irish... history (1977)
Alison FITZGERALD et al., 'The production of silver in late Georgian Dublin', in Irish Architectural and Decorative Studies, 4 (2001), 8-47
[see also Alison Fitzgerald in O’BRIEN & O’KANE (I sect. d)]
Conrad GILL, The rise of the Irish linen industry (1925)
P. LYNCH and J. VAIZEY, Guinness's brewery and the Irish economy 1759-1876 (1960)
E.B. McGUIRE, Irish whiskey: a history . . . (1973)
Martyn POWELL, The politics of consumption in eighteenth-century Ireland (2005)
W.C. STUBBS, 'The weavers' guild', in J.R.S.A.I., 6th ser., XXXIX (1919) **
John SWIFT, History of the Dublin bakers (1948)
Dudley WESTROPP and Mary BOYDELL, Irish glass . . . (2nd ed., 1978)

4. POPULATION, SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND SEGREGATION

R.A. BUTLIN, 'The population of Dublin in the late 17C', in Irish Geog., V, 2 (1965) **

5. TRANSPORT & THE UTILITIES

-----------------, *Ireland's Royal Canal* (1992)
-----------------, 'The rocky road to Dublin . . .', in *Studia Hibernica*, XXII-III (1982-3) **

6. GUILDS AND LABOUR

-----------------, 'Wages of skilled workers in the Dublin building industry 1667-1918', in *Saothar*, XV (1990)
Mel DOYLE, 'Dublin's guilds and journeymen's clubs', in *Saothar*, III (1977)
H.T. GUINNESS, 'Dublin trade guilds', in *Jnl. R. Soc. Antiq. Irl.*, LII (1922) **
Maurice O'CONNELL, 'Class conflict in a pre-industrial city: Dublin in 1780', in *Ir. Ecc. Rec.*, CIII (1965)
J. WEBB, *The guilds of Dublin* (1929)
See also O'BRIEN in section 2; LEIGHTON in section 13

7. THE PROFESSIONS, EDUCATION AND THE INTELLIGENTSIA

H.F. BERRY, *The Royal Dublin Society* (1915)
Caroline COSTELLO (ed.), *The Four Courts: 200 years* (1996)
Graham GARGETT & Geraldine SHERIDAN (eds.), *Ireland and the French Enlightenment* (1999), chaps. 6, 9
C. KENNY, 'The exclusion of Catholics from the legal profession in Ireland 1527-1819', in *I.H.S. xxv*, 100 (Nov. 1987) **
-----------------, *King's Inns and the kingdom of Ireland: The Irish 'Inn of Court' 1541-1800* (1992)
Michael MacCARTHY (ed.), *Lord Charlemont and his circle* (2001)
Cynthia O’CONNOR, *The pleasing hours... James Caulfeild, earl of Charlemont* (1999)
Lesley WHITESIDE, *A history of the King’s Hospital* (1975)

8. PRINTING AND PUBLISHING

Barbara HAYLEY & Enda McKay (eds.), *300 Years of Irish periodicals* (1987)
Máire KENNEDY, ”Politics, coffee and news”: The Dublin book trade in the eighteenth century', in *Dublin Historical Record*, 58 (2005), 76-85 **
Mary POLLARD, 'John Chambers, printer and United Irishman', in *Ir. Book*, iv, l (1964)
-----------------, *Dublin’s trade in books 1550-1800* (1989)
Thomas WALL, *The sign of Dr Hay’s head* (1958)
See also GARGETT & SHERIDAN in section 7

9. UPPER-CLASS CONSUMPTION AND LEISURE

Catherine DOWER, 'Dublin and musical culture in the eighteenth century', in *Eire-Ireland*, XXII, 1 (1987) **
La Tourette STOCKWELL, *Dublin theatres and theatre customs 1637-1820* (1938)
See also KELLY & POWELL, Clubs and societies [in 1 (d)]
10. POPULAR INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURE

Fergus D’ARCY, 'The decline and fall of Donnybrook fair...', in Saothar, XIII (1988)


Nessa Ni SHEAGHDHA, 'Irish scholars and scribes in 18c Dublin', in Eighteenth-Century Ireland, IV (1989) **

Seamas O MAITIU, The humours of Donnybrook (1995)]

-------------, ‘Changing images of Donnybrook fair’, in Denis A. Cronin et al. (eds.), Irish fairs and markets: studies in local history (Dublin and Portland (OR): Four Courts, 2001), 164-79


Mary Helen THUENTE, The harp re-strung: The United Irishmen and the rise of Irish literary nationalism (1994)

See also section 7

11. MEDICAL, WELFARE AGENCIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH


Laurence M. GEARY, Medicine and charity in Ireland 1718-1851 (2005)

Maria LUDDY, Prostitution and Irish society 1800-1940 (2007)


-------------, 'The emergence of scientific medical practice in Ireland 1660-1800', in Elizabeth MALCOLM & Greta JONES (eds.), Medicine, disease and the state in Ireland 1650-1940 (1999), 21-39

Elizabeth MALCOLM, Swift's hospital: St Patrick's . . . (1989)

Eoin O'BRIEN et al. (eds.), The house of industry hospitals 1772-1987... (1988)


Ian C. ROSS (ed.), Public virtue, public love: the early years of the Dublin Lying-In Hospital (1986)

J.H. WIDDESS, 'The Dublin House of Industry', in W. Doolin & O. Fitzgerald, eds., What's past is prologue (1952)

12. CORPORATION AND PARLIAMENTARY POLITICS 1750-1800


D. DICKSON, K. WHELAN & D. KEOGH (eds.), The United Irishmen (1992), esp. chaps. by Kelly and Hill

------------, 'Corporate values in Hanoverian Edinburgh and Dublin', in Bob Morris, Rab Houston & Sean Connolly (eds.), *Conflict, identity and economic development:*

------------, From patriots to unionists: *Dublin civic politics and Irish Protestant patriotism 1660-1840* (1997)

------------, in CLARKE & GILLESPIE (I above, sect. d), chap. 9

Anne KAVANAUGH, *John Fitzgibbon, earl of Clare* (1997)


------------, 'Napper Tandy', in Kelly and MacGearailt (eds.), *Dublin and Dubliners* (1990)

------------, *Henry Grattan* (1993)

------------, 'The emergence of political parading, 1660-1800', in T.G. FRASER (ed.), *The Irish parading tradition: Following the drum* (2000), 9-26


------------, 'Lucas, Catholicism and nationalism', in *Eighteenth-century Ireland, VIII* (1993) **

Maurice O’CONNELL, *Irish politics and social conflict in the age of the American Revolution* (1965)


13. *RELIGION AND SOCIETY*


------------, *Catholics in a Protestant country: The papist constituency in eighteenth-century Dublin* (1998)

J.J. KELLY & Daire KEOGH (eds.), *A history of the Catholic diocese of Dublin* (1999), chaps. 7-12


Brian MacGIOILLA PHADRAIG, 'Dr John Carpenter 1760-86', in *Dub. Hist. Rec.,* XXX (1976-7) **

ROBIN USHER, 'Church royal... The iconography of Christ Church and St. Patrick’s Cathedrals, Dublin 1660-1760', in *Irish Architectural and Decorative Studies*, X (2007), 201-33

See also KEOGH in sect.14

14. 1798, 1803

Thomas BARTLETT et al., 1798: A bicentenary perspective (2003)
Nancy CURTIN, The United Irishmen: Popular politics in Ulster and Dublin 1791-98 (1994)
------------------------, K. Whelan & D. Keogh (eds.), The United Irishmen (1992), esp. chaps. by Bartlett, Whelan, Keogh, Dickson, Lindsay, Cullen and Graham
------------------------, Wolfe Tone... (1989)
Patrick GEOGHEGAN, The Irish act of union (1999)
------------------------, Robert Emmet (2002)
------------------------ & James KELLY, eds. The Irish act of union: Bicentennial essays (2003), esp. chap. by Hill
G. HAYES-McCOY, 'The insurgent threat to Dublin in 1798', in *An Cosantoir*, XVIII (1958)
------------------------ & Kevin WHELAN (eds.), Acts of union... (2001)
James SMYTH, 'Dublin's political underground in the 1790s', in O'Brien (ed.), *Parliament...* (see sect. 13)
------------------------, The men of no property: Irish radicals and popular politics in the late eighteenth century (1992)
Kevin WHELAN, The tree of liberty (1996)

15. CRIME, LAW AND ORDER

Nigel COCHRANE, 'The policeman's lot was not a happy one: duty, discipline, pay and conditions in the DMP c.1838-45', in Saothar, XII (1987)
----------, 'Police and public order in eighteenth-century Dublin', in Clark & Gillespie, *Two capitals*, 81-91 [see above I, sect d]
James KELLY (ed.), *Gallows speeches from eighteenth-century Ireland* (2001)
Sean MURPHY, 'Municipal politics and popular disturbances: 1600-1800', in Cosgrove, *Dublin* (see I)

See also section 10

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**Essay bibliography**

**Private palaces: where and why?**

CRAIG (1952) and MAXWELL [GCB I, sect. c]
Sheridan in BRADY & SIMMS [GCB I sect. d]
Sheridan in CLARK & GILLESPIE [GCB I, sect. d]
CASEY and GEORGIAN SOCIETY and McCULLOUGH [GCB, III, sect. 1]

WATSON’S *Treble Almanack* c. 1760 for additional evidence

And visit the Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square (free – Tuesday to Friday) -- http://www.iarc.ie/about-the-iaa/

**Prostitution and scandal**

BARRY, GARNHAM (1996), HENRY and IRWIN [in GCB III, sect. 16]
Barnard, Gillespie and Garnham in CLARK & GILLESPIE [GCB I, sect. d]
Mary LYONS (ed.), *The memoirs of Mrs Leeson: Madam, 1727-97* (1995)

**The Wide Streets Commissioners: Planning for whom?**

BURKE; FRASER; McPARLAND (1972) and (1985); CASEY and McCULLOUGH [GCB III, sect. 1] 
Sheridan in CLARK & GILLESPIE [GCB I, sect. 9] 

WSC minute-book in City Archives (Pearse St) for one year in 1780s or early 1790s

**Catholic practice in penal Dublin**

----------, *Catholics in a Protestant country: The papist constituency in eighteenth-century Dublin* (1998)
J.J. KELLY & Daire KEOGH (eds.), *A history of the Catholic diocese of Dublin* (1999), chaps. 7-12
Brian MacGIOLLA PHADRAIG, 'Dr John Carpenter 1760-86', in *Dub. Hist. Rec.*, XXX (1976-7) **

See also KEOGH in sect.14

**Banks and bankruptcy**

Paul BUTEL & L.M. CULLEN (eds.), *Cities and merchants...* (1986), esp. chaps. 4 and 14
The evolution of shops and retailing

------------------------, in O’BRIEN & O’KANE [GCB I, sect. d]
Alison Fitzgerald, in O’BRIEN & O’KANE [GCB I, sect. d]
POWELL [in GCB I, sect. e]
John BREWER & Roy PORTER (eds.), Consumption and the world of goods (London, 1993)

WARBURTON, Dublin, II (1818) * [GCB II. Sect. A]
WATSON’S TREBLE ALMANACKS [from 1753 in EPB and **ECCO for some years]