

# *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 ecology, evolution and environment seminar series*

Hosted by Zoology and Botany within the School of Natural Sciences, this seminar series presents weekly research talks by national and international experts. The seminars are open to all and announced on the events calendar.

### *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 or the Head of Microbiology, and the Head of Clinical Microbiology.

## Public Lectures

### *The French departmental lecture*

This annual lecture was founded by the French Department in 2023. Each year a lecture will be delivered on an area of French studies by someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the field.

### *The French research seminar series*

This seminar series was founded in 2023 to provide a platform for scholars in French, at all stages in their career, to present their research findings in the field of French studies.

### *The end-of-year lecture in French studies*

This annual lecture was founded by the French Department in 2023. Each year an eminent specialist in the field will be invited to deliver a lecture in an area of French studies.

### *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.

### *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 Eleanor Knott memorial lecture*

Founded in 2023 by the Department of Irish and Celtic Languages, this lecture honours the distinguished Irish-language scholar Eleanor Knott (1886–1975), who began lecturing in College in 1928 and was appointed Professor of Early Irish in 1939. Each year a lecture will be delivered by an eminent scholar on a topic in the field of medieval or early modern Irish.

### *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 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 late 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 School of Social Sciences and Philosophy autumn lecture series*

This series of four lectures examines a pressing issue in society through the disciplinary lens of the School's four departments: Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology.

*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.

*The Whitfield drama series*

This series of events incorporating academic talks from visiting lecturers and workshop masterclasses from visiting practitioners was established in 2019 from funds given by Needham Whitfield in memory of his wife Brigid Pike Whitfield, a Trinity graduate in modern languages and a life-long lover of the performance arts.

## Public Lectures

### *The Barbara Wright memorial lecture in French studies*

This annual lecture was founded by the French Department in 2020 in memory of Professor Barbara Wright. Each year a lecture is delivered by an eminent specialist on a subject in the field of Professor Wright's research interests, namely textual and visual studies and nineteenth-century French literature.

#### 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 2024-25.

#### TRINITY MONDAY DISCOURSE

Professor Patrick Geoghegan, F.T.C.D.: 'Jaja Wachuku (1918-1996)'

#### THE NORMANBY LECTURE IN MICROBIOLOGY

Martha Clokie, 'Antimicrobial resistance - is phage therapy the answer?'

#### THE ELEANOR KNOTT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Katharine Simms, 'Kingship and the bardic poets'

#### THE BARBARA WRIGHT MEMORIAL LECTURE IN FRENCH STUDIES

Claire Moran, 'Eugène Manet: intimacy and micro-histories of Impressionism'

#### MICHAELMAS TERM

Farbod Akhlaghi, Pablo Magaña, Sam Fazekas, 'The moral limits of democracy'

Olga Bochkareva, 'The role of structural variants in phenotypic heterogeneity of bacteria'

Christine Casey, 'The wisdom of hands: craft practice in architecture'

Michael Gallagher, Constantine Boussalis, Peter Stone, Lisa Keenan, 'Election watch 2024: a global perspective'

Tim Golden, 'Aseptic processing and contamination control in the manufacture of biopharmaceuticals'

David Harrich, 'Harnessing defective interfering particles and lipid nanoparticles for effective delivery of an anti-dengue virus RNA therapy'

Tamás Hausel, 'Anatomy of big algebras'

Jay Hinton, 'How has *Salmonella* become so dangerous in Africa?'

David Landy, Ronan Costello, Eugenia Siapera, 'Democracy and social media: beyond the spectacle of like and dislike'

David Lynn, 'The role of the microbiota in regulating responses to immunisation and cancer immunotherapy'

David Mitchell, 'Explaining conflict and peace in Northern Ireland'

David Mitchell, 'The experience of Northern Ireland's communities in building trust and dialogue after the 1998 Belfast agreement'

David Mitchell, 'Peace on the Korean peninsula? Reflections from the Northern Ireland peace process'

Marvin Suesse, 'The wealth divide: has inequality doomed the 2024 elections?'

HILARY TERM

Connor Bamford, 'Embracing diversity and (r)evolution at the virus-host interface'  
Brett Christophers, 'The price is wrong: why capitalism won't save the planet'  
James Connolly, 'Regulatory flexibility as a driver of niche-specific *Escherichia coli* pathogenesis'  
Cian Cooney, 'Decolonisation without independence: the French policy of *Intégration* during the Algerian war'  
Rebecca Corrigan, 'Signalling nucleotides: essential molecules for bacterial growth and high-level antibiotic resistance'  
Lindsey Earner-Byrne, 'Stories from the margins: history and the making of modern Ireland'  
Conor Feehily, 'Strain spotting in the vaginal microbiome'  
Julia Frunzke, 'Phage-host interactions: warfare, alliances, and application'  
Benno ter Kuile, 'Development of antimicrobial resistance. Mechanisms, pathways and driving forces'  
Andrea Puhar, 'Extracellular ATP signalling in the infected gut'  
Taha Yasseri, 'The human in the machine: navigating the myths and realities of AI towards a future where we shape technology responsibly'

TRINITY TERM

Ashley Harris, 'Media, gender and authorship in contemporary France: the rise of the *écrivain médiatique*'  
Carol Newman, 'Against the headwinds: evidence-based development in a turbulent world'  
John O'Brien, 'Montaigne, from friendship singularity to friendship commonwealth'  
Radek Przedpelski, 'David Lynch and Gilbert Simondon: art, magic, quantum technicity'  
Céline Thobois-Gupta, 'Beckett grafting French canonical literary scions onto his dramatic rootstalk: Racine, Diderot, Proust, Gide'  
Sven Vanneste, 'The neural ripple effect: what phantom sounds teach us about brain function, disorders, and new therapeutic frontiers'