

...discussion examines "History,
Hope, and the Political Speech"

Tune into the "Behind the Headlines: History, Hope and the Political Speech"
live discussion on March 1 at 7 pm GMT / 2 pm EST.

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BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Ten Years of Public Engagement
on the Pressing Issues of our Time

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are pouring onto streets of Hong
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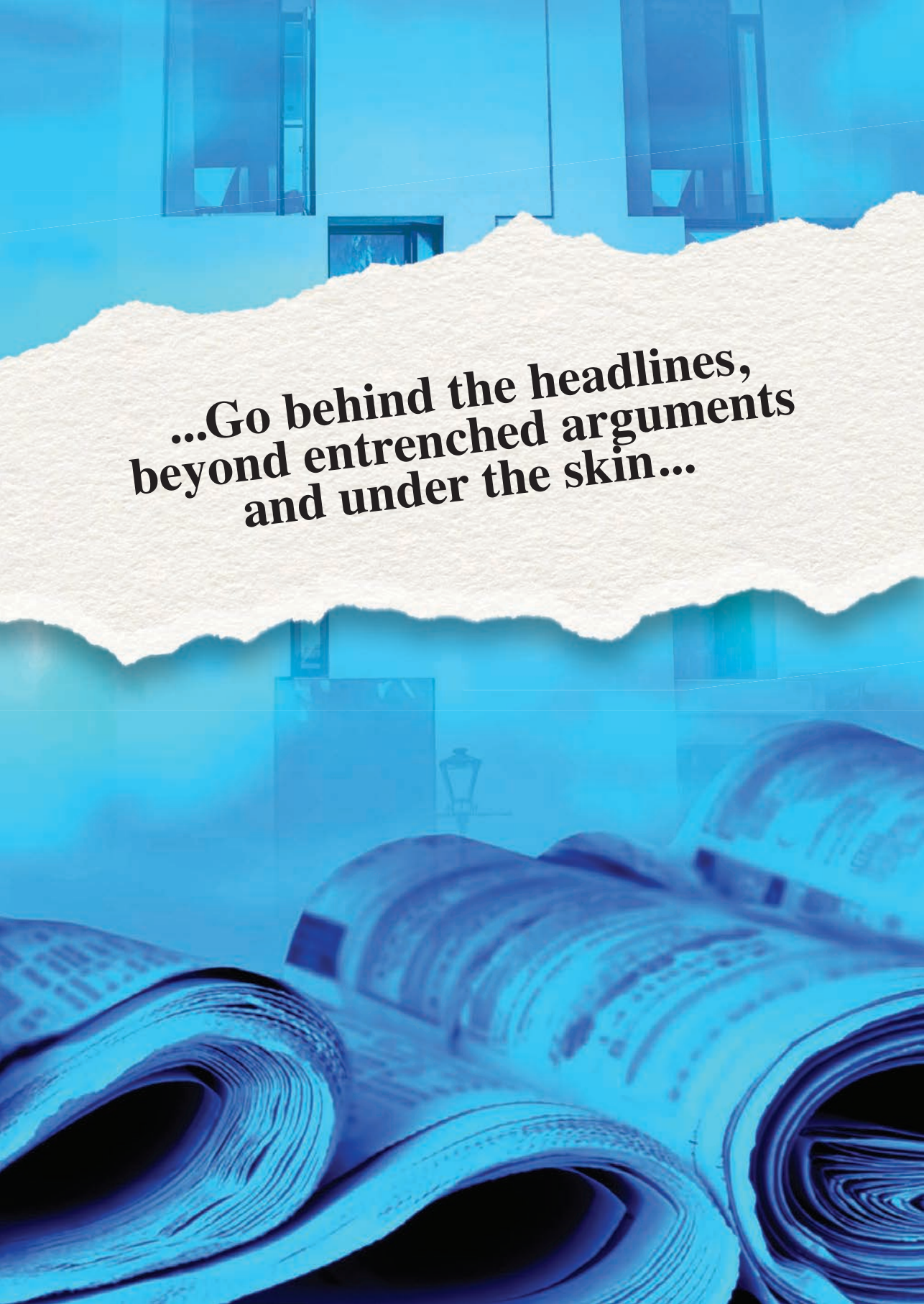
Public discussion in Trinity
College Dublin examined the
psychology of both terrorists
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Religious identities, or any identity.

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**...Go behind the headlines,
beyond entrenched arguments
and under the skin...**

What is BEHIND THE HEADLINES?



A university-led public discussion series

Drawing on the expertise of Trinity scholarship and engaging the insights of a public audience, 'Behind the Headlines' provides a forum for informed and respectful discussion of the complex backdrops to current news events.



An Arts and Humanities angle on the news

From historical precedents and linguistic analyses to creative thinking and imagined futures, the series is shaped by cutting-edge research from Trinity's Arts and Humanities community.



A wide-ranging, multidisciplinary response

Behind the Headlines brings together academic researchers and societal partners from politics, industry, policy, and the arts to tackle the controversies and difficulties of our era.

Trinity Long Room Hub's Director on BEHIND THE HEADLINES 10

What does it mean to go 'behind the headlines'? A decade ago, the Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity's research institute for the university's Arts and Humanities disciplines, tried out a new format for addressing the pressing issues of our time. Prompted by the 2015 terrorist attack on the *Charlie Hebdo* offices in Paris, we convened a diverse panel of academics and practitioners with a public audience to pool expertise, share insights, and reflect on the wider historical and cultural implications of what had happened. Trinity's 'Behind the Headlines' series was born.



Over the decade that followed, the series evolved to become a key forum for interrogating the headlines, a way – in the words of former Trinity Long Room Hub Director Juergen Barkhoff – 'to go beyond entrenched arguments and under the skin'. It took on major world issues such as climate catastrophe, racism, the rise of populism and a global pandemic, but also turned to domestic concerns, such as the redrafting of Ireland's constitution or the quality of Dublin's civic plan. Each time, the format has been simple: 10-minute talks by experts and researchers, and then a wide-ranging and respectful public discussion of the topic.

Most important – Behind the Headlines took full advantage of leading research in the Arts and Humanities, drawing on contributions from historians, linguists, ethicists, dramatists, film-makers, artists and literary scholars in order to better understand our world. The Behind the Headlines series has shown us, consistently, the need for imaginative, sometimes abstract thinking, and for nuanced historicised approaches that re-integrate the 'human factor' into an increasingly complicated global landscape.

The Trinity Long Room Hub team has been immensely proud to run this series, and could not have done so without huge support from Terry and Marjorie Neill; the John Pollard Foundation; the 150+ individuals who spoke on our panels; and from the many thousands who have attended – both in person and online – across the decade. Our thanks to all involved. And for the next ten years? If the headlines keep coming, we'll keep talking.

Eve Patten

Professor Eve Patten
Director, Trinity Long Room Hub

What our AUDIENCES SAY

“ In an age of seemingly desperate uncertainty, it was interesting to be reminded that history has left us guides for reflection and action.”

AUDIENCE MEMBER 'BEHIND THE HEADLINES: THE AGE OF UNCERTAINTY'

“ These webinars are introducing me to new ideas at a time when we are struggling to cope with lockdowns – particularly for cocooners like myself – great intellectual stimulus.”

AUDIENCE MEMBER 'BEHIND THE HEADLINES: HISTORY, HOPE AND THE POLITICAL SPEECH'

“ As a Polish expat living in Ireland since 2006 I often see that there is not much public knowledge or interest in the history or current events in Central/East European countries, you are helping to change that.”

AUDIENCE MEMBER 'BEHIND THE HEADLINES: WOMEN AND RESISTANCE IN POLAND AND BELARUS'

“ I wasn't expecting to learn a lot, but in fact I learnt so much. It was really helpful and I feel that my vote will be a lot more considered after this event.”

AUDIENCE MEMBER 'BEHIND THE HEADLINES: NO PLACE LIKE HOME'



Ten years tackling the big questions

THE TIMELINE



2015

- **After Charlie Hebdo:** Religion, Freedom, and Human Rights
- **The Embrace of Love:** Being Gay in Ireland Now
- **Destination Europe:** Reflections on the Refugee Crisis



2016

- **Terrorism Today**
- **BREXIT**
- **Undermining Democracy:** Challenges to Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe
- **BREXIT, Brussels, and the Big Apple**
- **Syria:** The Local and the Global

- **Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in Our Times:** From Rwanda to the Rohingyas
- **Our Digital World:** Who is Serving Whom?

2017

- **World University Rankings:** What do they mean for Higher Education and Research?
- **Abortion in Modern Ireland**
- **Trump's America:** 60 Days In
- **Freedom of Speech:** Where Journalism and the Law Collide



2018

- **The Future of Policing**
- **#MeToo:** Then and Now
- **The Banking Crisis:** A Decade On
- **Crises of Democracy**
- **What does it mean to be Human in the 21st Century?**



- **Plagues and Pandemics**

- **Climate Change and Pandemics**

- **Democracy in an Age of Pandemic**

- **Human+ Technology Beyond COVID-19**

- **The Age of Uncertainty**

- **History, Hope, and the Political Speech**

- **The Future of Northern Ireland**

- **Afghanistan:** Reflections, Interventions, Responsibilities

- **The Culture of Work**

- **Falling out of Love with Dublin?**

- **Ukraine:** Changing how we bear witness to War

- **Waste Lands:** Imagining Climate Catastrophe

- **Returning Remains:** Context, Consent, and Colonialism

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023-25

- **Can Stories Save the World?**
- **Does Race Matter?**
- **The Future of Ireland and its Borders**
- **What's Going on in...Hong Kong?**

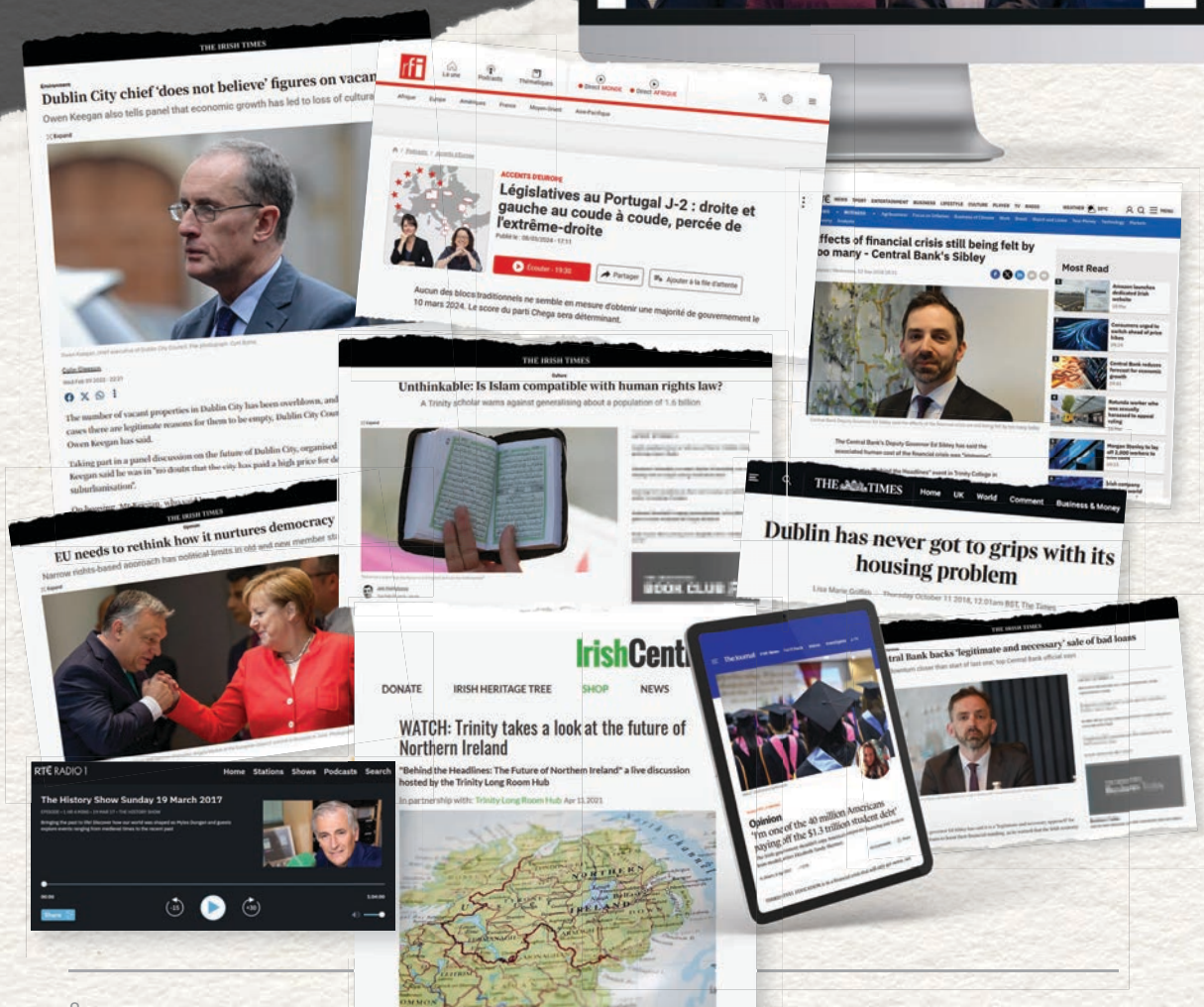
- **Is there still an American Dream?**
- **Women and Resistance in Belarus and Poland**

- **REWRITES:** Necessity or Travesty?
- **No Place Like Home?**
- **Humanitarianism in Crisis?**



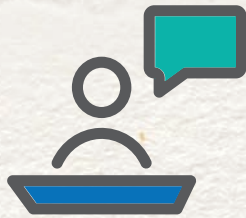
BEHIND THE HEADLINES IN THE MEDIA

Our public discussions have received widespread media coverage with reporting appearing in print, radio, podcast and online media. For many of our academic speakers, Behind the Headlines has provided an opportunity to engage a wider public with their research.





TEN YEARS



157 EXPERT SPEAKERS



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Trinity College



32
from other
Universities



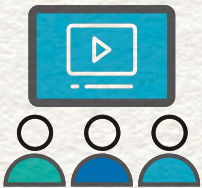
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11900+
Podcast plays



106,500+
Event video views

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48+
Articles and broadcasts
in national &
international media



30+
Hub articles on
Trinity websites

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