The TCD Centre for New Irish Studies and The Department of History, Queen's University Belfast in association with The TCD Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute

# **Ireland in Africa/Africa in Ireland**

A one-day workshop reflecting on past and recent connections and on new research in Ireland on things African

Keynote address:

Prof. Donal McCracken (University of KwaZulu-Natal) The Irish in Africa - colonial running dogs or harbingers of change?'

## 11th May 2017

in the Trinity Long Room Hub

Panelists will include : Bill Hart, Abel Ugba, Laura Brown, Filipe de Meneses, Michelle D'Arcy, Padraig Carmody, Ailish Veale, and Kevin O'Sullivan.

Admission is free, but please book at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ireland-in-africaafrica-in-ireland-tickets-33753844658 to reserve a place For full programme details see https://www.tcd.ie/CISS/









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Draft Programme

**09.15**. Welcome and Introduction

#### 1. Africans in Ireland

**09.30.** Bill Hart (Ulster University): 'American sources for a black presence in nineteenth-century Ireland'

**09.50.** Eric Morier-Genoud (Queen's University Belfast): 'Cosmopolitan Belfast? Africans and Africa at Queen's University, 1941-1971'

**10.10.** Abel Ugba (University of East London): 'Identity, belonging and media use by Irish Africans'

10.45 Coffee in Ideas space, level 3

#### 2. African Studies in Ireland [A]

**11.15.** Laura Brown (Maynooth University): "They were a greasy, downtrodden lot": Egypt and the perception of Egyptians in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan 1899-1956'

**11.35. Roger** Boulter: 'Target Pretoria - Dieter Gerhardt and the Soviet Penetration of the South African Defence Force'

11.55. Filipe de Meneses (Maynooth University), 'From metropolitan revolution to colonial exodus: The fall of Portuguese Angola, 1974-5'

12.30. Lunch break

#### 3. African Studies in Ireland [B]

13.45. Michelle D'Arcy (Trinity College Dublin): 'The historical antecedents and contemporary political impact of devolution in Kenya'

**14.05**. Padraig Carmody (Trinity College Dublin): The geopolitics and economics of BRICS resource and market access in Southern Africa'

14.25. Kevin O'Sullivan (NUI Galway): 'Lessons from Biafra'

#### 4. The Irish in Africa

**15.00**. Ailish Veale (Trinity College Dublin): 'Irish Catholic medical missionaries in the development era'

**15.20.** David Dickson (Trinity College Dublin): 'The missionary motorist: Thomas Gavan Duffy's Africa crossing, 1927-8'

16.00. Tea in Ideas Space, level 3

#### 5. Keynote paper

16.30. Donal McCracken (University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban): 'The retreat down Africa. The Irish in Africa - Colonial running dogs or harbingers of change?'

17.30. Workshop ends.