

Regional Report 2022-2023 United Kingdom

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Conferences and Workshops

Oxford Seminar in Irish History:

26 October – Robin Adams (QUB), ‘Shadow of a Taxman: How and by Whom was the Republican Government Financed in the War of Independence (1919-21)?’.

9 November – Heather Jones (UCL), ‘Monarchism and the Irish Revolution, 1916-1923’.

22 November – Martyn Powell, ‘Wolfe Tone and the Hibernian Catch-Club: Sociability in Revolutionary Dublin’.

25 January – Dr Síobhra Aiken (QUB), Was there a ‘silence’ about the Irish Civil War?

8 February – Dr George Evans (British Academy), ‘Irish’ officers in history and historiography.

22 February – Prof. Niall Ó Dochartaigh (Galway), Deniable Contact: Backchannel Negotiation in Northern Ireland: launch of the paperback edition.

8 March – Dr Carole Holohan (TCD), A poor place? Rethinking Irish histories of welfare.

Cambridge Modern Irish History:

26 October – Peter Solar (Vrije Universiteit, Brussel), ‘British Colonialism and the Pre-Famine Irish Economy’ and Charles Read, The Great Famine in Ireland Britain’s Financial Crisis.

09 November – Robert O’Sullivan (Cambridge), ‘The Irish American Press, the American Civil War, and the Emancipation Proclamation, 1861-1865’.

15 February – Ciara Breathnach (University of Limerick), The Dublin City Coroner’s Court and Cause of Death c1900

23 February – Launch of Charles Read’s book - Calming the Storms: The Carry Trade, the Banking School and British Financial Crises Since 1825

1 March – Daniel Mulhall (University of Cambridge Parnell Fellow), Ireland in a changing world, 1980-2020 - Some personal reflections.

8 March – Hilary Carey (University of Bristol), Rev. James Curtin: Catholic Priest, Protestant Missionary and Pro-Slavery Pariah in Antigua

15 March – Margaret Ward (Queen's University of Belfast), “A cold house for women”: gender and the early years of the Northern Ireland state

3 May, LAMENT: A one-day celebration of the Irish keening tradition

16 May – Niamh Wycherley (NUI Galway), ‘Power and Patronage in Medieval Ireland’

24 May – Laura Kelly (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow), ‘The Women's Right to Choose Group, Pro-Choice Activism and Crisis Pregnancy Counselling in 1980s Dublin?’

QUB Irish Studies Seminar:

24 October – Joe Nugent (Boston College), ‘Pigs, Priests, and People: How the Irish Smelled Civilization’.

31 October – Robin Adams, ‘Who funded the Irish Revolution?’: Belfast Book Launch of Shadow of a Taxman (OUP, 2022).

7 November – Andrew Newby (University of Jyväskylä), ‘It Would Lead to Sheer Anarchy’: Joseph R. Fisher, Finland, and the Home Rule Question, c. 1899-1914’.

14 November – Cólín Parsons (Georgetown University) ‘Is there a global Irish literature?’

21 November – Roisín Higgins (Teesside University), ‘You didn’t see it, but you could hear the echoes and the sounds’: sounds and silences during the Troubles’ .

28 November – Richard Fitzpatrick (QUB), ‘The Ulster Settlers Database: a new digital resource for the study of the province and its people’.

05 December – Jay Roszman (UCC), ‘The Irish Face of British Politics: Irish agrarian violence, ultra-Tories, and the end of Whig government, 1835-1841’.

06 March – Emmet O’Connor, ‘Rotten Prod: The Unlikely Career of Dongaree Baird’ (27UQ/01/003, 4.30pm).

15 March – Marilyn Richter, 'Getting to Good Friday: Literature and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland'.

27 March – Bernadette Whelan, 'Private and Public Lives of First Ladies in 1920s Ireland'.

17 April – Catherine Flynn, 'Loose Ties: The Paris Commune, Aesthetics, and Popular Revolution in Ulysses'.

24 April – Claire Mitchell, 'The Ghost Limb: Finding an Alternative Protestant Tribe'.

02 May – Karina Wendling, 'The Use of the Irish Language by Protestant Missions in 19th c. Ireland: A Multifaceted Paradox'.

08 May – Niall Carson, 'The Gates Flew Open: Peadar O'Donnell, Communism, and the Irish Academy of Letters'.

Edinburgh Modern Irish History Research Group

1 November – Abigail Fletcher (Edinburgh), 'From the Sexual Offences Act to Strasbourg': Homosexuality and the Law in Northern Ireland, 1967-1982'.

21 February – James Bright, 'Captive Readers: The Loyalist Long Kesh Library' (Chrystal Macmillan Building, 5pm).

07 March – Gary Murphy, 'Charles Haughey and the National Question: Rhetorics and Reality' (Chrystal Macmillan Building, 5pm).

28 March – Jack Hepworth, "'They cannot act as a class as long as their privileges survive': British Radical Perceptions of the Loyalist Working Class During the Northern Ireland Conflict, c. 1969 – 1994' (Chrystal Macmillan Building, 5pm).

03 May – Catriona Kennedy, "'Your servants that were your servants': Irish Domestic Servants, Radicalism, and Rebellion in the 1790s' (Sydney Smith Lecture Theatre, 5pm).

WORKSHOP: Radio Myles: Brian O'Nolan and Irish Radio Broadcasting. Online workshop hosted by Birkbeck, University of London, 1 April 2023

Miscellaneous Events

6 March, Dr Richard Barlow (Nanyang Technological University), “Celticism in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries” (50 George Square, University of Edinburgh, 5pm)

8 March, Modern Irish and Scottish Literature: Connections, Contrasts, Celticisms book launch (Room 202, 3 University Gardens, University of Glasgow, 5pm)

5-7 July, Conference of Irish Historians in Britain, 24th Conference of Irish Historians in Britain: Humanitarianism and Irish History (Hertford College, University of Oxford)

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8 October: Author Louise Kennedy (winner of third annual John McGahern Prize for debut Irish work of fiction) in conversation with Prof Frank Shovlin as part of Liverpool Literary festival, Victoria Building, University of Liverpool.

12 October: Republic of Shame: Ireland’s Mother and Baby Institutions: Caelainn Hogan in conversation

7 December: The 4th Annual Seamus Heaney Lecture in association with The Estate of Seamus Heaney, was delivered by Prof Philippe Sands KC on the subject ‘The Last Colony’

7 March, ‘An Evening with Seán Hewitt’ (Waterstones Liverpool, 6:30pm)

7 March, WORKSHOP: Fion Gunn: The Divided Self - Experiences of Diaspora, Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool, Tuesday, 7.00 pm

15 April, Viking Society Student Conference (Central Teaching Hub, University of Liverpool, 10:30am – 5:30pm)

19 June, ‘Irish Nurses in the NHS: the Liverpool story’. “Irish Nurses in the NHS” is an oral history project led by Professor Louise Ryan, London Metropolitan University, and Grainne McPolin, a retired nurse and now independent documentary maker, with research assistant Neha Doshi. In this presentation, the team present findings from their interviews with a particular focus on nurses in Liverpool.

Manchester Irish Education Group

11 March, National Irish Studies Conference (Irish World Heritage Centre, Manchester, 9am – 4:30pm)

London Beckett Seminar

24 February, Clara Simpson (Théâtre de la Manufacture), “Performing Not I” (Online, Register Via Link, 6pm).

24 March, Jonathan Bignell (University of Reading), “Adaptation and Convergence: Beckett on Film” (Online, Register Via Link, 6pm).

21 April, Ulrika Maude (University of Bristol), “Beckett’s Obscene Body of Poetry and Other Precipitates” (Online, Register Via Link, 6pm).

Association of Celtic Students

30 March – 1 April, Celtic Studies Conference 2023 (University of Glasgow, Gilmorehill Campus and Online)

Birkbeck College, University of London

23 March, Professor Katy Hayward (Queen’s University Belfast), “Good Friday/Belfast Agreement: Past, Present and Future” (6pm – 9pm)

Notre Dame in London

13 June: Conversations on Britishness and Irishness with Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP and Mr Declan Kearney MLA at the University of Notre Dame, London.