



Reflections on Forty Years of Irish Membership of the EU

*A major two day multi-disciplinary event exploring
the evolution of Ireland's 40 year relationship with
the EU and marking the re-launch of the Irish Association
for Contemporary European Studies (IACES)*

**28-29 November 2013
North Wing Council Room
University College Cork**



THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2013

11.00am Opening and Welcome

Prof Ursula Kilkelly, Head of College of Business and Law, UCC

11.15-12.30pm Political Reflections: Forty Years of Ireland and the EU

Alan Dukes, former Minister for Finance

Michéal Martin, former Minister for Foreign Affairs

Dick Spring, former Minister for Foreign Affairs & Tánaiste

12.30-1.15pm Lunch

1.15-2.30pm Political Reflections: Forty Years of Representing Ireland

Chair: Andrew Cottey (UCC)

Patricia McKenna, former MEP

Barry Desmond, former MEP and Government Minister

John Cushnahan, former MEP

Mary Banotti, former MEP

2.30-3.45pm Administrative Reflections: Forty Years of Diplomacy

Chair: John O'Brennan (NUIM)

Francis Jacobs, Head, European Parliament Office Dublin

Bobby McDonagh, Irish Ambassador to Italy

Lt Gen Pat Nash (retired), Operation Commander EUFOR CHAD/RCA

3.45-4.00pm Coffee

4.00-5.15pm Media Reflections: Forty Years of Reporting

Chair: Deirdre O'Shaughnessy, *Cork Independent*

Ann Cahill, *Irish Examiner*

Paddy Smyth, *Irish Times*

Sean Whelan, former RTE Brussels correspondent

5.30-6.45pm Civil Society Reflections: Forty Years of Influencing

Chair: Gillian Keating (President, Cork Chamber of Commerce)

Pat Ivory, IBEC

David Begg, ICTU

Noelle O'Connell, European Movement Ireland

Tony Brown, IIEA

7 pm Keynote Address and Launch of IACES

Professor Desmond Dinan, Jean Monnet Chair, George Mason University

A Mixed Blessing?

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Followed by wine reception

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2013

9:15-10:30am The Path to Irish Membership of the EU

Chair: John Logan (UL)

Mervyn O'Driscoll (UCC)

'The EEC Appraisal of the Irish Application, 1961-63: New Evidence and New Perspectives'

Michael Geary (Maastricht University and Woodrow Wilson Centre)

'Challenging the Acquis: Dublin, Brussels and the First EEC Enlargement Negotiations, 1970-1973'

Michael Holmes (Liverpool Hope University)

'The Irish Left and European Integration: The Right Train at the Wrong Time?'

10:30-10:45am Coffee

10:45-12:00pm Economic Adaptation: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Chair: David Farrell (UCD)

Frank Barry (TCD)

'European Integration and Irish Economic Interests: Past Experience, Future Prospects'

Dan O'Brien (IIEA and UCD)

'Common Market, Single Market and Monetary Union: Benefits, Costs and Risks'

Mary P. Murphy (NUIM)

'The EU and Social Policy: A Case of Dog Wagging the Tail'

12.00-1.15pm Political Adaptation: Institutions and Actors

Chair: Lee McGowan (QUB)

Mary C. Murphy (UCC)

'Conflict, Cash and Caution: The EU Dimension to Northern Ireland Politics'

John O'Brennan (NUIM)

'The Oireachtas and European Affairs: Finally Learning to Play the European Game?'

John Fitzgibbon (Canterbury Christ Church University)

'Pro-European Eurosceptics: Making sense of the Irish and their Relationship with Europe'

1:15-2:00pm Lunch

2.00-3.15pm Administration, Law and Identity

Chair: Emmanuelle Schon (UCC)

John Coakley (UCD)

'Irish National Identity: The Challenge of Europe'

Declan Walsh (UCC)

'The Experience of the Irish Courts in Adapting to and Applying EU Law'

Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB)

'Adapting to Europe: The Irish Administrative Experience'

3:15-3:30pm Coffee Break

3:30-5:15pm Adaptation to EU Policy

Chair: Jane O'Mahony (University of Kent)

Pauline Cullen (NUIM)

'EU Membership and Gender Equality in Ireland: Limits and Possibilities'

Bernadette Connaughton (UL)

'From Incidental to Integral: Ireland's Engagement with EU Environmental Policy'

Michael Holmes (Liverpool Hope University)

'Ireland Foreign Relations inside the European Union: Continuity and Change'

Thia Hennessey (Teagasc)

'Forty Years of the Common Agricultural Policy: The Irish Farming Experience'

Brid Quinn (UL)

'Forty Years of Regional Development in Ireland: Through Europe, With Europe and in Europe'

5.15pm

Close and Thanks

This conference 'Reflections on Forty Years of Irish Membership of the European Union' marks the re-launch of the **Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies (IACES)**. IACES aims to bring together European Studies scholars and practitioners with a view to fostering collaboration, sourcing funding, and disseminating scholarly research on European Integration and Irish membership of the EU. The organisation intends to play an important role in contributing to future public and political discussion on the question of Ireland's EU membership.

The conference theme is **Reflections on 40 Years of Irish Membership of the European Union**. It brings together leading figures from the worlds of academia, politics, civil society, business and the media from across the island of Ireland and further afield. The event offers the opportunity to look back at and reflect on Ireland's membership of the EU, to examine whether and to what extent membership has been good for Ireland, and to consider the fundamental changes in policy, politics and society which European integration has wrought.

Conference Organisers: Dr Mary C. Murphy (UCC), Dr John O'Brennan (NUIM) and Anthony Costello (Conference Administration)

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