

IRISH CONFERENCE
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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

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THURSDAY 26TH
TO SATURDAY 28TH

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**Irish Committee of
Historical Sciences**

IRISH COMMITTEE OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES

The Irish Committee of Historical Sciences was founded in March 1938 to provide for the representation of Irish historical interests on the Comité International des Sciences Historiques/International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH/ICHS). Our purpose is to represent historians and the historical discipline in Ireland, to

promote historical scholarship and public engagement with history, to advocate for the discipline, to provide a forum for discussion, to promote and disseminate research and encourage students and early career researchers.

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Archives and Records Association (Ireland)

Catholic Historical Society of Ireland

Church of Ireland Historical Society

Comhaltas na gCumman Staire – Irish History Students' Association

Economic and Social History Society of Ireland

Eighteenth-Century Ireland Society

Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement

History of Science, Technology and Medicine Network Ireland

History Teachers' Association of Ireland

History Teachers' Association of Northern Ireland

Irish Association of Professional Historians

Irish Genealogical Research Society

Irish Historical Society

Irish Legal History Society

Irish Society for Archives

Irish Labour History Society

Methodist Historical Society of Ireland

Military History Society of Ireland

Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland

Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland

Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland

Sports History Ireland

Transnational Ireland Network

Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies

Women's History Association of Ireland

8.40 - 9.10am

Registration – information – meet & greet

ORB common area, ground floor

9.15 -11.00am

Kane G18

**Religion and repression:
Ulster, Pakistan and Poland**

Leanne Calvert (*University of
Hertfordshire*)

'No member pertaining to his body was
ever in her': policing male sexual
behaviour in the Ulster Presbyterian
community, 1750-1830

Amanullah De Sondy (*University College
Cork*)

'No veil on my head, no shoes on my
feet – I ran outside!': Madam Noor
Jehan's challenge to muscular Islam

Agnieszka Laddach (*Nicolaus Copernicus
University, Toruń*)

A social image versus historical sources
– the case of Fr. Prof. Janusz Stanisław
Pasierb, Poland

ORB G27

**Marital matters: nuns, soldiers
and gentry**

Jenny Coughlan (*Independent*)

Comparing Bede and Gregory of Tours
on Issues Relating to Married Women
Entering the Religious Life in the Early
Middle Ages: the Case of Queens
Æthelthryth and Rade Gund

Olivia Martin (*NUI Galway*)

'You and I were never shy! We did
know each other so well beforehand':
evolving marital relationships in lesser-
gentry Connaught families, 1754-1904'

Aoife Bhreathnach (*Trinity College,
Dublin*)

'Making the army their home': marriage
in nineteenth-century Irish garrison
towns

ORB 101

**Miscellany: UCC postgraduate
panel**

Kristina Decker (*University College Cork*)

Reinforcing Ideas of Female Decorum:
the letters and writings of Mary Delany
(1700-88)

Kelsey Rall (*University College Cork*)

'Not my niece!' Re-thinking spinster
scholarship

Rebecca Crunden (*University College
Cork*)

Lesbianism and the US Military in the
Korean War Era

Abstracts, pp. 4-8

11.00 - 11.15am

Tea & coffee

ORB common area, ground floor

11.20 am-12.15 pm **Kane G18**

Official conference opening, followed by

KEYNOTE LECTURE 1

Ruth M. Karras

The Myth of Masculine Impunity: male adultery and repentance in the Middle Ages

Abstracts, p. 1

12.15 - 1.20pm

Lunch

ORB common area, ground floor

1.30 - 3.15pm

ORB 101

Sex and textuality in medieval and early modern Ireland

Sharon Arbuthnot (Queen's University, Belfast)
The Lost Vocabulary of Medieval Irish Sex and Reproduction

Salvador Ryan (St Patrick's College, Maynooth)
Sexual Impropriety in 13th-century Ireland: tales from the *Liber Exemplorum* (c. 1275)

Liam Ó Murchú (Independent)
Sex and Sexuality in the Gaelic Literature of Thomond, c. 1780

ORB G27

Family planning and sexual-health activism, 1960s-90s

Deirdre Foley (Dublin City University)
'Too Many Children'? Family Planning and *Humanae Vitae* in Dublin, c.1961-72

Laura Kelly (University of Strathclyde)
'It was something that had to be done': the IFPA youth group and sexual-health activism in Ireland, c.1984-94

Kane G18

Midwives and 'handywomen'

Laurence Geary (Independent)
Popular and Professional Midwifery Practices in Ireland in the Long Nineteenth Century

Philomena Gorey (University College Dublin)
Municipal gospel or necessity? Belfast Corporation and the regulation of midwives, 1911-18

Elaine Sugrue (University College Cork)
'We will keep on agitating until prosecutions are enforced against some of these "quacks."': the Irish Nurses' Union and the campaign against untrained midwives, c. 1920-30

Abstracts, pp. 9-12

3.15 - 3.30pm

Tea & Coffee

ORB common area, ground floor

3.35 - 5.15pm

ORB 101

Mistresses, cuckolds and sexual depravity: early modern perspectives

Dave Edwards (University College Cork)
The Many Mistresses of the Black Earl of Ormond – a cost-benefit analysis

Michael Keane (Independent)
The Execution of the 2nd Earl of Castlehaven for Crimes of Sexual Depravity

Nicola J. Pearce (University of Hull)
Cuckoldry in Political Propaganda in the Exclusion Crisis, 1679-81

Kane G18

Male sexual relations: colonialism, convicts and the Holocaust

Luke Taylor (University of Toronto)
Speaking of Buggery in Colonial New South Wales

Barra Ó Donnabháin (University College Cork)
Unnatural Practices and Silence: sexual relationships between male convicts in the Victorian era

Florian Zabransky (University of Sussex)
Male Jewish Sexual Relations During the Holocaust

ORB G27

Sex, sexuality and the Irish revolution

John Borgonovo (University College Cork)
'Separation women' and Gender Politics in First-World-War Ireland

Mary McAuliffe (University College Dublin)
Having no use at all for men': same-sex relationships among Irish women revolutionary and feminist activists

Niall Murray (Independent)
Love on the Battlefield? Marriages between veterans of the Irish revolution

Abstracts, pp. 13-17

5.30 - 6.15 pm Boole 1

KEYNOTE LECTURE 2

Sheila Rowbotham

William Bailie: from a Belfast basket workshop to Boston free-lovers in the 1880s and 1890s

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8.30pm

Music, drink and jollity

Mr. Bradley's Bar, Barrack Street.

9.00 - 9.30am

Registration – information – meet & greet

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9.30 - 11.15am

ORB 101

Abortion, Assisted Human Reproduction and Ireland

Don O'Leary (Independent)

Assisted Human Reproduction: Vatican pronouncements and Irish Catholic responses

Mark Benson (Queen's University, Belfast)

Abortion for 'social' reasons in Northern Ireland, 1900-68

Linda Connolly (NUI Maynooth)

Abortion Politics in the Republic of Ireland, 1970-2018

ORB 244

Rape and sexual violence

Sylvia Broeckx (University of Sheffield)

Race, Rape and Justice during the American Civil War

Theresa O'Keefe (University College Cork)

'Our bodies are used like a weapon': sexual violence, gender and the state during the Northern Irish Troubles

Ciara Molloy (Trinity College, Dublin)

The Politics of Rape in 1980s Ireland

ORB 132

Prostitution, censorship and the city

Peter Hession (University College Dublin)

Sex and the City: displacing prostitution in post-Famine Cork

João Pena (University of

Amsterdam/Federal University of Bahia)

Prostitution Policies in Brazil and the Netherlands: rights, surveillance and urban space

Michela Turno (Independent)

Ghosts on Stage: silencing sexuality and violence in Italy, 1960-80

Abstracts, pp. 18-22

11.15 - 11.30pm

Tea & Coffee

ORB common area, ground floor

11.35 - 12.15 pm **Boole 1**

KEYNOTE LECTURE 3

Michael G. Cronin

Sex, class and hegemony in twentieth-century Ireland

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12.15 - 1.30pm

Lunch

ORB common area, ground floor

1.30 - 3.15pm

ORB 101

Rethinking sexology: new perspectives on sexual science (1890-1960)

Sarah Jones (*University of Exeter*)
'The Mysteries of Sex Frankly Revealed!': popular sexology in print before 1940.

Jen Grove (*University of Exeter*)
Sexologists as collectors of historical erotica in the first half of the twentieth century

TJ Zawadzki (*University of Exeter*)
'On the margins of Freudism': Stanisław Kurkiewicz and early sexology in Poland

Kane G18

The long nineteenth century: infanticide, foundling hospitals and social purity work

Aisling Shalvey (*University of Strasbourg*)
The Insanity Defence in Infanticide Cases in Manchester 1880-1889

Sarah-Anne Buckley (*NUI Galway*)
'After I told him, he left for Havana': narratives of Irish emigrant women in the London and New York Foundling Hospitals, 1850-1902

Martin Walsh (*University of Limerick*)
'Keep your mind well occupied [and] crowd out the devil': social purity work and young working-class men in Ireland and Britain, 1875-1918

ORB 132

Maternal bodies

Eiko Saeki (*Hosei University, Tokyo*)
The placenta and the ambivalent relations between maternal-foetal bodies in Tokugawa Japan (1603-1868)

Rachel Bennett (*University of Warwick*)
'Inmates of an entirely different class': regulating the maternal body in the nineteenth-century Irish prison

Judy Bolger (*Trinity College, Dublin*)
Breastfeeding in nineteenth-century Ireland

ORB 123

Free State? Sex, sexuality and reproduction in post-independence Ireland

Sandra McAvoy (*Independent*)
Contraception is in itself intrinsically evil, and a direct violation of natural and divine law

Sile Healy Hunt (*Independent*)
Impaired morals, sexual deviancy and illegitimacy: the Public Dancehalls Act 1935

Conor Heffernan (*University College Dublin*)
More Sinned Against than Sinning? Building the Body Beautiful in 1930s Ireland

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3.15 - 3.30pm

Tea & Coffee

ORB common area, ground floor

3.35 - 5.15pm

Kane G18

Gendered troubles in post-independence Ireland

Máire Leane (*University College Cork*)
Disciplining gendered troubles: discursive and symbolic representations of adolescent sexualities in the new Irish state

Liam O'Callaghan and David M. Doyle (*Liverpool Hope University*)
Gender, Sexual Morality and the Death Penalty in Independent Ireland, 1923-44

ORB 101

Eugenics and feminism

Merle Wessel (*University of Greifswald*)
An Unholy Union? Eugenic Feminism in the Nordic Countries, c. 1890-1940

Mary Muldowney (*Independent*)
Moya Woodside – a compassionate eugenicist?

ORB 123

Perspectives on historical child sexual abuse

Kate Gleeson (*Macquarie Law School, Sydney*)
Sex, race and postcoloniality: implications for redress and reparations for child sexual abuse

Sinéad Ring (*University of Kent*)
Resisting the Harms of 'Innocence' through Memories: an alternative history of child sexual abuse in Ireland

ORB 132

Documenting Irish LGBT history

Sonya Mulligan and Ger Moane
Outitude: documenting Irish lesbian herstory (with excerpts from the forthcoming documentary)

Edmund Lynch
A Different Country: Ireland's LGBT history (with excerpts from the award-winning documentary)

Abstracts, pp. 30-33

7.30pm

Conference Dinner

Isaac's Restaurant, MacCurtain Street.

9.20 - 9.40am

Registration – information – meet & greet

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9.45 - 11.45pm

ORB 255

Queering Irish History: revealing, preserving and sharing LGBT histories

Orla Egan (University College Cork/Cork LGBT Archive)

Queer Republic of Cork: the development of Cork's LGBT community and of the Cork LGBT Archive

Páraic Kerrigan (NUI Maynooth)

Projecting a Queer Nation: mainstreaming queer identities on Irish documentary film

Patrick McDonagh (European University Institute, Florence)

'The circumstances peculiar to organising gay people in the West are indeed a quare lot': Gay and Lesbian Activism in 1980s Galway

Sara R. Philips (Transgender Equality Network of Ireland)

Living in the Shadows: trans identities in Irish history

Fiachra Ó Súilleabháin (University College Cork)

'Coming out, Letting Go': gay fathers' narratives in Ireland

ORB 203

Pornography, sexualisation and sex advice

Alicja Gontarek (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin)

Image sexualisation of Romani women in the interwar Polish press

Ciara Meehan (University of Hertfordshire)

'Has he called you frigid lately?' Sex advice in 1960s Irish women's magazines

Caroline West (Dublin City University)

The Lovelace Legacy: lessons learnt from the world's first 'porn star'

ORB G27

Representations of mothers and motherhood

Clodagh Tait (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick)

The Mammy Returns: revenant mothers in Irish folklore

Heather Laird (University College Cork)

'I don't know what any o' yours ud do without your ma': common tropes in the representation of working-class motherhood in Irish literature

Lorraine Grimes (NUI Galway)

'Such cases seem very annoying to you': the representation of Irish unmarried mothers in Britain, 1926-59

Helga Krüger-Kirn and Leila Zoe Tichy (Philipps University of Marburg)

Motherhood and Gendered Parental Positions in Germany

Abstracts, pp. 34-40

12 noon - 1.00pm **Boole 1**

KEYNOTE LECTURE 4

Jeffrey Weeks

Doing Sexual History

(followed by conference closing).

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IRISH CONFERENCE of HISTORIANS

1953-2018

The Irish Committee of Historical Sciences has held a conference of historians annually since 1939, both to transact routine business and to hear papers on historical subjects. Before 1953 these conferences took the form of an afternoon session in Dublin at which a paper on an Irish subject was read, usually by an Irish historian, before an audience consisting of members of the history faculties of the Irish universities, teachers of history in Irish schools, and others interested in historical scholarship. In July 1953 a conference

on a larger scale was held in Dublin: it lasted for three days, ten papers were read, the subjects were not confined to Irish history, and the speakers included several visiting scholars. The marked success of this experiment caused the committee to decide that in future a conference of the new type should be held every second year. The proceedings of twenty-eight of the conferences have been published under the series title *Historical Studies*. For a variety of reasons, this year's conference is the first since 2013.

2018	ICH XXXII Sex, Sexuality & Reproduction: historical perspectives <i>University College Cork</i>	1995	ICH XXII, Religion and Rebellion <i>University College Dublin</i>	1973	Irish Conference of Historians XI <i>University College Galway</i>
2013	ICH XXXI, Unravelling Violence: Historians, Narratives and Meanings <i>University College Dublin</i>	1993	ICH XXI, Women in History <i>Queen's University, Belfast</i>	1971	Irish Conference of Historians X <i>University College Cork</i>
2011	ICH XXX, Death and Dying <i>NUI Maynooth</i>	1991	ICH XX, Men, Women and War <i>Magee College, University of Ulster</i>	1969	Irish Conference of Historians IX <i>University College Dublin</i>
2009	ICH XXIX, Power and History <i>University of Limerick</i>	1989	ICH XIX, Ideology and the Historians <i>Trinity College, Dublin</i>	1967	Irish Conference of Historians VIII <i>Queen's University, Belfast</i>
2007	ICH XXVIII, Empires and their Contested Pasts <i>Queen's University, Belfast</i>	1987	Irish Conference of Historians XVIII <i>University College Galway</i>	1965	Irish Conference of Historians VII <i>Trinity College, Dublin</i>
2005	ICH XXVII, Intelligence, Statecraft and International Power <i>Trinity College, Dublin</i>	1985	ICH XVII, The Writer as Witness: Literature as Historical Evidence <i>University College Cork</i>	1963	Irish Conference of Historians VI <i>Magee College, University of Ulster, Derry</i>
2003	ICH XXVI, Culture, Place and Identity <i>Magee College, University of Ulster</i>	1983	ICH XVI, Radicals, Rebels and Establishments <i>Maynooth University</i>	1961	Irish Conference of Historians V <i>University College Galway</i>
2001	ICH XXV, Explaining Change in Cultural History <i>NUI Galway</i>	1981	ICH XV, Parliament and Community <i>University College Dublin</i>	1959	Irish Conference of Historians IV <i>University College Cork</i>
1999	ICH XXIV, Information, Media and Power through the Ages <i>University College Cork</i>	1979	ICH XIV, The Town in Ireland <i>Queen's University, Belfast</i>	1957	Irish Conference of Historians III <i>Queen's University, Belfast</i>
1997	ICH XXIII, Luxury and Austerity <i>St Patrick's College, Maynooth</i>	1977	ICH XIII, Minorities in History <i>New University of Ulster</i>	1955	Irish Conference of Historians II <i>Trinity College, Dublin / University College Dublin</i>
		1975	ICH XII, Nationality and the Pursuit of National Independence <i>Trinity College, Dublin</i>	1953	Irish Conference of Historians I <i>Trinity College, Dublin / University College Dublin</i>