



Centre for Historical Studies
School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
&
School of Asian Studies, University College Cork, Ireland



Invite you to an
International Conference

on

Ireland-India-Asia: Entangled Histories and Cultural Processes

Monday 28–Tuesday 29 October 2013
Committee Hall, JNU Convention Centre, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday 28th October 2013

Registration 9:00- 09:50

9:50-10:00 Introduction to the Conference theme

Dr. Jyoti Atwal (JNU) & Prof. Brian Bocking (UCC)

10:00-10:30 (Inaugural Session)

Chair: Prof Rajat Datta, Chairperson, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU.

Speakers:

10:00-10:05 Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Dean, School of Social Sciences, JNU

10:05-10:15 Prof. Sudha Pai, Rector, JNU

10:15-10:25 Chief Guest, HE Ambassador Feilim McLaughlin, Ambassador of Ireland to India

Vote of thanks

10:25 - 11:00 High Tea

11:00 - 13:00 (Session 1)

Constructions of Sikh Traditions in the Colonial Period

Chair: Prof. Mridula Mukherjee (Professor of Modern Indian History, Centre for Historical Studies and Dean, School of Social Sciences, JNU)

Prof. Bhagwan Josh (Professor of Contemporary Indian History, CHS, JNU) 'The Sikh Tradition of Martyrdom and the Nationalist Discourses'

Prof. Nikky Guninder Kaur Singh (Crawford Family Professor of Religion, Religious Studies, Colby College, Maine, USA), 'M.A. Macauliffe and the Angst of the Translator'

Dr. Tadhg Foley (Emeritus Professor, Dept of English, National University of Ireland, Galway), 'Sexual Transgression as Name-Changing? Some Scenes from the Private Life of Max Arthur Macauliffe'

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00- 15:30 (Session 2)

Religion, Individuals and Dynamics of the Empire

Chair: Prof. Shashi Joshi (ex Professor of Modern Indian History, Delhi University)

Prof. Brian Bocking (Professor of the Study of Religions, Acting Head of School of Asian Studies, Study of Religions Dept, University College Cork, Ireland), 'The Irish Buddhist' U Dhammaloka in India and Beyond'

Dr. Oliver Scharbrodt (Senior Lecturer in the Study of Religions and Acting Head of Study of Religions Dept., Study of Religions Dept. University College Cork, Ireland), 'Between Affirming and Critiquing Empire: Mir Awlad Ali (1832-1898) in 19th Century Dublin'

Ms. Sarah Hunter (Doctoral candidate, Dept of History, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland), 'The Dublin University Mission: an imperial agent or an Indian ally?'

15:30-15:45 Tea break

15:45- 17:15 (Session 3)

Irish Women and the Empire

Chair: Prof. Badri Narayan (Professor of Modern Indian History, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad)

Dr. Maureen O'Connor (Lecturer, School of English, University College Cork, Ireland), 'Irish Women Writing the Indian Woman and Nation: Sydney Owenson and Margaret Cousins'

Dr. Jyoti Atwal (Assistant Professor, Modern Indian History, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU), 'Music, Musings and Anti Colonialism: The Political Activism of Margaret Cousins (1878-1954)'

Presentation and discussion on 'Annie Besant: Her Life and Times' by Devangana Kalita, Shivangi Borah, Simrat Chamkaur, Priyanka Sharma and Reeti Basu (Masters Programme students, CHS, JNU)

Day 2: Tuesday 29th October 2013

10:00-13:00 (Session 4)

Comparative Histories and Post Coloniality

Chair: Prof. Arvind Sinha (Professor of Modern European History, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU)

10:00-11:30

Prof. Sucheta Mahajan (Professor of Modern Indian History, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU), 'Beyond 'Holocaust' Modes of Remembering: Oral Narratives of Conflict, India and Ireland'

Prof. Binod Khadria (Professor of Economics and Education, Centre for Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU), 'Inter-Diasporic Alliance in a Third-country Development (TcD) Model: Exploring North-South Transnational Cooperation Between Ireland and India for Development Beyond Homeland'

11:30- 11:45 Tea Break

11:45-13:00

Dr. Rakesh Batabyal (Associate Professor of Modern Indian History, Academic Staff College, JNU), 'Histories of Disaster: Great Famines of Ireland (1847-52) and India (1943-44) in Comparative Frame'

Dr. Lidia Guzy (Lecturer in Contemporary South Asian Religions, Study of Religions Dept., University College Cork, Ireland), 'The Marginalised and Endangered Worldviews Study Center - A research axis between Ireland and India'

13:00- 14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 (Session 5)

Anomalies of being the Extensions of the Empire

Chair: Prof. Aditya Mukherjee (Professor of Modern and Contemporary Indian History, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU)

Dr. Heather Laird (Lecturer, School of English, University College Cork, Ireland), 'As if we had a large body of English colonists settled in India backed by English law and English courts: The Influence of India on George Campbell's The Irish Land (1869)'

Dr. Hiram Morgan (Senior Lecturer, School of History, University College Cork, Ireland), 'Humanitarianism and Nationalism: Sir John Pope Hennessy and the British Empire'

Dr. Christopher Shepard (Historian and International Coordinator & Vice Chair India Strategy Group, University College Cork, Ireland), 'Training Grounds for Empire: Irish medical schools, graduates and their impact on the Indian Medical Service, 1860-1910'

16:00-16:15 Tea Break

16:15- 17:30 (Session 6)

Literary Consciousness and Cultural Processes

Chair: Prof. GVJ Prasad (Professor of English Literature, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU),

Dr. Shelley Hulan (Associate Professor, Dept of English Language and Literature University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada), 'Trouping the Empire: Sara Jeannette Duncan, George Bernard Shaw, and Ireland-India Theatre Connections'

Dr. Dhananjay Singh (Assistant Professor of English Literature, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU), 'Spiritualism and Postcoloniality: Yeats and Tagore'

17:30-17:40 Concluding remarks and Vote of thanks by the Organizers