



# THE IRISH CIVIL WAR



# **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

# Day 1: Wednesday 15 June



09:00 - 10:25

Wednesday | Morning Session 1 | Aula Maxima

#### 09:00 | Conference Welcome

- Opening: Dr Helene O'Keefe, Atlas of the Irish Revolution Project, UCC
- Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Colm Kelleher
- Catherine Martin TD, Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- Dr Mervyn O'Driscoll, Head of the School of History, UCC

#### 9:30 | Civil Wars and the Making of Europe's Twentieth-Century

- Professor Robert Gerwarth, Professor of Modern History at University College, Dublin and Director of the Centre for War Studies
- Session Chair: Prof Chris Williams, Head of the College of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Social Sciences, UCC

#### 10:25 | Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:25

Wednesday | Morning Session 2 | Aula Maxima

#### 11:00 | Opening Address

- President University College Cork, Professor John O'Halloran
- An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD

#### 11:30 | The war in Spain': European civil wars, 1917-47 through the prism of Spain

- Professor Helen Graham, Professor of Spanish History, Royal Holloway, University of London
- Session Chair: Dr Helena Buffery, Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, UCC

#### 12:25 | Civil War: Ancient Fears, Contemporary Realities

- Dr Bill Kissane, Reader in Politics, London School of Economics
- Session Chair: Dr John Borgonovo, School of History, UCC

#### 13:25 | Performance by the Band of 1 Brigade, Irish Defence Forces in the quad



## Day 1: Wednesday 15 June



14:20 - 15:40

Wednesday Afternoon | Session 1

#### PANEL A: THE IRISH CIVIL WAR AND GLOBAL COMPARISONS

Location: Aula Maxima

- Chair: Nadia Dobrianska (University College London)
- Slimane Hargas (University of Lorraine/Université Sorbonne Paris Nord): The outcome of the Algerian revolution and the spectre of the Irish Civil War
- **Niall Buckley (TCD):** Navigating Empire, Free State and Republic: The Catholic Church and Legitimisation of Irish and Austrian Sovereignty 1918-1925
- **Dr Andy Bielenberg (UCC):** Comparing the Ukrainian and Irish Civil Wars

#### PANEL B: GREAT BRITAIN AND HER EMPIRE

Location: Boole 4

- Chair: Dr Jerome Aan de Wiel (UCC)
- Pádraig King (Independent): The Liverpool IRA in the Irish Civil War
- **Dr Mary MacDiarmada (DCU):** 'De Valera's Man in London': Art O'Brien and the impact of republican activity in Britain 1922/1923
- **Eoin Hahessy (UCC):** The Archbishop & Dev: Catholicism and nationalism in the Irish diaspora during Ireland's civil war period

16:00 - 17:20

Wednesday Afternoon | Session 2

#### PANEL C: THE VIEW FROM AMERICA

Location: Aula Maxima

- Chair: Dr Miriam Nyhan Grey (NYU)
- Dr Michael Doorley (The Open University): Justice
   Daniel Cohalan and Irish America's response to the Irish
   Civil War
- Georgina Sweetnam (Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council): The Joseph McGrath Papers, 1920-1930
- Des Dalton (Independent): Arms and ideology: Joe McGarrity, Clan na Gael and the 'Treaty Split' in Transatlantic Republicanism

#### PANEL D: IMPERIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Chair: Dr Conor Mulvagh (UCD)
- Dr Jerome Aan de Wiel (UCC): French military intelligence and Ireland, 1919-1923: From the Peace Conference to the Civil War
- Dr Fearghal Mac Bhloscaidh (St Mary's University College Belfast): Charlie Daly and the significance of partition in the genesis of civil war
- Gerry White (Independent): The Occupation of Victoria Barracks, Cork, 18 May 1922: A Compromise that Failed



## Day 2: Thursday 16 June



9:30 - 10:50

Thursday Morning | Session 1

#### **PANEL E: PARTY POLITICS**

Location: Boole 1

- Chair: Dr Andrew McCarthy (UCC)
- Dr Liam Weeks (UCC): More than words? Analysing the roots of the Irish party system using historical parliamentary debates
- Dr Mícheál Ó Fathartaigh (NUI Galway): The Second Dáil before the Treaty Split: None of the Fissures that Might Be Expected
- Dr Martin O'Donoghue (Univ of Sheffield): 'Quite as ferocious as the Parnellite split': the legacy of home rule and 'Civil War politics'

### PANEL F: THE SOUTHERN LOYALIST EXPERIENCE

Location: Boole 2

- Chair: Dr Jay Roszman (UCC)
- Dr lan D'Alton (TCD): What did the Irish Civil War mean for Southern Protestants?
- Dr Brian Hughes (Mary Immaculate College): Southern Irish loyalists as 'refugees', 1922–23
- Barry Keane (Independent):
   Protestant decline in Ireland 1901-1926: abstracts from the census material

PANEL G: TRUCE TROUBLES

Location: Boole 4

- Mark Bulik (New York Times):
   Easter Week, 1922: Cruxy Connors and Bloody Anniversaries
- Dr Tom Mahon (Independent):
   'The Fecking War is Over': The
   Capture of the Upnor and the Civil
   War
- Ronan McGreevy (The Irish Times): Ireland's Sarajevo: How the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson MP started the Civil War

11:10 - 12:30

Thursday Morning | Session 2

# PANEL H: BEYOND 2022: THE DESTRUCTION AND VIRTUAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE OF IRELAND

Location: Boole 1

- Chair: Dr Diarmuid Scully (UCC)
- Dr Ciarán Wallace (TCD): Beyond 2022: The project and its methodology
- Zoe Reid (National Archives of Ireland): Conserving the Saved Records of 1922
- Dr Lynn Kilgallon (TCD): Beyond 1922: The Knowledge Graph for Irish history

#### **PANEL I: AGRARIAN UNREST**

Location: Boole 2

- Chair: Professor Maggie O'Neill (UCC)
- **Dr Tony Varley (NUI Galway):** Agrarian Disturbances and State-building during the Irish Civil War
- Adam Coleman (Maynooth University): The case of Runnamoat, Co. Roscommon. What can a case study of a big house burning reveal about social conflict during the Irish Civil War?
- Fergal Browne (Independent): The killing of Eric Seymour Wolfe - Ringenane, Kinsale, December 1922

#### PANEL J: CLASS AND LABOUR MILITANCY

Location: Boole 4

- Olivier Coquelin (University of Caen Normandy): The Fall of the Irish Soviets in the Civil War, 1922-23
- Thomas Dillon (Independent): The Feale Fishery Case: The contention of private and public fishery rights on a County Kerry river 1921-1924
- Dr Pat McCarthy (Military Historical Society of Ireland): The Special Infantry Corps and the Waterford Farm Labourers' Strike of 1923

#### PANEL J1: PROPAGANDA AND MEMORY

- Chair: Dr Alan McCarthy (UCC)
- **Evelyn Flanagan (UCD):** Catholic anti-Treaty propaganda within the Franciscan collection
- **Prof. Colum Kenny (DCU):** The Death and Character Assassination of Arthur Griffith

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PANEL K: CROSSING BORDERS Location: Boole 1

- Dr Edward Burke (University of Nottingham): Donegal Loyalists and the Civil War: Fear, Adaptation and Resistance
- Jack Traynor (QUB): 'Who emulated the methods of Cromwell or the Years of 1798': Northern soldiers in the National Army during the Irish Civil War, 1922-23

## PANEL L: CIVIL WAR ARCHAEOLOGY AND MATERIAL CULTURE

Location: Boole 2

- Chair: Dr Colin Rynne (UCC)
- Dr Marion Dowd (Atlantic Technological University): A Civil War hideout: archaeological investigations at Tormore Cave, Slievemore, Co. Sligo
- Daniel Breen (Cork Public Museum):
   The Only Elephant in the Room? A
   Brief History of Collecting the Irish Civil
   War at Cork Public Museum
- Helen O'Carroll (Kerry County Museum): Power to the People: The Building of the Thomas Ashe Memorial Hall in Tralee

PANEL M: CIVIL WAR LIVES
Location: Boole 4

- Chair: Rory O'Dwyer (UCC)
- Cormac O'Malley (Independent): Ernie O'Malley and the Civil War
- Eugene Coyle (Independent): The Harry Boland Enigma
- Dr Gerald Hanley (DCU): 'I go forth now scarcely knowing whereto I go': Cathal Brugha and the Civil War

15:30 - 16:30

Thursday | Afternoon Session 2

#### IRISH DEFENCE FORCES HISTORIC MILITARY EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

Location: Main Quad, UCC

Sliabh na mBan 1920 Armoured Rolls Royce Car; and 18 pounder Field Gun (artillery)
Presentation and QA courtesy members of the Irish Defence Forces

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dr Anne Dolan's Plenary Lecture has been cancelled





9:20 - 10:40

Friday | Morning Session 1

#### PANEL N: REPUBLICAN WOMEN ACTIVISTS

Location: Boole 1

- Chair: Dr Gemma Clark (Univ of Exeter)
- Dr Lia Brazil (Oxford University): Humanizing the Civil War? The ICRC, republican women and international intervention in Ireland
- Hilary Dully (Independent): 'There is no fear of the future when we have such brave girls'; Anti-Treaty women, perception and reality in the Irish Civil War
- **Dr Sinéad McCoole (Independent):** Female imprisonment at Kilmainham Jail

#### PANEL O: REMEMBERING AND MEMORIALISING

Location: Boole 2

- Kieran Doyle (Independent): The stone is mightier than the pen - Understanding the power and role of the Irish Civil War memorials in Cork
- Caitlin White (TCD): Civil War remembrance in the Irish Free State
- Tony McGrath (Independent): Stone Never Refused Carving: A Study of Republican Memorials, 1919 – 1923

#### **PANEL P: INTERNEES**

Location: Boole 3

- Chair: Dr Caoimhe Nic Dhaibheid (University of Sheffield)
- Dr Anne-Marie McInerney (Dublin City Library): Internment during the Irish Civil War
- Úna Kavanagh (NUI Galway): Anti-Treaty internees' contributions to an autograph book from the Tintown Camp from 1923
- Prof. Stephen Kelly (Liverpool Hope University): Gerald Boland's Civil War

#### PANEL Q: POLITICS AND IDEOLOGY

- Prof. Thomas Mohr (UCD): The Civil War and the 1922
   Constitution of the Irish Free State
- Dr Sean Donnelly (Teesside University): Revolution and Nationalism in Treatyite Political Thought, 1891-1923
- Dr Aodh Quinlivan (UCC): The Zeal for Centralisation:
   Local Democracy as a Civil War Casualty





11:10 - 12:30

Friday Morning | Session 2

#### PANEL R: ORDINARY LIVES TRAUMA AND MEMORY

Location: Boole 1

- Chair: Prof Gavin Foster (Concordia Univ)
- Owen O'Shea (UCD):We are near starving': the traumatic legacy of the Civil War for the families of combatants in County Kerry
- Siobhán English (Mary Immaculate College): The Civil War dead and their dependents in East Limerick and South Tipperary
- Cmdt Stephen MacEoin (Irish Defence Forces):
   Commemorating the National Army Dead

#### **PANEL S: GENDERED VIOLENCE**

Location: Boole 2

- Chair: Dr Maeve O'Riordan (UCC)
- Dr Mary McAuliffe (UCD): 'Violence and indiscipline?'
   The treatment of 'die hard' anti-treaty women by the National Army, 1922-1923
- **Susan Byrne (TCD):** Women's experience of internment during the Irish Civil War, 1922-1923
- Dr John Regan (University of Dundee): New Perspectives of the Kenmare Incident and the Writing of History

#### PANEL T: GENDER AND MORAL FORMATIONS

Location: Boole 3

- Benedikt Grubesic (University of Graz): We were hungry, sick, wet and cold - Gendered experiences of internment and imprisonment during the Irish Civil War
- Cmdt Daniel Ayiotis (Military Archives): Moral Formations: Morality, Discipline and 'Manly Loyalty to God' in the National Army, 1922-1923
- **Dr Shane Brown (UCD)**: Layered loyalties: the National Volunteers who fought in the Civil War

#### PANEL U: WAR, FIGHTING AND THE NATIONAL ARMY

- Chair: Gerry White
- Dr Jack Kavanagh (Maynooth University): The creation and growth of the National Army, July-November 1922
- Robert Delaney (Maynooth University/Irish Defence Forces): The 18-pounder field gun and the Irish Civil War
- Lt Col. Gareth Prendergast (UCC/Irish Defence Forces): The National Army and the counter-insurgency campaign in Cork, 1922-23





13:50 - 15:10

Friday Afternoon | Session 1

#### PANEL V: MESSAGING, MEDIA AND PROPAGANDA

Location: Boole 1

- Chair: Dr Finola Doyle-O'Neill (UCC)
- **Dr Alan McCarthy (UCC):** Muzzling the 'Munster Republic': Press Control and Propaganda in six southern counties, 1922-23
- Felix Larkin (Independent): No uncertain voice: a cartoonist's perspective on the Irish civil war
- **Dr Jonathan Black (Kingston University):** Amazon in the Four Courts: Clare Sheridan (1885-1970) and reporting the beginning of the Irish Civil War in Dublin, June 1922

#### PANEL W: THE IRA AND ITS STRATEGIES

Location: Boole 2

- **Prof. Tim Hoyt (US Naval War College):** Army Without Banners: The Strategy of the anti-Treaty IRA, 1922-1923
- John Dorney (The Irish Story): 'A Peculiar form of warfare': Anti-Treaty guerrilla strategy and rival state formation projects, 1922-23
- Karl Picard (Independent): The Demise of the Munster Republic: The Strategic Success of the Free State Offensive

#### PANEL X: ROADS NOT TAKEN

Location: Boole 3

- Chair: Dr Martin O'Donoghue (University of Sheffield)
- Catherine Rooney (UCC): Liam Tobin: Major General and Mutineer
- Gerard Shannon (Independent): 'Our national policy
  is to maintain the established Republic': Liam Lynch's
  political and military strategies during the Irish Civil War
- Samuel Beckton (Ulster University): The Unbroken
  Covenant: Could Ulster Unionists have controlled a nine-

#### **PANEL Y: CYCLES OF VIOLENCE**

- Chair: Dr Brian Hughes (Mary Immaculate College)
- Orson McMahon (Leiden University): The Violence of the Irish Civil War: Exaggeration or Understatement in County Kerry
- Aaron Ó Maonaigh (DCU): The trajectory of revolutionary violence in Co. Wexford during the Civil War





15:30 - 16:50

Friday Afternoon | Session 2

#### PANEL Z: THE MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS COLLECTION

Location: Boole 1

- Chair: Dr Donal O Drisceoil (UCC)
- Leanne Ledwidge (Military Archives): Women in the Civil War
- Michael Keane (Military Archives): Civil War Fatalities
- Robert McEvoy (Military Archives): Civil War Dependents

#### PANEL A1: THE WAR IN THE LOCALITIES

Location: Boole 2

- Dr Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc (Independent): Spies and Robbers Beware! – The IRA's assassination of alleged spies during the Irish Civil War
- **Dr Thomas Earls Fitzgerald (Independent)**: 1922-23 and 1916-21: continuity or break?
- Niall Murray (UCC): Béal na Bláth: A Crossroads in the Irish Revolution – The Mid-Cork Anti-Treaty IRA's return to urban conflict

#### PANEL B1: CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

Location: Boole 3

- Chair: Dr Ailbhe McDaid (UCC)
- Prof. Brian (Breen) Ó Conchubhair (Notre Dame University): The Irish Language and the Civil War
- Benjamin Ragan (Mary Immaculate College): The Paranormal in Memories of the Irish Civil War
- Prof. Tim McGloughlin (University of Limerick): Intervals of Peace-the artistic journey of a Civil War Prisoner

#### **PANEL C1: BATTLEFIELDS**

- Chair: Dr Andy Bielenberg (UCC)
- Liz Gillis (Champlain College): The Battle for Dublin
- Dr John O'Callaghan (Atlantic Technological University, Sligo): The Battle for Kilmallock
- Frank Fagan (Independent): The Forgotten IRA Victory at Ballina, September 1922



## Day 4: Saturday 18 June



#### 9:30 - 10:40 | Saturday Morning | Session 1

**PANEL 1: POLITICS** 

Location: Aula Maxima

- Chair: Dr Theresa Reidy (UCC)
- **Dr Ciara Meehan** (University Hertfordshire)
- David McCullagh (RTE)
- Prof. Gary Murphy (DCU)

PANEL 2: LABOUR Location: Boole 4

- Chair: Dr John Cunningham (NUIG)
- **Dr Emmet O'Connor** (Ulster University)
- **Dr Padraig Yeates** (SIPTU)
- Theresa Moriarty
- Dr Niamh Purséil

#### 10:50 - 12:10 | Saturday Morning | Session 2

**PANEL 3: TRAUMA** 

Location: Aula Maxima

- Chair: Dr Sarah Anne Buckley (NUIG)
- Prof. Linda Connolly (Maynooth University)
- Dr Síobhra Aiken (QUB)
- Fergal Keane (BBC)

PANEL 4: DIPLOMACY Location: Boole 4

- Chair: Dr Michael Kennedy (RIA)
- Prof. Fearghal McGarry (QUB)
- Prof. Dermot Keogh (UCC)
- Prof. Bernadette Whelan (University Limerick)

#### 13:20 - 14:40 | Saturday Afternoon | Session 1

**PANEL 5: PARTITION** 

Location: Aula Maxima

- Chair: Dr Éamon Phoenix
- Dr Adrian Grant (Ulster University)
- **Prof. Charles Townshend** (Keele University)
- **Dr Caoimhe Nic Dháibhéid** (University of Sheffield)

PANEL 6: LITERATURE Location: Boole 4

Cancelled

#### 14:55 - 16:05 | Saturday Afternoon | Session 2

**PANEL 7: DISORDER** 

Location: Aula Maxima

- Chair: Dr Donal O Drisceoil (UCC)
- Dr Brian Hanley (TCD)
- **Dr Gemma Clark** (University of Exeter)
- Dr Liam O'Callaghan (Liverpool Hope University)

Location: Boole 4

**PANEL 8: GENDER** 

- Chair: Prof. Lindsey Earner-Byrne (UCC)
- Dr Fionnuala Walsh (UCD)
- Dr Margaret Ward (QUB)
- Prof. Catriona Beaumont (London Southbank University)
- **Prof. Sonja Tiernan** (University of Otago)

#### 16:10 - 17:20 | Saturday Afternoon | Session 3

**PANEL 9: FAITH** 

Location: Aula Maxima

- Chair: Dr Ida Milne (Carlow College)
- Dr Andy Bielenberg (UCC)
- Dr Dáithí Ó Corráin (DCU)
- Dr Tricia Oakley Kessler (University of Cambridge/ Herzog Centre TCD)
- Gabriel Doherty (UCC)

PANEL 10: MEMORY Location: Boole 4

- Chair: Dr Heather Laird (UCC)
- Prof. Diarmaid Ferriter (UCD)
- **Dr Laura McAtackney** (Aarhus University)
- Dr Lisa Godson (NCADD)
- Prof. Gavin Foster (Concordia University)

## **Complementary Programme**



#### DAYTIME EVENTS IN UCC

Wednesday 15 June | Lunchtime Concert in the Quad

• 13:30 - 14:00: Concert performed by the Band of the 1 Southern Brigade, Irish Defence Forces in the Quadrangle, University College Cork

Thursday 16 June | Lunchtime concert and Historic Military Equipment Exhibition, Main Quad

- 12:30 13:00: Concert performed by the Band of the 1 Southern Brigade, Irish Defence Forces in the Quadrangle, University College Cork
- **15:30 16:40**: Sliabh na mBan 1920 Armoured Rolls Royce Car; and 18 pounder Field Gun (artillery). Presentation and QA courtesy members of the Irish Defence Forces

Thursday 16 June | 'Conviction Politics' Premiere Screening of Five Short Documentaries - An Australian Research Council Linkage Project led by Monash University

12:45 - 13:45: FSM Auditorium, Kane Building, B10B

Introduced by Prof Tony Moore (Monash University) and Steve Thomas (Roar Films), followed by a panel discussion and QA. 'Conviction Politics is an international digital history project exploring the impact of radicals and rebels transported as political convicts to Australia on their place of exile, and the patterns of collective resistance by the mass of unfree convict women and women to the exploitation of their forced labour.'

Friday 17 June | University College Cork Library Special Collections: The Launch of the Kathleen Boland Archive and the Pauline Henley Archive

• **12:35 -13:45** in the Aula Maxima, UCC. The Launch of the Kathleen Boland Archive and the Pauline Henley Archive by Dr Martin Mansergh and Professor Lindsey Earner-Byrne (UCC)

#### **EVENING EVENTS**

14-17 June | Cork City Library 'Civil War Lives' Public Lecture Series

Location: Cork City Library, 61 Grand Parade. All lectures are free of charge. Places can be booked on Eventbrite.ie

- Tues 14 June at 6:30pm: Dr Leeann Lane (DCU): Mary MacSwiney
- Wed 15 June at 6:30pm: Cormac O'Malley: Ernie O'Malley
- Thurs 16 June at 6:30pm: Liz Gillis (Champlain College): The Hales Brothers
- Fri 17 June at 6:30pm: Dr Margaret Ward (QUB): Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington

Wednesday 15 June | Civil War Cork: City Centre Walking Tour with Dr John Borgonovo and Gerry White

Location: Meet outside the City Library, 61 Grand Parade.

• 7:15pm - 8:30pm: Join Dr John Borgonovo (School of History, UCC) and Gerry White (historian and retired member of the Defence Forces) as they tour some of the key locations associated with the Civil War in Cork City. The walk is organised by the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society and all are welcome to attend

Saturday 18 June | History Ireland Hedge School: 'The assassination of Sir Henry Wilson and the Irish Civil War'

Location: St Peter's, North Main Street, Cork.

7:00pm: Dr John Regan (University of Dundee), Dr Caoimhe Nic Dhaibhéid (University of Sheffield) John
Dorney (The Irish Story) and Dr Padraig Óg Ó Ruairc. The event is free and open to the public, but prebooking on <u>Eventbrite</u> is advised

