

Booms and busts: cycles in Irish economic history and the current downturn.

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The recent economic difficulties experienced in Ireland, which followed the halcyon “Celtic Tiger” years, have emphasised the contrast between long term economic development and short term cyclical fluctuations in economic activity. This conference will place the current crisis in the wider context of Irish economic history by examining both long run trends and short term fluctuations in Irish economic performance, from the eighteenth century to the present. Professor Louis Cullen, Emeritus Fellow Trinity College Dublin will open the conference. The Annual Connell Lecture will be delivered by Liam Kennedy, Professor of Economic & Social History, Queen’s University Belfast, on ‘Trends and fluctuations in Irish economic and demographic history: the long view, 1660-2001.’

The rise and fall of the Celtic tiger will be examined in the wider context of Ireland’s recent economic history by Professor John Fitzgerald of the Economic and Social Research Institute, Proinsias Breathnach, National University of Ireland Maynooth and Eoin O’ Leary, University College Cork. Other contributors include Professor Peter Solar, Vesalius College Brussels, Professor Mary Daly, University College Dublin, Professor Frank Barry, Trinity College Dublin and Professor Brian Girvin, University of Glasgow. For further details please contact the conference organizers:

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