

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

Irish Economic and Social History Society Conference

University College Cork, 17-18 September 2010

Registration forms and Hotel reservations are available from the [History Department Website](#) or from [trjryan@hotmail.com](mailto:trjryan@hotmail.com).

Conference hotel is the River Lee Hotel, Western Rd, Cork (formerly Jury's).

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# Program

## Friday 17 September

<b>14:00-14:30</b>	<i>Registration</i>
<b>14:30-14:40</b>	Professor Geoff Roberts, Head of School of History, University College Cork
	Opening of the Conference

### *Afternoon Session*

<b>14:40 -15:40</b>	Professor Louis Cullen, Department of History, Trinity College Dublin  'Economic fluctuations 1660-1800: problems and sources.'
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<b>15:40-15:55</b>	<i>Tea Break</i>
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<b>15:55-16:55</b>	Professor Peter Solar, Vesalius College Brussels  'Good times and bad times in the countryside: agricultural fluctuations, 1770-1914.'
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### *Interval*

### *Evening Session (Connell Lecture)*

<b>18:00-19:15</b>	Professor Liam Kennedy, Department of History, Queen's University Belfast  'Ireland and Ulster: Religion, Politics, Demography, 1600-2001.'
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<b>19.45 Conference dinner</b>	Jacobs (on the Mall), South Mall.
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## Saturday 18 September

### *Morning Session*

### *Period 1932-1973*

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<i>Registration</i>
<b>10:00-10.55</b>	Professor Mary Daly, Department of History, University College Dublin  'Irish reactions to the Great Depression of the 1930's.'
<b>10.55-11.45</b>	Professor Brian Girvin, Department of Politics, University of Glasgow  'Post War challenges and the failure of Economic Nationalism in de Valera's Ireland: 1945-1961.'
<b>11.45-12.00</b>	<i>Tea Break</i>
<b>12.00-12.55</b>	Professor Frank Barry, School of Business, Trinity College Dublin;  'Foreign Direct Investment and Irish economic development; the early years 1932-1973.'
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>

### *Afternoon Session*

### *Period 1945-2010*

<b>14:00-15:00</b>	Dr. Proinsias Breathnach, Department of Geography, National University of Ireland, Maynooth  'Deconstructing the dual economy: the Celtic Tiger and its aftermath in historical context.'
<b>15:00- 16:00</b>	Dr. Eoin O' Leary , Department of Economics, University College Cork  'Reflecting on the "Celtic Tiger": Before, During and After.'

**16:00 -16:15**

*Tea Break*

**16:15-17:15**

Professor John Fitzgerald, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin

'Convergence for slow learners: Ireland 1950-2010.'