

# 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

**14:00-14:30**

***Registration***

**14:30-14:40**

Professor Geoff Roberts, Head of School of History, University College Cork

Opening of the Conference

### ***Afternoon Session***

**14:40 -15:40**

Professor Louis Cullen, Department of History, Trinity College Dublin

'Economic fluctuations 1660-1800: problems and sources.'

**15:40-15:55**

***Tea Break***

**15:55-16:55**

Professor Peter Solar, Vesalius College Brussels

'Good times and bad times in the countryside: agricultural fluctuations, 1770-1914.'

### ***Interval***

### ***Evening Session (Connell Lecture)***

**18:00-19:15**

Professor Liam Kennedy, Department of History, Queen's University Belfast

'Ireland and Ulster: Religion, Politics, Demography, 1600-2001.'

**19.45 Conference dinner**

Jacobs (on the Mall), South Mall.

## Saturday 18 September

### *Morning Session*

### *Period 1932-1973*

**9:30-10:00**

***Registration***

**10:00-10:55**

Professor Mary Daly, Department of History, University College Dublin

'Irish reactions to the Great Depression of the 1930's.'

**10.55-11.45**

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.'

**11.45-12.00**

***Tea Break***

**12.00-12.55**

Professor Frank Barry, School of Business, Trinity College Dublin;

'Foreign Direct Investment and Irish economic development; the early years 1932-1973.'

**13:00-14:00**

***Lunch***

### *Afternoon Session*

### *Period 1945-2010*

**14:00-15:00**

Dr. Proinsias Breathnach, Department of Geography, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

'Deconstructing the dual economy: the Celtic Tiger and its aftermath in historical context.'

**15:00- 16:00**

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.'

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