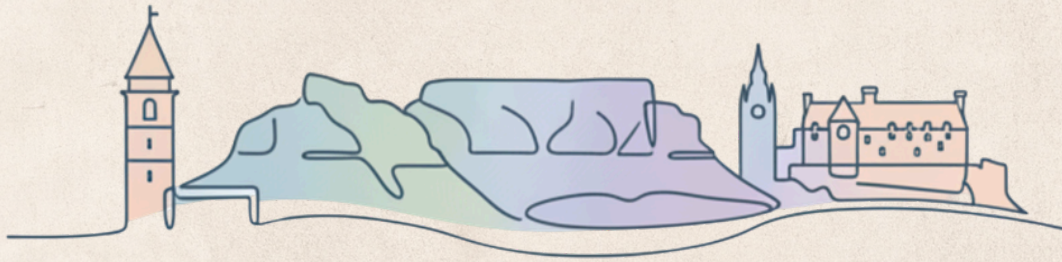




WELCOME

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT- CORK



200 years of Caesarean Section

Dr James Barry's Legacy and A Tale of Three Cities

WEDNESDAY 24, JUNE 2026

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

Glucksman Gallery.

18:30 - 22:00 hrs
(Irish Standard Time, UTC+1)

- **Glucksman Gallery self-guided tour**
- **Wine Reception**
- **“It is well-known that Cork is no school of painting”:
James Barry, Irish artist**
Ms Claire Ó Nualláin – PhD candidate, Courtauld Institute, London
- **“The Other James Barry: an uncle’s unlikely gift”**
Dr Michael Waldron – Curator & Art Historian, Crawford Art Gallery

*This event is open to all for a fee of €20. For those attending the conference in person in Cork, the event is included in the registration fee. Online access is available worldwide for a fee of €10.



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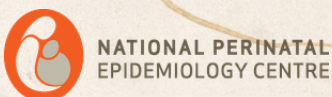
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BROOKFIELD HEALTH SCIENCES COMPLEX, ROOM G01
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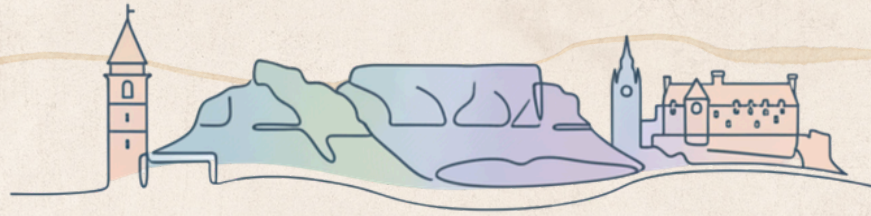
- 09:00** ● **Medical Historical Walking Tour**
Dr. Tom Spalding, Munster Technological University
- 10:15** ● **Registration & Welcome Coffee**
Digital posters viewing
- 11:00** ● **Opening Address**
Prof Noirin Russell & Dr Cathy Burke
The Story of Dr James Barry.
Dr Sue Ward, Prof Noirin Russell, Dr Pauli Van Heerden & Ms Harriet Wheelock
- 11:40** ● **History of C-Section**
From the first CS to 10 groups classification.
Dr Michael Robson
- 12:05** ● **History of Antenatal Care**
Screening for risk of maternal and perinatal mortality. Prof. Richard Greene
- 12:30** ● **Impact of C-sections on neonate and beyond.** Prof Brian Walsh
- 12:50** ● **Q&A and panel discussion**
- BREAK**
- 13:00** ● **Digital posters viewing**

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- 13:45** ● **James Barry – reclaiming an Irish trans history.** Prof Mary McAuliffe
- 14:10** ● **Birth choices and birth reflections: An update from birth reflections service.**
Ms Orla Mongan, Ms Gillian Walsh & Alex Campbell (with PPI Contribution)
- 14:35** ● **Caesarean Section trends**
Dr Paul Corcoran
- 14:55** ● **Debate: “We are performing too many caesarean sections.”**
 - **Chair:**
Prof Richard Greene
 - **Proposition team:**
Dr Karn Cliffe & Prof Rhona Mahony
 - **Opposition team:**
Ms Fiona Hanrahan & Prof John Higgins
- 15:45** ● **Summary**
- **Closing Remarks**

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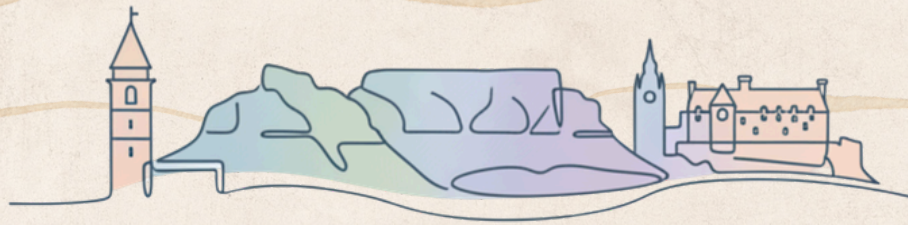
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FRIDAY 26, JUNE 2026

MORNING SESSION
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- 09:30 ● Refreshments on arrival
 - 09:45 ● Welcome & Introduction
Prof Andrew Horne
 - 10:00 ● A scandalously short history of gender and medicine in Edinburgh
Dr Karissa Patton
 - 10:30 ● Creating a new global community – healthy pregnancies, healthy world. Obstetric research and innovation from Edinburgh in 2026
Dr Rosemary Townsend
 - 11:00 ● COFFEE BREAK
(Digital poster boards will display selected posters)
 - 11:30 ● Pathways to parenthood for the trans person
Prof Richard Anderson and Dr Karen Edgar
 - 12:00 ● Widening Participation at the University of Edinburgh: Understanding and Overcoming Contemporary Barriers to Medicine.
Lesley Stokes
 - 12:30 ● Closing remarks
Prof Andrew Horne
 - 12:35 ● LUNCH
Digital poster viewing
 - 13:30 ● END



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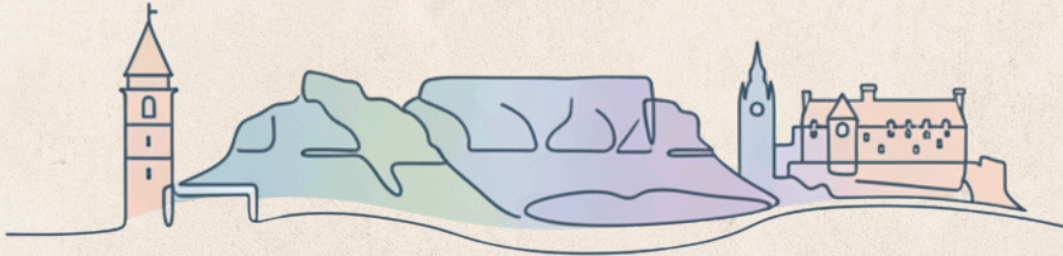
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AFTERNOON SESSION
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- 14:00** ● **Surgery, secrecy, and survival:
The legend of James Barry in African
Obstetric History.** Dr Pauli van Heerden
- 14:40** ● **From Life-saving to Life-threatening: The
Dual Burden of Caesarean Section in LMICs**
Dr Liesl de Waard
- 15:20** ● **Who Owns Birth? Caesarean Section and the
Medicalization of Women's Bodies**
Prof Louise Du Toit
- 16:00** ● **Conversant summaries from three cities
followed by exchange of bicentenary wishes**
- 17:00** ● **Closing ceremony**



CONFERENCE DINNER



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BLACKROCK CASTLE
RESTAURANT - CORK

THE CASTLE RESTAURANT

19:00 - 22:30 hrs
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Join us for a special Conference Dinner at the
Blackrock Castle.

Enjoy a warm welcome followed by a delicious three-
course dinner and wine, all set in one of Cork's most
unique and historic venues.