

**Irish Conference of Historians: Empires and their contested pasts
Queen's University Belfast, 18–20 May 2007**

Friday 18 May:

Session 1: 14.30-16.00

Panel A: African contestations

Professor Nicodemus Fru Awasom, University of The Gambia
*A comparative study of the British acquisition and liquidation of the British
Cameroons and British Gambia*

Professor Geoffrey Nwaka, Abia State University, Uturu, Nigeria
*The dilemma of colonial boundaries in contemporary Africa: the Bakassi Peninsula
in Nigeria-Cameroon border relations*

Aldwin Roes, University of Sheffield
*'Milestone of African civilisation'? Slavery and mining in early colonial Katanga,
1900-1913*

Milla Schofield, Yale University
Enoch Powell against empire: the case of the Kenyan Asians

Panel B: India, imperialism and nationalism

Dr Barry Crosbie, National University of Ireland, Galway
*'L'enfant terrible of the I.C.S.': C.J. O'Donnell and the British administration of
Bengal, 1870-1914*

Dr Tamara Gella, Oryol State University
*The English Liberals and their imperial policy as viewed by Russian diplomats in the
1890s*

Sumita Mukherjee, Keble College, Oxford
Indian students and their perceptions of Britain, 1907-1939

Jennifer Regan, Queen's University Belfast
*Contesting empire? Ireland, India and cosmopolitan nationalism in late Victorian
Britain*

Plenary session: 17.00-18.00

Professor Christopher Bayly, University of Cambridge
South Asian Liberalism under strain: 1900-1940

Saturday 19 May:

Session 2: 09.00-10.30

Panel C: War, revolution and identity

Niklas Frykman, University of Pittsburgh

Mutinies in the Batavian Navy: the many (dis)loyalties of imperial war-workers in revolutionary times

Martin Hubley, University of Ottawa

*'The great number of Papists employed ... being most notoriously disaffected':
Desertion, identity and Irish seamen of the Royal Navy in North America, 1745-1815*

John Maass, Ohio State University

North Carolina and the shaping of an imperial identity

Panel D: Mission, governance and law

Elaine Doyle, Queen's University Belfast

TBC

Dr Deana Heath, Trinity College Dublin

Morality, contagion, and the cordon sanitaire: contestations over fashioning a new spatial form of governance in the British Empire in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries

Professor Russell Smandych, University of Manitoba

Law and empire: comparing the discursive construction of legal subjects and sensibilities in four nineteenth-century British settler colonies

Dr John Stuart, King's College London

Protestant missions and empire

Session 3: 11.00-12.30

Panel E: The contested memory of decolonization

Lauren Apter, University of Texas

Decolonization of British Palestine: critics of the Jewish state

Dr Daniel Branch, University of Exeter

Draining swamps and eating soup with knives: remembering and forgetting Britain's wars of decolonization

Dr Liz Buettner, University of York

Postcolonial revisionism, or, who should speak for Britain's colonial past?

Adrian Howkins, University of Texas

The end of polar empire? The contested memory of decolonization in Britain's Falkland Island Dependencies

Panel F: Ireland and the British Empire

Dr Joost Augusteijn, Leiden University
Patrick Pearse and Ireland's position in the empire

Thomas Mohr, University College Dublin
The Irish Free State as a Dominion of the British Empire: a legal-historical analysis

Dr Robert McNamara, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
Frank MacDermot and the lost cause of the British Empire-Commonwealth in independent Ireland, 1932-49

Session 4: 14.00-15.30

Panel G: Empire, imperialism and colonial rule

Paul Ashmore, University of Sheffield
Rethinking 'British' imperialism in the 1920s

Professor David Devereux, Canisius College
Anglo-American policies towards China and the end of empire in Asia

Dr Hubert Faustmann, Intercollege, Nicosia
Divide and rule? An assessment of British colonial rule in Cyprus, 1878-1960

Elizabeth Heath, University of Chicago
Imperial nations or separate spheres? The significance of colonialism in British and French domestic history

Panel H:

George Davis, University of Otago
Not world apart after all: the Turkish and ANZAC experiences of each other during and after the 1915 Dardanelles Campaign

Simon Jolivet, Concordia University, Montreal
The province of Quebec and the Irish question, 1900-1925

Helen Robinson, University of Auckland
Commemorating and contesting historic events in New Zealand and Northern Ireland

Session 5: 16.00-17.30

Panel I:

Dr Richard Drayton, University of Cambridge
The problem of the hero in Caribbean history

Professor Dane Kennedy, George Washington University
Explorers, science and cross-cultural intimacy

Dr Michael Silvestri, Clemson University, South Carolina

'The white god of the Hindus': John Nicholson as a British and Irish imperial hero

Panel J: The Orient and Orientalism

Dr Michael Dodson, Indiana University

On sources and authenticity: historical discipline and British imperial expansion

Dr Ulrike Hillemann, University of Cambridge

Empire, identity and barbarians: the British and Qing Empire, 1750-1840

Dr Patrick Maume, Queen's University Belfast

The natural history of civilization: William Cooke Taylor, Orientalism, and empire

Plenary session: 18.00-19.00

Professor Nicholas Canny, National University of Ireland, Galway

TBC

Sunday 20 May:

Session 6: 10.00-11.30

Panel K:

Dr Dianne Hall, University of Melbourne

Contested violence, war and gender in seventeenth-century Ireland

Dr Hiram Morgan, University College Cork

Spenser, empire and Ireland

Deborah Toner, University of Warwick

Maize, alcohol and identity in colonial Mexico

Panel L:

Dr Jennifer Foray, Purdue University

'Indies lost, disaster born'? The imperial designs of Anton Mussert and the Dutch Nazi Party

Gabriel Paquette, Trinity College, Cambridge

Views from the south: the British Empire in Iberian political discourse, 1740-1790

Dr Simon Potter, National University of Ireland, Galway

What did you do in the war, Professor? The uses of imperial history, 1939-45

Plenary session: 12.00-13.00

Professor Bill Nasson, University of Cape Town

The veldt turns peat: the Irish romance of Afrikaner anti-imperialism