THIRTIETH IRISH CONFERENCE OF HISTORIANS

organised by
The Royal Irish Academy Committee for Historical Sciences

on the theme of

DEATH and DYING

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 JUNE 2011
Venue: Iontas Building, North Campus, NUI Maynooth
NUI MAYNOOTH, 17-19 JUNE 2011

THEME: DEATH AND DYING

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

9.30-10.45 Registration

10.45 Welcome (Thomas O’Connor, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy, NUIM, and Marian Lyons, Head of History Department, NUIM)

11.00 Gabriel Cooney, ‘Charting the changing relationship of the living and the dead over the course of Irish pre-history’

12.00 Edel Bhreathnach and Elizabeth O’Brien, ‘Burial in early medieval Ireland: politics and religion’

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00 Joe Clarke, ‘Scuffles in the cemetery: death, de-Christianisation and discord in revolutionary France’

3.00 Guy Beiner, ‘Skeleto ns in the closet: forgetting and remembering the dead of ’98 in Ulster’

3.50-4.10 Tea/Coffee

4.10-5.15 Graduate Student Session 1:

5.30 John Wolffe, ‘The mutations of martyrdom in Britain and Ireland, c. 1850-2005’ (Chair: Marian Lyons)

6.45 Conference Reception: Launch of Power in History. From Medieval Ireland to the Post-Modern World (proceedings of the 2009 Conference) by Professor Keith Jeffery (Queen’s University, Belfast)
SATURDAY 18 JUNE

10.00  James Kelly, ‘Suicide in eighteenth-century Ireland’

11.00  David Lederer, ‘Sociology’s one law: modernity, Protestantism and suicide in nineteenth-century statistical thinking’

12.00  Cormac Ó Grada, ‘Varieties of Famine death’

1.00-2.00  Lunch

2.30  Vanessa Harding, ‘The last gasp: death and the family in early modern London’

3.30-3.50  Tea/Coffee

3.50-4.10  Graduate Student Session 2:

5.30  Clodagh Tait, ‘Wandering graveyards, jumping churches and lone Protestants: devotion, sectarianism and problematic corpses in Irish folklore’

6.45  Conference Dinner

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

10.00  Ciara Breathnach, ‘Obituaries in provincial Irish newspapers, 1860-1900’

11.10  William Murphy, ‘Dying, death and hunger strike: Cork and Brixton, 1920’

12.00  Eunan O’Halpin, ‘Problematic killing during the War of Independence’

1.00  Close of Conference: visit to Glasnevin Cemetery

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