



# **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**



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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, 'Skeletons 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:  
Darragh Gannon, 'The candles of God are already burning, row on row': responses to death and dying among the Irish in Great Britain during the Irish Revolution'; James McCafferty, 'A new kind of death': the Niamba massacre and Irish military funerary ceremonial'; Valerie Moffat, 'Experiencing death in late eighteenth-century Dublin: the case of the Adlercron family, 1774-94'**
- 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:  
Bronagh McShane, 'Dying for the faith: early modern female martyrdom'; Justin E. Lane, 'Communal death: ritual suicide in twentieth-century American new religious movements'; Natalie Wilcoxon, 'Death in the diaspora: the evolution of Jewish death rituals and their impact upon the twentieth-century Jew'
- 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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