The Irish Committee of Historical Sciences was founded in March 1938 to provide for the representation of Irish historical interests on the Comité International des Sciences Historiques/International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH/ICHS). Our purpose is to represent historians and the historical discipline in Ireland, to promote historical scholarship and public engagement with history, to advocate for the discipline, to provide a forum for discussion, to promote and disseminate research and encourage students and early career researchers.

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- Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement
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- Military History Society of Ireland
- Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland
- Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
- Sports History Ireland
- Transnational Ireland Network
- Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies
- Women’s History Association of Ireland
THURSDAY, 26 APRIL

8.40 - 9.10am  Registration – information – meet & greet
ORB common area, ground floor

9.15 -11.00am

Kane G18
Religion and repression: Ulster, Pakistan and Poland

Leanne Calvert (University of Hertfordshire)
‘No member pertaining to his body was ever in her’: policing male sexual behaviour in the Ulster Presbyterian community, 1750-1830

Amanullah De Sondy (University College Cork)
‘No veil on my head, no shoes on my feet – I ran outside!’: Madam Noor Jehan’s challenge to muscular Islam

Agnieszka Laddach (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń)
A social image versus historical sources – the case of Fr. Prof. Janusz Stanisław Pasieb, Poland

ORB G27
Marital matters: nuns, soldiers and gentry

Jenny Coughlan (Independent)
Comparing Bede and Gregory of Tours on Issues Relating to Married Women Entering the Religious Life in the Early Middle Ages: the Case of Queens Æthelthryth and Radegund

Olivia Martin (NUI Galway)
‘You and I were never shy! We did know each other so well beforehand’: evolving marital relationships in lesser-gentry Connaught families, 1754-1904

ORB 101
Miscellany: UCC postgraduate panel

Kristina Decker (University College Cork)
Reinforcing Ideas of Female Decorum: the letters and writings of Mary Delany (1700-88)

Kelsey Rall (University College Cork)
‘Not my niece!’ Re-thinking spinster scholarship

Rebecca Crunden (University College Cork)
Lesbianism and the US Military in the Korean War Era

11.00 - 11.15am  Tea & coffee
ORB common area, ground floor

11.20 am-12.15 pm  Kane G18
Official conference opening, followed by

KEYNOTE LECTURE 1

Ruth M. Karras
The Myth of Masculine Impunity: male adultery and repentance in the Middle Ages

12.15 - 1.20pm  Lunch
ORB common area, ground floor
1.30 -3.15pm

**ORB 101**
Sex and textuality in medieval and early modern Ireland

Sharon Arbuthnot (Queen’s University, Belfast)
The Lost Vocabulary of Medieval Irish Sex and Reproduction

Salvador Ryan (St Patrick’s College, Maynooth)
Sexual Impropriety in 13th-century Ireland: tales from the Liber Exemplorum (c. 1275)

Liam Ó Murchú (Independent)
Sex and Sexuality in the Gaelic Literature of Thomond, c. 1780

**ORB G27**
Family planning and sexual-health activism, 1960s-90s

Deirdre Foley (Dublin City University)
‘Too Many Children’? Family Planning and Humanæ Vitæ in Dublin, c.1961–72

Laura Kelly (University of Strathclyde)
‘It was something that had to be done’: the IFPA youth group and sexual-health activism in Ireland, c.1984-94

Kane G18
Midwives and ‘handywomen’

Laurence Geary (Independent)
Popular and Professional Midwifery Practices in Ireland in the Long Nineteenth Century

Philomena Gorey (University College Dublin)
Municipal gospel or necessity? Belfast Corporation and the regulation of midwives, 1911-18

Elaine Sugrue (University College Cork)
‘We will keep on agitating until prosecutions are enforced against some of these “quacks.”’: the Irish Nurses’ Union and the campaign against untrained midwives, c. 1920-30

3.15 - 3.30pm

**Tea & Coffee**
ORB common area, ground floor

3.35 - 5.15pm

**ORB 101**
Mistresses, cuckolds and sexual depravity: early modern perspectives

Dave Edwards (University College Cork)
The Many Mistresses of the Black Earl of Ormond – a cost-benefit analysis

Michael Keane (Independent)
The Execution of the 2nd Earl of Castlehaven for Crimes of Sexual Depravity

Nicola J. Pearce (University of Hull)
Cuckoldry in Political Propaganda in the Exclusion Crisis, 1679-81

**Kane G18**
Male sexual relations: colonialism, convicts and the Holocaust

Luke Taylor (University of Toronto)
Speaking of Buggery in Colonial New South Wales

Barra Ó Donnabháin (University College Cork)
Unnatural Practices and Silence: sexual relationships between male convicts in the Victorian era

Florian Zabransky (University of Sussex)
Male Jewish Sexual Relations During the Holocaust

**ORB G27**
Sex, sexuality and the Irish revolution

John Borgonovo (University College Cork)
‘Separation women’ and Gender Politics in First-World-War Ireland

Mary McAuliffe (University College Dublin)
Having no use at all for men’: same-sex relationships among Irish women revolutionary and feminist activists

Niall Murray (Independent)
Love on the Battlefield? Marriages between veterans of the Irish revolution

5.30 - 6.15 pm **Boole 1**

**KEYNOTE LECTURE 2**

Sheila Rowbotham
William Bailie: from a Belfast basket workshop to Boston free-lovers in the 1880s and 1890s

8.30pm

**Music, drink and jollity**
Mr. Bradley’s Bar, Barrack Street.
FRIDAY, 27 APRIL

9.00 - 9.30am  Registration – information – meet & greet
ORB common area, ground floor

9.30 - 11.15am
ORB 101
Abortion, Assisted Human Reproduction and Ireland

Don O’Leary (Independent)
Assisted Human Reproduction: Vatican pronouncements and Irish Catholic responses

Mark Benson (Queen’s University, Belfast)
Abortion for ‘social’ reasons in Northern Ireland, 1900-68

Linda Connolly (NUI Maynooth)
Abortion Politics in the Republic of Ireland, 1970-2018

ORB 244
Rape and sexual violence

Sylvia Broeckx (University of Sheffield)
Race, Rape and Justice during the American Civil War

Theresa O’Keefe (University College Cork)
‘Our bodies are used like a weapon’: sexual violence, gender and the state during the Northern Irish Troubles

Ciara Molloy (Trinity College, Dublin)
The Politics of Rape in 1980s Ireland

ORB 132
Prostitution, censorship and the city

Peter Hession (University College Dublin)
Sex and the City: displacing prostitution in post-Famine Cork

João Pena (University of Amsterdam/Federal University of Bahia)
Prostitution Policies in Brazil and the Netherlands: rights, surveillance and urban space

Michela Turno (Independent)
Ghosts on Stage: silencing sexuality and violence in Italy, 1960-80

11.15 - 11.30pm  Tea & Coffee
ORB common area, ground floor

11.35 - 12.15 pm  Boole 1

KEYNOTE LECTURE 3

Michael G. Cronin
Sex, class and hegemony in twentieth-century Ireland

12.15 - 1.30pm  Lunch
ORB common area, ground floor
1.30 - 3.15pm

**ORB 101**
Rethinking sexology: new perspectives on sexual science (1890-1960)

*Sarah Jones* (University of Exeter)
'The Mysteries of Sex Frankly Revealed!': popular sexology in print before 1940.

*Jen Grove* (University of Exeter)
Sexologists as collectors of historical erotica in the first half of the twentieth century

*TJ Zawadzki* (University of Exeter)
'On the margins of Freudism': Stanislaw Kurkiewicz and early sexology in Poland

**ORB 18**
The long nineteenth century: infanticide, foundling hospitals and social purity work

*Aisling Shalvey* (University of Strasbourg)
The Insanity Defence in Infanticide Cases in Manchester 1880-1889

*Sarah-Anne Buckley* (NUI Galway)
'After I told him, he left for Havana': narratives of Irish emigrant women in the London and New York Foundling Hospitals, 1850-1902

*Martin Walsh* (University of Limerick)
'Keep your mind well occupied (and) crowd out the devil': social purity work and young working-class men in Ireland and Britain, 1875-1918

**ORB 132**
Maternal bodies

*Eiko Saeki* (Hosei University, Tokyo)
The placenta and the ambivalent relations between maternal-foetal bodies in Tokugawa Japan (1603-1868)

*Rachel Bennett* (University of Warwick)
'Inmates of an entirely different class': regulating the maternal body in the nineteenth-century Irish prison

*Judy Bolger* (Trinity College, Dublin)
Breastfeeding in nineteenth-century Ireland

**ORB 123**
Free State? Sex, sexuality and reproduction in post-independence Ireland

*Sandra McAvoy* (Independent)
Contraception is in itself intrinsically evil, and a direct violation of natural and divine law

*Sile Healy Hunt* (Independent)
Impaired morals, sexual deviancy and illegitimacy: the Public Dancehalls Act 1935

*Conor Heffernan* (University College Dublin)
More Sinned Against than Sinning? Building the Body Beautiful in 1930s Ireland

3.15 - 3.30pm

**Tea & Coffee**
ORB common area, ground floor

3.35 - 5.15pm

**ORB 101**
Gendered troubles in post-independence Ireland

*Maire Leane* (University College Cork)
Disciplining gendered troubles: discursive and symbolic representations of adolescent sexualities in the new Irish state

*Liam O'Callaghan and David M. Doyle* (Liverpool Hope University)
Gender, Sexual Morality and the Death Penalty in Independent Ireland, 1923-44

**ORB 123**
Perspectives on historical child sexual abuse

*Kate Gleeson* (Macquarie Law School, Sydney)
Sex, race and postcoloniality: implications for redress and reparations for child sexual abuse

*Sinéad Ring* (University of Kent)
Resisting the Harms of 'Innocence' through Memories: an alternative history of child sexual abuse in Ireland

**ORB 132**
Documenting Irish LGBT history

*Sonya Mulligan and Ger Moane*
Outitude: documenting Irish lesbian herstory (with excerpts from the forthcoming documentary)

*Edmund Lynch*
A Different Country: Ireland’s LGBT history (with excerpts from the award-winning documentary)

7.30pm

**Conference Dinner**
Isaac's Restaurant, MacCurtain Street.
SATURDAY, 28 APRIL

9.20 - 9.40am  Registration – information – meet & greet
ORB common area, ground floor

9.45 - 11.45pm

ORB 255
Queering Irish History: revealing, preserving and sharing LGBT histories

**Orla Egan** (University College Cork/Cork LGBT Archive)
Queer Republic of Cork: the development of Cork’s LGBT community and of the Cork LGBT Archive

**Páraic Kerrigan** (NUI Maynooth)
Projecting a Queer Nation: mainstreaming queer identities on Irish documentary film

**Patrick McDonagh** (European University Institute, Florence)
‘The circumstances peculiar to organising gay people in the West are indeed a quare lot’: Gay and Lesbian Activism in 1980s Galway

**Sara R. Philips** (Transgender Equality Network of Ireland)
Living in the Shadows: trans identities in Irish history

**Fiachra Ó Súilleabháin** (University College Cork)
‘Coming out, Letting Go’: gay fathers’ narratives in Ireland

ORB 203
Pornography, sexualisation and sex advice

**Alicja Gontarek** (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin)
Image sexualisation of Romani women in the interwar Polish press

**Ciara Meehan** (University of Hertfordshire)
‘Has he called you frigid lately?’ Sex advice in 1960s Irish women’s magazines

**Caroline West** (Dublin City University)
The Lovelace Legacy: lessons learnt from the world’s first ‘porn star’

ORB G27
Representations of mothers and motherhood

**Clodagh Tait** (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick)
The Mammy Returns: revenant mothers in Irish folklore

**Heather Laird** (University College Cork)
‘I don’t know what any o’ yous ud do without your ma’: common tropes in the representation of working-class motherhood in Irish literature

**Lorraine Grimes** (NUI Galway)
‘Such cases seem very annoying to you’: the representation of Irish unmarried mothers in Britain, 1926–59

**Helga Krüger-Kirn and Leila Zoe Tichy** (Philipps University of Marburg)
Motherhood and Gendered Parental Positions in Germany

12 noon - 1.00pm  Boole 1

**KEYNOTE LECTURE 4**

**Jeffrey Weeks**
Doing Sexual History

(followed by conference closing).
The Irish Committee of Historical Sciences has held a conference of historians annually since 1939, both to transact routine business and to hear papers on historical subjects. Before 1953 these conferences took the form of an afternoon session in Dublin at which a paper on an Irish subject was read, usually by an Irish historian, before an audience consisting of members of the history faculties of the Irish universities, teachers of history in Irish schools, and others interested in historical scholarship. In July 1953 a conference on a larger scale was held in Dublin: it lasted for three days, ten papers were read, the subjects were not confined to Irish history, and the speakers included several visiting scholars. The marked success of this experiment caused the committee to decide that in future a conference of the new type should be held every second year. The proceedings of twenty-eight of the conferences have been published under the series title Historical Studies. For a variety of reasons, this year’s conference is the first since 2013.

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