Economic and Social History Society of Ireland

51st annual conference
Queen's University Belfast, Friday 29th – Saturday 30th November 2024

All sessions will take place on QUB's main campus, in either the Peter Froggatt Centre (PFC) or the Lanyon Building.

Friday 29th November

10.00-11.20am Session 1	**Panel 1a: Welfare and social services provision** ***Venue: PFC/02/017*** • Lauren Smyth (Clifton House, Belfast) 'Belfast Charitable Society, impoverished families and the early industrial town, 1800-1851' • Tiarnán Heaney (QUB) 'From pensions to pupils? Schooling, resource constraints and old age pensions in Ireland 1901-11' • Brian Casey (Durham University) 'The social services movement in Ireland, 1960-1985: the case of the Kilkenny and Limerick Social services'	**Panel 1b: Migration and diasporic networks** ***Venue: PFC/02/011*** • Stuart Brown (QUB) 'Alexander Brown: merchant princes, international finance and Irish Presbyterian networks' • Constatin Torve (QUB) '"Wild races like the Irish doing secret crimes under the incentive of a dark autocracy": anti-Irish sentiment in nineteenth-century America and its implications for the historiography of class and race' • Mary-Alice Wildasin (Independent) 'Famine migration to Quebec, 1845-1855'
11.20-11.40am	***Coffee break*** ***Venue: PFC foyer***	

11.40am-1.00pm Session 2	**Panel 2a: Migration, mysticism and sacramentalism in the Catholic world** ***Venue: PFC/02/025*** • Conor Brockbank (QUB) 'An Irish Carmel across invisible borders: the migration of a religious order in the twentieth century, its movements, structures and patterns' • Ronan Daly (TCD) '"Thanking God, Fr Charles and my mother for the miracle wrought on me": mysticism, medicine and managerial power in the twentieth-century Irish Catholic Church' • Liam Kennedy (QUB) 'Towards a social history of baptism in twentieth-century Ireland'	**Panel 2b: Lives within institutions and beyond** ***Venue: Lanyon Building/0G/049*** • Anna McKay (University of Liverpool) 'Interrupted diasporas: death on board the *Essex* convict hulk, 1824-37' • Susannah Deedigan (QUB) '"A good worker in a crisis like this would be useful to a country": interning the male breadwinner during the Emergency • Will Murphy (DCU) 'Living with TB: Crooksling Sanatorium and after — a patient's perspective from 1942'
1.00-2.00pm	***Lunch*** ***Venue: PFC foyer***	
2.00-3.20pm Session 3	**Panel 3a: Internal and external perceptions of independent Ireland** ***Venue: PFC/02/011*** • Conor Heffernan (UU) 'Yet another Tailteann Games presentation: studying the games' international branding' • Noel Carolan (DCU) '"Irish famine story at first hand": food supply challenges for the new Irish State in 1925' • Christopher Hamill (QUB) 'Societal knowledge of the Magdalene laundries in Ireland'	**Panel 3b: Women's negotiations of domesticity and the workplace** ***Venue: PFC/02/025*** • Rachel Newell (QUB) '"An enemy of mine, a great enemy": women, girls and poultry theft in rural Ulster, 1890s-1920s' • Gemma Carney (QUB), Trish McTighe (QUB) & Shonagh Hill (QUB) '"Her life within the home": critically examining domesticity in Ireland through the Housewife of the Year competition, 1967-1995' • Suzanne Jobling (QUB) '"A good deal of exploitation": charting the landscape of Northern Irish women's employment in the 1970s and 1980s'

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<tr><td>3.40-4.20pm</td><td colspan="2">‘Publishing in Academic Journals’ workshop with:
* Dr Juliana Adelman, co-editor Irish Economic and Social History
* Dr Gabriele Cappelli, co-editor Industrial History Review
* Dr Chris Colvin, co-editor Business History

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Venue: PFC/02/011

• Tadg Farrell (TCD)
‘Land, lineage and power: connecting elite social structures, economic hardship and civil war in late medieval Tír Chonaill’
• Rachel Murphy (QUB)
‘Household structure and labour participation in Goreybridge, Co. Wexford, 1862-1867’
• John O’Brien (Independent)
‘Household formation within the clacháns of west-Kerry: early-twentieth-century fault lines in stem family organisation’</td><td>Panel 4b: Tariff and tax administration
Venue: PFC/02/025

• Douglas Kanter (Florida Atlantic University)
‘The Revenue Service in Ireland, 1801-1914’
• Charles Read (Regent’s Park College, Oxford)
‘Ireland, English Religious Non-Conformity and the Repeal of the Corn Laws’
• Aaron Callanan (Leiden University)
‘“The politics of envy”: an investigation into the Irish wealth tax of 1975-78’</td></tr>
<tr><td>6.15–8.00pm</td><td colspan="2">The K. H. Connell Memorial Lecture

Professor Mary O’Sullivan (Université de Genève, Switzerland)
‘A sheepish account of Ireland’s changing role in an imperial age, 1774-1824’

Preceded by wine reception

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[c. 8.00pm]</td><td colspan="2">Conference dinner:
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Saturday 30th November

9.30–10.50am ***Session 5***	**Panel 5a: The revolutionary period and legacies of suffering** ***Venue: PFC/02/017*** • Daithí Ó Corráin (DCU) '"What price for civilian life and limb?" Compensating dependents and the war-maimed after the 1916 Easter Rebellion' • Julie Crowley (South East Technological University, Waterford) '"Looking after men who were hit": caregiving networks during the Irish War of Independence' • Cormac Keenan (DCU) 'Dependants of the Irish Revolution and post-conflict life in the family home, 1923-60'	**Panel 5b: Business histories: hotels, merchants and retailers** ***Venue: PFC/02/025*** • Joseph Rodgers (DCU) 'Engines of commerce: hotels on Sackville / O'Connell Street 1790-1930' • Siobhan McAndrew (University of Sheffield) 'Patiently avoiding riots: property, politics and the Fagan family of timber merchants, 1797-1914' • Benjamin Casey (Maynooth University) 'The participation of women in the early nineteenth-century Dublin print selling trade: a case study of Sarah and Ann Allen'
10.50–11.10am	***Coffee break*** ***Venue: PFC foyer***	
11.10am–12.30pm ***Session 6***	**Roundtable discussion: Raymond Gillespie's Legacy on Irish Economic and Social History** ***Venue: PFC/02/018*** *Chair: Professor Emeritus Sean Connolly (QUB)* Dr Eamon Darcy (Maynooth University) Dr Sarah Gearty (Irish Historic Towns Atlas, RIA) Prof Jane Ohlmeyer (TCD) Dr Jonathan Wright (Maynooth University)	
12.30–1.30pm	***Lunch: PFC foyer***	

12.30–1.30pm	**Economic and Social History Society of Ireland AGM** ***Venue: PFC/02/018***	
1.30–2.50pm ***Session 7***	**Panel 7a: Popular movements: land and labour** ***Venue: PFC/02/017*** • Peter Gray (QUB) 'What happened at Holycross, 19 September 1847?' • Rebecca Brown (UU) 'A fight for workers' rights: the Belfast branch of the National League of the Blind' • Gerard Hanley (DCU) '"War or peace; anarchy or stability": labour relations, trade unions and government, 1922-32'	**Panel 7b: New Perspectives and Methodologies** ***Venue: PFC/02/025*** • John Barry (QUB) 'Bookending growth: empire, ecocide and Ireland' • Penny Johnston (Manchester Metropolitan University), Kerri Cleary (ACSU Ltd., Drogheda), Erin Crowley-Champoux (University of Maryland) and Meriel McClatchie (University College Dublin) 'Ireland's straw-rope granaries: economic reality and the dream of the "timeless past"' • Briony Widdis (QUB) and Emma Reisz (QUB) 'Public social histories of colonialism and postcoloniality in Ireland: kinship and equality in the MMMV Project'
2.50–3.10pm	***Coffee break*** ***Venue: PFC foyer***	
3.10–4.30pm ***Session 8***	**Panel 8: Debt, finance and workplace relations in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Ireland** ***Venue: PFC/02/011*** • Anastasios Vavalis (DCU) 'Army, debt, and society in Restoration Ireland: civilian petitions for prosecution of soldiers' • Brendan Twomey (Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland), 'Mortgage finance in eighteenth century Ireland: the evidence from the Registry of Deeds' • Andrew Dorman (TCD/QUB) '"The lash cannot always be withheld": workplace relations in the military in eighteenth-century Ireland'	