

*Comhaltas na gCumann Staire in Éirinn –*  
**Irish History Students' Association**  
*Comhdháil Bhliantúil –*  
**74<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**



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Carlow College, St Patrick's, College Street, Carlow



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# IHSA at Carlow College Programme: *Friday, 3 March 2023*

**9:00-9:30am:** Registration for conference and dinner  
Room: **Main Entrance**

**9:30-9.45am:** Opening Address by Dr Thomas Mc Grath (CCSP)  
(*Vice President for Academic Affairs and Registrar*)  
Room: **Cobden Hall**

**9:45-11am:** **Panels 1A and 1B**

**Panel 1A** 'The Land': Environmental & Built Heritage  
Chair: Dr Margaret Murphy (CCSP)  
Room: **Iris Murdoch Philosophy Hall**

- Lily Toomey (TCD) 'Working Peatlands – Community and Nature in Ireland's Industrial Bogs'
- John Doran (TCD) 'Irish Environmental Activism and the Hill of Tara: A Comparative Approach'
- Tony McGrath (CCSP) 'Roadside Memorials - An Ongoing History'

**Panel 1B** 'Gendered History'  
Chair: Dr Thomas Mc Grath (CCSP)  
Room: **Therry Hall**

- Elliot Gallogly (TCD) 'Separation of Woman from Witch: The Inherent Misogyny of the Witch Trials of Early Modern Europe'
- Veronica Barry (MU) [\(online\)](#) 'Gendering civilian atrocities: women, victimisation and Nazi propaganda'
- Luca Bertolani Azeredo (Scuola Superiore Meridionale (Napoli, Italy)) 'Manly physique, attractive uniforms, and drill manoeuvres: Kids and Boys playing with war - two case studies in pre-war Ireland'

**11:00-11:15am:** Tea and Coffee (*Kindly sponsored by Carlow College*)  
Room: **Carlovian Dining Hall**

**11:15-1pm:** **Panels 2A and 2B**

**Panel 2A** 'Post-Revolution & the Free State Initiatives'  
Chair: Dr Mel Farrell (CCSP)  
Room: **Iris Murdoch Philosophy Hall**

- Shannon Freegrove (UCC) ‘The Irish Military Service Pensions Collection: The Interaction of Masculinity, Nationalism and Welfare’
- Cormac Keenan (DCU) ‘The Society of St Vincent de Paul, the clergy, and their reports on the circumstances of Northern Irish dependants of the Irish Revolution and Civil War, 1924-38’
- Anna Devlin (TCD) ‘When the Government publishes sedition: Irish economic data and nationalist public discourse prior to self-government, 1891-1921’
- Máire McCafferty (UCD) ‘Gaelicising the National Schools in the Irish Free State: The Significance of the Irish Language Summer Colleges in 1920’s Ireland’

**Panel 2B**

‘Identity, Transnationalism and Irish Nationalism’

Chair: Dr Sarah Otten (CCSP)

Room: **Therry Hall**

- Shane Coleman Macken (St Cross College, the University of Oxford) **(online)** ‘Becoming Irish National Heroes in India: Examining the Narratives and Selfhood of the Connaught Rangers Mutineer’
- Tom McGrath (MU) ‘The 1903 Leinster Riot in Pretoria’
- Emer O'Brien (UCD) ‘White Men's Wars: Ireland, settler colonialism and the Boer War’
- Sandrine Tromeur (MU) ‘The emergence of an Irish community in La Rochelle during the seventeenth century (1630s-1690)’

**1:00-2pm:**

Lunch (*Kindly sponsored by Carlow College*)

**Carlovian Dining Hall**

**2-3pm:**

**Skills Session:** ‘Utilising your Academic Skill Set in the Current Employment Market’

Dr Margaret Murphy (CCSP), Dr Ida Milne (CCSP), Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley (UG)

Room: **Cobden Hall**

**3:00-3:15pm:**

Tea and Coffee (*Kindly sponsored by Carlow College*)

**Room: Carlovian Dining Hall**

**3:00-4.45pm:**

**Panels 3A and 3B**

**Panel 3A**

‘Food and Traditions’

Chair: Dr Margaret Murphy (CCSP)

Room: **Iris Murdoch Philosophy Hall**

- Elaine Mahon (TUD) ‘From Felons to Respectable Ministers of the Crown’: Establishing Rituals in Irish Diplomatic Dining, Dublin Castle 1934’

- Mathieu Belledent (TUD) ‘Les Trois Frères Provençaux; a Provençal Revolution That Helped Shape France’s Culinary Landscape at the Turn of the 19th Century’
- Angela Hanratty (TUD) ‘Conserving a Kosher Tradition: The History and Preservation of Jewish Food Practices in Ireland since 1881’

**Panel 3B**

‘Institutions, Crime and Recording-Keeping’  
 Chair: Judy Bolger (TCD/CCSP)  
 Room: **Therry Hall**

- Helen Doyle (MU) ‘The Criminal Lunatic (Ireland) Act 1838 and the Inquiry into the Case of Bridget McCreedy’
- Amélie Gaillat (MIC) [\(online\)](#) ‘From Mouchards to Informants: evolution of information gathering practices by the police administration in France, England and Ireland in the 1880s’
- Martin McMahon (UCD) ‘Oxmantown: The Birth of a Barracks’
- Anna Attwood (TCD) ‘Old Records, New Uses: The Irish Record Commission 1810-1830’

**5-6.30pm:**

**Keynote Address I:**  
**Chaired by Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley (UG)**  
 Room: **Cobden Hall**

**Professor Linda Connolly, (MU):** “The challenge of conducting trauma-informed research across different sources: Gender, Violence and War”

**6:30-8pm:**

Wine Reception (*Kindly sponsored by Carlow College*)  
 Room: **Carlovian Dining Hall**

**8pm:**

Social Event @ The Barracks, Carlow  
**Carlow Town**

## Saturday 4 March 2023

**9:30-11.15am:**

**Panels 4A, 4B and 4C**

### **Panel 4A**

‘Irish Big Players’

Chair: John Kelly (CCSP)

Room: **Iris Murdoch Philosophy Hall**

- Jack Traynor (TCD) [\(online\)](#) ‘Eoin Duffy in the context of the Nazi/Fascist international rivalry, 1933-1944’
- Regina Dunne (CCSP) ‘The Changing Face of Kevin Christopher O’Higgins, Rebel *Sinn Féin* to Conservative *Cumann na nGaedhal*’
- Conor Knowles (TCD) ‘Working Class Heroes? Big Jim Larkin and James Connolly in Cultural Memory: Myths and Reality’

### **Panel 4B**

‘Maternity and Motherhood’

Chair: Dr Ida Milne (CCSP)

Room: **Therry Hall**

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*(Women’s History Association of Ireland)*

- Adrienne Corless (SETU) ‘Maternity care in Clonroche Dispensary District, co. Wexford, 1912-1922’
- Miriam Sticht (CCSP) ‘The significance of Renaissance anatomists’ studies of female sexuality and reproductive autonomy’
- Judy Bolger (TCD/CCSP) ‘“if she is allowed to go out free of that child I am afraid she will be in again next year”: the official discourse and social construction of motherhood and poverty at the turn of the twentieth-century’
- Caitlín Smith (UU) [\(online\)](#) ‘On the ground of public health we have not done enough’: government intervention into maternal welfare in Belfast’

### **Panel 4C**

‘Undergraduate Research’

Chair: Dr Dónal Ó Catháin (IHSA)

Room: **Cobden Hall**

- Cathal Dunne (CCSP) ‘Exploration of Antarctica by explorer Ernest Shackleton’
- Mark Mahony (CCSP) ‘Irish Influence on the early Hollywood industry: Irish helping to lay the foundation of Hollywood’
- Eimhin McGann (UCD) ‘How did the Russo-Japanese War (1904-05) affect the international balance of power?’
- Peter Marrey (CCSP) ‘The life of the HMS Warspite 03’

**11:15-11:30am:**

Tea and Coffee (*Kindly sponsored by Carlow College*)

Room: **Carlovian Dining Hall**

**11.30-1pm:** **Keynote Address II:**  
**Chaired by Dr Ida Milne (CCSP)**  
Room: **Cobden Hall**

**Dr Brian Gurrin (TCD)** 'Reflections on the Irish census: Musings and myth busting'

**1-2pm:** Lunch  
Room: **Carlovian Dining Hall**

**1:30-2pm:** **IHSA AGM**  
Room: **Cobden Hall**

**2-3pm:** **Skills Session:** 'The use of mapping in Irish Regional History' Mick Farrell (CCSP)  
**Cobden Hall** Chair: Judy Bolger (TCD/CCSP)  
Room: **Cobden Hall**

**3:00-3:15pm:** Tea and Coffee (*Kindly sponsored by Carlow College*)  
Room: **Carlovian Dining Hall**

**3:15-5pm:** **Panels 5A, 5B and 5C**

**Panel 5A** 'Ordinary Lives and the Post-War Experience'  
Chair: Dr Ian D'Alton (TCD)  
Room: **Iris Murdoch Philosophy Hall**

- Jennifer Carey (TCD) **(online)** 'What can literary journalism tell historians about ordinary life and the threat of violence in the Irish revolutionary period (1919-22)?'
- Stephen Heffernan (CCSP) 'I am still getting a bit of a tormenting from the Guards': Protestant lives in the early years of the Irish Free State in South Tipperary and Waterford, 1923-40'
- Patricia Farrell (UG) 'Post-war immigration into Ireland from Europe: the immigrant experience'
- Julie Crowley (SETU) 'Casualty care during the Great War: An Irish perspective'

**Panel 5B** 'Landed Estates, Education and Local Communities'  
Chair: Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley (UG)  
Room: **Therry Hall**

- Luke Murphy (Dundalk IT) 'Cartography and the Landed Estates of North County Louth'
- Margaret O'Sullivan (MIC) 'William Rochfort and the Irish landed estate agency business, 1872-1930'

- Fiona Slevin (UCD) ‘Thriving in post-Famine Ireland: consumerism in a small rural town, 1850–75’
- Oliver Brennan (TCD) ‘Isaac Butt and Irish National Education 1852-1879’

**Panel 5C**

‘Death, Commemoration and Memorialisation’

Chair: Ciara Henderson (TCD)

**Room: Cobden Hall**

- Kate Collins (St Catherine’s College, Cambridge) [\(online\)](#) ‘The ‘Flanders Poppy’ as a Contested Commemorative Symbol in Interwar and Modern-Day Ireland’
- John Kelly (CCSP) ‘The journal of the association for the preservation of the memorial of the dead in Ireland, a valuable but underused historical source’
- Charienne Layson (UCD) ‘Shame and Memory: Society and the aftermath of Japan’s Comfort Women in South Korea, The Philippines, and China’
- Henry Teesdale (CCSP) ‘The Recrudescence of a myth: blood libel in Central and Eastern Europe, 1880-1914’

**5pm:**

**Closing Remarks**

IHSA CCSP Committee and Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley

Room: **Cobden Hall**

**6:30-8pm:**

**Conference Meal @ Dinn Rí**

**Carlow Town**

The IHSA Carlow College, St Patrick’s Organising Committee wishes to express their gratitude to all of the keynotes, senior academics and Carlow College Staff for their support and guidance in preparing for this event. Particular appreciation to Dr Ida Milne – without her IHSA CCSP 2023 would have never occurred; thanks Ida. A special shout-out to Julie and the Carlow College catering staff for all the efforts in providing refreshments. Likewise, we’d like to say thank you to the IHSA committee, especially Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley and Dr Dónal Ó Catháin as their commitment to this organisation allows for early career researchers to present their important work in a collegial environment every year – this annual event demonstrates the great breadth of research underway on this Island and the event is a credit to the field! To our sponsors, of course, a massive thank you for much needed financial support. We were grateful to receive funding from IHSA, The Irish Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS), The Women’s History Association of Ireland (WHAI), and Carlow College St Patrick’s.

