

History of Modern Ireland, 1900 to present

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Class Schedule: Monday & Wednesday 9.30am

Class Locations: TBA

Overview:

The aim of this course is to provide the student with knowledge of the major events, themes and social forces in modern Irish history. When the course begins Ireland was part of the United Kingdom, the centre of the world's most powerful empire. We will examine the process of how part of Ireland gained independence, looking especially at the context for the 1916 Easter Rising, why Ireland was partitioned and the impact of conflict on religious groups, women and social classes. The two new states in Ireland are examined, as is the relationship between church and state and 'winners' and 'losers' in the divided island. The eruption and course of the modern northern Irish conflict (1969-1998) is examined as are the years of the 'Celtic Tiger' (2000-2008). I conclude with a look at Irish society as it deals with a century of independence and grapples with the questions raised by Brexit and instability in Northern Ireland. The cultural impact of these conflicts is examined through the use of film and documentary resources. The course will also involve a visit to an exhibition connected to the Irish revolution.

Evaluation:

- **Attendance:** All students are expected to attend class and to arrive punctually. An attendance sheet will circulate at the beginning of each class. If you know you are going to miss class, for a valid reason, please email in advance, as numerous unexplained absences will affect your final grade. (5%)
- **Papers & Test:** Students will complete two essays and a take-home exam. (95%)

Reading: general works

Diarmaid Ferriter's *The Transformation of Ireland 1900-2000* (London, 2004) is a lively account of modern Ireland.

Alvin Jackson's *Ireland 1798-1998: War, Peace and Beyond* (Blackwell, 2010) provides a good overview of the 20th century and its main themes.

John Borgonovo, Donal Ó Drisceoil & Mike Murphy's *The Atlas of the Irish Revolution* (Cork, 2017) is a gigantic collection of the latest scholarship on every aspect of Ireland's struggle for independence between 1912-1923.

The books below allow for more in-depth study. All of them should be easily accessible at the Trinity College Library. This list only skims the surface- feel free to discover more!

Course Themes

Nationalism and Separatism

Reading: P. Maume, *The Long Gestation* (Dublin, 1999)
J.J. Lee, *The Modernisation of Irish Society, 1848-1918* (Dublin, 1989)
M. Laffan, *The Resurrection of Ireland: Sinn Fein* (Cambridge, 1999)
M. Ward, *Unmanageable Revolutionaries: Women and Irish Nationalism* (London, 1989)
O. McGee, *The IRB: from the Land League to Sinn Fein* (Dublin, 2005)

Home Rule and Unionism

P. Bew, *Ideology and the Irish Question* (Oxford, 1994)
P. Bew, *John Redmond*, (Dublin, 1996)
M. Laffan, *The Partition of Ireland, 1911-1925* (Dundalk, 1983)
J.J. Lee, *Ireland, 1912-1985* (Cambridge, 1989)
R. English & G. Walker, (ed) *Unionism in Modern Ireland* (Belfast, 1996)
A.T.Q. Stewart, *The Ulster Crisis* (1967)
P. Collins, (ed) *Nationalism and Unionism, 1885-1921* (Belfast, 1994)
A. Jackson, *Sir Edward Carson* (Dublin, 1993)
A. Jackson, *Home Rule: an Irish history, 1800-2000* (London, 2003)
M. Wheatley, *Nationalism and the Irish party, Provincial Ireland 1910-1916* (Oxford, 2005)

Labour and War

P. Yeates *Lockout! Dublin 1913* (Dublin, 2000)
F. Devine, *A Capital in Conflict: Dublin 1913* (Dublin, 2013)
P. Yeates, *Dublin: A City in Wartime 1914-1918* (Dublin, 2011)
E. O'Connor, *A Labour History of Ireland* (Dublin, 1992)
D. Fitzpatrick, *The Two Irelands* (Oxford, 1998)

- K. Jeffery, *Ireland and the Great War* (Cambridge, 2000)
 J. Horne, (Ed) *Our War: Ireland and the Great War* (Dublin, 2009)
 J. Horne & Ed. Madigan (Eds) *Towards Commemoration: Ireland in War and Revolution* (Dublin, 2012).
 T. Bartlett and K. Jeffery, *A Military History of Ireland* (1996)

War and Rebellion

- C. Townshend, *Easter 1916: the Irish Rebellion* (London, 2005)
 M. Laffan, *The Resurrection of Ireland: Sinn Fein* (Cambridge, 1999)
 M. Hay, *Bulmer Hobson and the Nationalist Movement in Twentieth Century Ireland* (Manchester, 2009).
 P. Hart, *The IRA at War, 1916-1923* (Oxford, 2003)
 A. Mitchell, *Revolutionary Government in Ireland, 1919-1922* (Dublin, 1995)
 F. McGarry, *The Rising: Ireland, 1916* (Oxford, 2010)
 T. Dorgan & M. Ni Dhonnchada, *Revising the Rising* (Derry, 1991)
 D. Fitzpatrick, *Politics and Irish Life* (Cork, 1998)
 P. Yeates, *Dublin: a City in Turmoil* (Dublin, 2012)

The Easter Rising

The shelves of book stores are creaking at the moment with 1916 titles: here are a few;

- J. Dorney, *Peace after the Final Battle: the story of the Irish revolution, 1912-1924* (Dublin, 2014).
 L. Gillis, *Women of the Irish Revolution* (Cork, 2014).
 L. Gillis & M. McAuliffe, *Richmond Barracks: We Were There: 77 Women of the Easter Rising* (Dublin, 2016).
 D. Ferriter, *A Nation and Not A Rabble* (London, 2015).
 R.F. Foster, *Vivid Faces* (London, 2014).
 Irish Times, *Irish Times 1916 Rebellion Handbook* (Dublin, 1998).
 T. Irish, *Trinity in War and Revolution* (Dublin, 2015).
 D. Kiberd & PJ Mathews (eds) *Handbook of the Irish Revival* (Dublin, 2015).
 L. McDiarmid, *At Home in the Revolution: What Women Said and Did in 1916* (Dublin, 2015).
 F. McGarry, *The Abbey Rebels* (Dublin, 2015).
 F. McGarry, *The Rising: Ireland, 1916* (Oxford, 2010)
 F. McGarry, *Rebels: Voices from the Easter Rising* (Dublin, 2012).
 C. McNamara, *The Easter Rebellion 1916: a new illustrated history* (Cork, 2015).
 M. Nyhan-Grey (Ed) *Ireland's Allies: America and the 1916 Rising* (Dublin, 2017).
 S. Pasetta, *Irish Nationalist Women, 1900-1918* (Cambridge, 2013).
 W. Murphy, *Political Imprisonment and the Irish, 1912-1921* (Oxford, 2014).
 C. Townshend, *Easter 1916: the Irish Rebellion* (London, 2005).
 M. Ward, *Unmanageable revolutionaries: Women and Irish Nationalism* (London, 1996).

The Royal Irish Academy's *1916 Portraits and Lives* is a collection of short biographies of 42 men and women connected to the Rising. It can be downloaded as a free e-book. The 1916 Lives series edited by Lorcan Collins and Ruan O'Donnell, sixteen separate biographies of the executed leaders, are readable introductions. Also look out for *The Revolution Papers*, available in newsagents, which are a weekly guide to the issues at stake between 1916-49, with sample contemporary documents. There have been three *History Ireland* magazine special supplements on the Revolution, all of which are worth seeking out.

Revolution and Treaty

- C. Townshend, *The Republic: the Irish fight for Independence* (London, 2014)
M. Hopkinson, *The Irish War of Independence* (Dublin, 2002)
M. Hopkinson, *Green against Green: the Irish Civil War* (Dublin, 1988)
P. Hart, *The IRA and its Enemies* (Oxford, 1998)
B. Hanley, *The IRA: a Documentary History* (Dublin, 2010)
B. Hanley & T. Graham, (Eds) *The Irish Revolution: a Global History* (Dublin, 2019).
- P.S. O'Hegarty, *The Victory of Sinn Fein* (Dublin, 1924)
E. O'Malley, *On Another Man's Wound* (London, 1936)
E. O'Malley, *The Singing Flame* (Dublin, 1978)
J. Augusteijn, *From Public Defiance to Guerilla Warfare* (Dublin, 1996)
T. Barry, *Guerilla Days in Ireland* (Dublin, 1949)
C.S. Andrews, *Dublin Made Me* (Dublin, 1979)
J. Augusteijn (ed.), *The Irish revolution, 1913–1923* (London, 2002)
J. Borgonovo, *The Battle for Cork* (Cork, 2011)
J. Borgonovo, *The Dynamics of War: Cork City 1916-1918* (Cork, 2013)
D.G. Boyce (ed.), *The Revolution in Ireland, 1879–1923* (Dublin, 1988)
F. Campbell, *Land and Revolution: Nationalist Politics in the west of Ireland 1891-1921* (Oxford, 2005)
G. Doherty & D. Keogh, *Michael Collins and the Making of the Irish state* (Cork, 1998)
D. Fitzpatrick, (Ed) *Terror in Ireland* (Dublin, 2012)
B. Kissane, *The Politics of the Irish Civil War* (Cambridge, 2005)
C. Kostick, *Revolution in Ireland: popular militancy 1917 to 1923* (London, 1996)
P. Maume & C. O'Leary, *Controversial issues in Anglo-Irish relations, 1910-1921* (Dublin, 2004)
U. MacEoin, *Survivors* (Dublin, 1980)

Civil War and Partition

- J. Borgonovo, *The Battle for Cork* (Cork, 2011).
T. Garvin, *1922: the Birth of Irish Democracy* (Dublin, 1996)
J.M. Regan, *The Irish Counter Revolution 1921-36* (Dublin, 1999)
P. Hart, *Mick: the Real Michael Collins* (London, 2005)
T.P. Coogan, *Michael Collins* (London, 1990)
F. McGarry, *Eoin O'Duffy* (Oxford, 2005)
C.S. Andrews, *Man of No Property* (Dublin, 1982)
D. McArdle, *The Irish Republic* (London, 1937)

From Free State to Republic

- T.P. Coogan, *De Valera: Long Fellow, Long Shadow* (London, 1993)
J. Bowman, *De Valera and the Ulster Question 1917-23* (Oxford, 1982)
C. Wills, *That Neutral Island* (London, 2007)
E. O'Halpin, *Defending Ireland* (Oxford, 1999)
M. Cronin, *The Blueshirts and Irish Politics* (Dublin, 1997)
R. Dunphy, *The Making of Fianna Fail Power in Ireland* (Oxford, 1995)
D. Keogh & M. O'Driscoll, *Ireland in World War Two* (Cork, 2004)
D. O'Driscoll, *Censorship in Ireland, 1939-45* (Cork, 1996)
B. Girvin & G. Roberts, *Ireland and the Second World War* (Dublin, 2000)
A. Dolan, *Commemorating the Irish Free State* (Cambridge, 2004)
F. McGarry, *Irish Politics and the Spanish Civil War* (Cork, 1999)
M. Cronin & J. Regan, *Ireland: the Politics of Independence* (Basingstoke, 2000)
P. Murray, *Oracles of God: the Roman Catholic Church and Irish Politics*
(Dublin, 2000)
J.A. Murphy (ed) *De Valera and His Times* (Cork, 1983)
J.J. Lee & G. O Tuathaigh, *The Age of De Valera* (Dublin, 1982)
R. Fisk, *In Time of War: Ireland, Ulster and the Price of Neutrality* (London,
1983)
N. Puirseil, *The Irish Labour Party: a History* (Dublin, 2007)
B. Evans, *Ireland during the Second World War* (Manchester, 2014)

Northern Ireland: Consolidation

- A. Parkinson, *Belfast's Unholy War* (Dublin, 2004)
J. McDermott, *Northern Divisions: the old IRA and the Belfast Pogroms*
(Belfast, 2001)
M. Farrell, *Northern Ireland: the Orange State* (London, 1976)
Patrick Buckland, *A History of Northern Ireland* (1981)
Jonathon Bardon, *A History of Ulster* (1992)
E. Staunton, *The Nationalists of Northern Ireland, 1918-1973* (2001)
B. Follis, *A State under Siege* (Oxford, 1995)
B Purdie, *Politics in the Streets* (Belfast, 1990)

- G. Adams, *Before the Dawn* (New York, 1996)
 J. Bowyer Bell, *The Secret Army: the IRA* (Dublin, 1998)
 P. Buckland, *The Factory of Grievances: devolved government in Northern Ireland, 1921–39* (1979)

From stagnation to the ‘best of decades.’

- L. E. Byrne, *Mother and Child* (Manchester, 2013).
 D. Ferriter, *The Transformation of Ireland* (London, 2004)
 C. Holohan, *Reframing Irish Youth in the Sixties* (Liverpool, 2018).
 D. Keogh etc *Ireland in the 1950s: the Lost Decade* (Cork, 2004)
 P. Bew & H. Patterson, *Sean Lemass and the Making of Modern Ireland* (Dublin, 1982)
 J. Horgan, *Noel Browne: Passionate Outsider* (Dublin, 1997)
 E. McDermott, *Clann na Poblachta*, (Cork, 1998)
 L. Fuller, *Irish Catholicism since 1950* (Dublin, 2002)
 T. Garvin, *Preventing the Future* (Dublin, 2004)
 E. O’Connor, *A Labour History of Ireland* (Dublin, 2012)
 F. Tobin, *The Best of Decades: Ireland in the 1960s*

The ‘Troubles’ 1969-1998

- G. Adams, *Hope and History* (Kerry, 1996)
 P. Bew & G. Gillespie, *A Chronology of the Troubles 1968-99* (Dublin, 1999)
 P. Bew & G. Gillespie, *The Northern Ireland Peace Process, 1993-1996: A Chronology* (London, 1996)
 E. Burke, *An Army of Tribes: British Army cohesion, deviancy and murder* (Liverpool, 2018).
 McKittrick, D., Kelters, S., Feeney, B., & Thornton, C., *Lost Lives- the Stories of the Men, Women and Children who Died as a Result of the Northern Ireland Troubles* (Edinburgh, 1999).
 A. Edwards, *UVF: Behind the Mask* (Dublin, 2017).
 R. English, *Armed Struggle: the History of the IRA* (London, 2003)
 D. Ferriter, *Ambiguous republic: Ireland in the 1970s* (London, 2012)
 B. Hanley, *The IRA: a Documentary History* (Dublin, 2010)
 B. Hanley & S. Millar, *The Lost Revolution: the story of the Official IRA* (Dublin, 2009).
 B. Hanley, *The Impact of the Troubles on the Republic of Ireland, 1968-79* (Manchester, 2018).
 G. Mulvenna, *Tartan Gangs and Paramilitaries: the Loyalist Backlash* (Liverpool, 2016).
 E. Moloney, *A Secret History of the IRA* (London, 2002)

- G. FitzGerald, *All in a Life* (Dublin, 1991)
 E. McCann, *War and an Irish Town* (London, 1974)
 F. O'Connor, *In Search of a State: Catholics in Northern Ireland* (Dublin, 1993)
 S. McKay, *Northern Protestants: an Unsettled People* (Belfast, 2000)
 P. Mulroe, *Bombs, bullets and the border* (Dublin, 2017).
 P. Arthur & K. Jeffrey, *Northern Ireland since 1968* (Oxford, 1996)
 C. O'Brien, *States of Ireland* (London, 1972)
 P. O'Malley, *The Uncivil Wars: Ireland Today* (Belfast, 1980)
 G. Ó Faolain, *A Broad Church: the Provisional IRA in the Republic of Ireland* (Dublin, 2019).
 E. Moloney & A. Pollock, *Paisley* (Dublin, 1986)
 D. Beresford, *Ten Men Dead* (London, 1987)
 F. O'Toole, *The Lie of the Land* (London, 1997)
 J. Hume, *A New Ireland* (Boulder, 1996)
 M. Farrell, *Twenty Years On* (Kerry, 1988)
 M.J. Bric etc, *From Political Violence to Negotiated Settlement* (Dublin, 2004)
 J. Smyth (Ed), *Remembering the Troubles: Contesting the Recent Past in Northern Ireland* (Notre Dame, 2017).
 R. W. White, *Out of the Ashes: an oral history of the Provisional Irish Republican movement* (Dublin, 2017).

A comprehensive source of material on the conflict in Northern Ireland is accessible on the CAIN website <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/bibdb/index.html>

Modern Ireland

- T. Bartlett (Ed) *The Cambridge History of Ireland* Vol. 4 (Cambridge, 2018).
 L. E. Byrne & D. Urquhart, *The Irish Abortion Journey* (London, 2019).
 L. Connolly & T. O'Toole (Eds), *Documenting Irish Feminisms: the second wave* (Dublin, 2005).
 L. Connolly, *The Irish Women's Movement* (London, 2002).
 M. Daly, *Sixties Ireland* (Cambridge, 2016).
 D. Ferriter, *Ambiguous republic: Ireland in the 1970s* (London, 2012)
 D. Ferriter, *Occasions of Sin: Sex and Society in Modern Ireland* (London, 2010).
 G. Healy (Ed) *Crossing the Threshold: the story of the Marriage Equality movement* (Dublin, 2017).
 U. Mulally, *In the Name of Love: the Movement for Marriage Equality* (Dublin, 2014).
 E. Sweeney, *Down, Down, Deeper and Down: Ireland in the 70s and 80s* (Dublin, 2010).
 T. Brown, *Ireland: a Social and Cultural History, 1922-2002* (London, 2004)
 H. Patterson, *Ireland since 1939: the Persistence of Conflict* (Dublin, 2006)

Visual Sources

Michael Collins (1996)

The Wind that Shakes the Barley (2006)

Hunger (2008)

Breakfast on Pluto (2006)

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