



Partitions & borders: a comparative & interdisciplinary conference

Jointly organised by

**University College Dublin
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Thursday 24th & Friday 25th May 2018



About the conference

Jointly organised by University College Dublin and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, this conference brings together scholars working on aspects of partition and border studies from multiple disciplines from across the world. The conference considers multiple geographical regions and time periods drawing parallels through a targeted analysis of the phenomenon of partition in history and society.

The conference organisers would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to UCD and to invite you to participate in this and the other centenary events which are being hosted by the university throughout the decade of commemorations.

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Conference organising committee

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About UCD

University College Dublin has its origins in the mid-nineteenth century under the leadership of the renowned educationalist Cardinal John Henry Newman. Since its foundation in 1854, the University has flourished and made a unique and substantial contribution to the creation of modern Ireland, based on successful engagement with Irish society on every level and across every sphere of activity.

UCD is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities; an environment where undergraduate education, masters and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic spectrum of activity.

UCD has a particularly important role to play in activities around the Decade of Centenaries. Many UCD staff, students and graduates were involved in critical events between 1912 and 1923. UCD came of age during the revolutionary decade. Following independence, the university and its graduates have played an integral role in the foundation and the development of the modern Irish state. The university is also a major holder of archives of national and international significance relating to the period.

Linking in with national and international commemoration initiatives, UCD has devised a programme of scholarship and outreach for the Decade of Centenaries. Our vision in this is to inform debate and understanding with an objective voice in a manner that brings education and new perspectives to the fore. We also seek to reflect on the centenaries through creative and cultural works. For more information on this and other UCD Decade of Centenaries events, see centenaries.ucd.ie/events-calendar

Thursday 24th May 2018, Day 1

09:00 – 09:30, Conference registration

Location: K114 ARTS

09:30 – 10:00, Welcome & opening address

Location: K114 ARTS

10:00 – 11:30, Session 1

Panel 1, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Tim McMahon** (Marquette University), Prelude to Partition: Examining Identities in Ireland before the Border.
- **Kaveri Urmilesh** (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai), Statelessness and Refugeehood: Borders, Migration and Human Rights.
- **Joseph Quinn** (UCD), Fulfilling an ancient promise: the Balfour Declaration, the Paris Peace Agreements and the origins of the British Mandate of Palestine.

11:30 – 12:00: Coffee break

Served outside K114 ARTS

12:00 – 13:00

Plenary 1, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Sucheta Mahajan** (JNU, New Delhi), 'Bearing Witness' to 'Silence as Sanctuary': Remembering and Forgetting in Oral Histories of Conflict in India and Ireland.

13:00 – 14:00, Lunch

Served outside K114 ARTS

14:00 – 15:00, Session 2

Panel 2A, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Lucy Collins** (UCD), Watchman's War: Surveillance in Contemporary Poetry and Photography from Northern Ireland.
- **Kate Nolan** (visual artist), 'LACUNA, art and community on the Irish border'.

Panel 2B, Location: G316 ARTS

- **Patrick Mulroe** (independent scholar), Localised factors and border violence in Lifford, Clones and Dundalk 1971-1975.
- **Harmeet Kaur Kinot** (University of Lucknow), Forgotten Women of India's Partition, 1947.

15:00 – 15:30: Coffee break

Served outside K114 ARTS

15:30 – 17:00: Session 3

Panel 3A, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Feroza Jussawalla** (University of New Mexico), Crossing Borders/ Finding Homes: A Comparative View from the US-Mexico Border.
- **Bryan Fanning** (UCD), Brexit, Borders and Belonging.
- **Clíona Ní Fhearghail** (TCD), Reaction and fallout: Cavan and the Partition of Ireland.

Panel 3B, Location: G316 ARTS

- **Sharmila Majumdar** (University of Kalyani), A Silver Lining: exploring gender emancipation and the partition of India through literature .
- **Ned Richardson-Little** (University of Erfurt), Socialist Emancipation or National Unification: Conflicting Visions of Boundaries, Human Rights, and Self-Determination in Divided Germany.
- **Eugenijus Zmuida** (Lietuvių literatūros ir tautosakos institutas, Vilnius), The Partitions and borders of Lithuania (1795–1990) and the fight for national identity in fictional literature and memoirs (1914–1940).

17:00 – 17:45

Plenary 2, Location: K114 ARTS

- **John Coakley** (UCD), The Irish border: the first hundred years.

Friday 25th May 2018, Day 2

09:00 – 09:30, Day 2 registration

Location: K114 ARTS

09:30 – 11:00, Session 4

Panel 4A, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Brian Hughes** (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick), The wrong side of the border: organised loyalism in Cavan, 1912–31.
- **Alexandra Tierney** (TCD), An all-Ireland approach to the study of social policy after partition.
- **Daniel Purcell** (TCD), “Neither one thing or the other” – Unionism and the border: Cavan, Monaghan and Fermanagh, 1916 – 1923.

Panel 4B, Location: G316 ARTS

- **Bodh Prakash** (Ambedkar University Delhi), Another Kind of Dispossession: the Aftermath of Refugee Rehabilitation in Post-Partition Delhi.
- **Stephen O’Neill** (TCD), Partitioning the Past: the "Ulster" novel between the wars.
- **Shaifali Arora** (Indian Institute of Technology, Indore), Partition Experiences of Bahawalpuri Hindus: History, Memory and Identity.

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee break

Served outside K114 ARTS

11:30 – 12:30

Plenary 3, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Peter Leary** (University College London), Histories of the Irish Border, 1922-1972.

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch

Served outside K114 ARTS

13:30 – 14:30,

Plenary 4, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Debali Mookerjea-Leonard** (James Madison University), Literature, Women, and the Partition of India: Borders, Bodies, Livelihoods.

14:30 – 15:00: Coffee break

Served outside K114

15:00 – 16:30, Session 5

Panel 5A, Location: K114 ARTS

- **Kieran Rankin** (TCD), Information, Propaganda, and Satire in Ireland's Pre-Partition Cartography, 1912-1920.
- **Julijana Leganovic** (Vilnius University), Rethinking the Centre-Periphery: Vilnius and Kaunas Jewish communities in the interwar period.
- **Ian D'Alton** (TCD), A country with no borders: the construction and maintenance of a 'Protestant Free State' within independent Ireland after 1922.

Panel 5B, Location: G316 ARTS

- **Richard Schofield** (King's College London), Consolidating a future Iraqi territorial state in contemplating Ottoman partition, 1914-1920.
- **Ciarán McDonnell** (Institute of Historical Research, University of London), A hard Pale or a soft Pale? The Pale ditch and border identities in medieval Ireland.

16:30 – 17:30

Roundtable & Closing, Location: K114 ARTS

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