



## Foundation of the Irish State Conference UCD, 2-3 December 2022



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media



'Designs for the Great Seal of the Irish Free State,' created in pen and ink by Archibald McGoogan in 1923 (UCDA P4/1312 Papers of Hugh Kennedy)

## Introduction

University College Dublin



It is my pleasure to welcome you to this conference, which marks a milestone both in the national Decade of Centenaries and in the work that University College Dublin has undertaken to commemorate and investigate the historical events which shaped Ireland, Europe and the wider world a century ago.

Throughout the past decade, we in UCD have sought to contribute to national discussion and understanding of the Decade of Centenaries in a spirit of inclusivity, exploration and rigour. Our commitment has reflected our history, given the importance of UCD to the events that took place a century ago, and also our national and global presence of today.

As Chair of the UCD Decade of Centenaries Committee since 2014, I have been delighted to see the breadth and depth of engagement from colleagues from across the University in our commemorative activities and outputs. These have included a specially commissioned play 'Signatories' from many of Ireland's leading writers, a cantata commemorating the Civil War, a public discussion 'After Empire' with former international leaders, and many outstanding scholarly works and events. Our commemorations have drawn on the world-leading scholars within UCD on the history, literature, and culture of the era in question and also on the key cultural heritage collections in UCD Archives, Special Collections and the National Folklore Collection, which preserve unparalleled sources from these years and make them accessible to researchers and the public.

With this conference on the Foundation of the Irish State, colleagues and researchers from UCD and beyond have come together to consider state formation in all its complexities, from the issues of violence, partition and the social structures knitted into the foundation of the state to the establishment of the layers of state apparatus which were either inaugurated afresh in 1922 or which transitioned through the process of state formation. The continuities and new departures of the foundation of the state have a wider significance beyond Ireland, and this is reflected within our programme.

I would like to thank all who have contributed to this rich and thought-provoking programme. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media through the Decade of Centenaries Programme as we aim to inform and stimulate wider public discourse on this key event in the history of Irish independence and statehood.

### Professor Orla Feely

UCD Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact;  
Chair of the UCD Decade of Centenaries Committee

## Introduction

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media



This is a really significant conference, exploring the process of State formation in Ireland a century ago and examining the development of the State over the past one hundred years. I am delighted that my Department is supporting it as one of the key events in the Decade of Centenaries Programme for 2022.

I would like to express my appreciation to UCD – a valued partner throughout the Decade of Centenaries – who have curated a really ambitious, comprehensive, and thoughtful programme, which encourages us all to reflect on the events surrounding the formal emergence of the independent Irish State and those who shaped this process. Events such as this conference have an invaluable role in supporting and encouraging a national conversation about the impact and legacy of this period, resonating so powerfully with public audiences and scholars at home and around the world.

The Decade of Centenaries Programme has consistently adopted a broad focus, acknowledging both the painful legacies of our past and also the great democratic achievements in putting in place the new parliamentary and administrative structures which informed the early years of the State. The guiding principles and measured advice of the Expert Advisory Group on Centenary Commemorations, chaired by Dr Maurice Manning, have provided a very important and supportive framework for the Government and indeed, everyone involved in commemorations, particularly during this sensitive and complex final phase of the Decade of Centenaries. The contribution of the All-Party Consultation Group has also been a very constructive forum for engagement and ideas.

The history of this seminal period belongs to all of us and this conference is a timely opportunity to examine and reflect on our journey since those early formative years. It offers an important forum to illuminate, assess and debate all aspects of this period, grounded in factual analysis and the evidence of primary sources. We have much to learn from these events. We must also look forward to the values we wish to preserve for the generations who will come after us.

### **Catherine Martin T.D.**

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

## Day 1

UCD O'Reilly Hall  
Friday 2 December 2022

09:20-09:30

### Conference welcome and introduction

UCD Acting President Professor Mark Rogers

09:30-10:00

### Keynote address

The Taoiseach Micheál Martin T.D.

10:00-10:15

### Reflecting on UCD's Decade of Centenaries

UCD Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact

Professor Orla Feely; Chair of the UCD Decade of Centenaries Committee

Break, 10:15-10:45

10:45-12:00

### Panel 1: Sovereignty, Citizens and the State

Paper 1: Dr Thomas Mohr (UCD Sutherland School of Law), 'The 1922 Constitution and the Foundation of the Irish State'

Paper 2: Professor Linda Connolly (School of Sociology, Maynooth University), '"Any man who takes revenge on a sister is not much": assessing the impact of the Irish civil war on women'

Paper 3: Professor Eugenio Biagini (University of Cambridge, History), 'National sovereignty and minority experiences in independent Ireland'

Chair: Professor Robert Gerwarth (UCD School of History)

Lunch break, 12:00-13:00

13:00-14:15

### Panel 2: Founding the State: External Dimensions

Paper 1: Professor Margaret O'Callaghan (School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast), 'James Craig and the consolidation of Northern Ireland in 1922'

## Day 1

13:00-14:15

### **Panel 2 continued: Founding the State: External Dimensions**

Paper 2: Ambassador Gerard Keown (Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OECD and UNESCO), 'The harp in the orchestra of nations: early steps on the world stage'

Paper 3: Ambassador Raili Lahnalampi (Ambassador of Finland to Ireland), 'Finland's history: reflections on nationhood, foreign and security policy, and similarities and differences with Ireland'

Chair: Professor Emeritus John Coakley (UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy)

Break, 14:15-14:30

14:30-15:45

### **Panel 3: Institutions of the State**

Paper 1: Adjunct Professor John FitzGerald (Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, in collaboration with Dr Seán Kenny, University College Cork), 'Managing a new economy: Ireland 1922-1945'

Paper 2: Dr Aodh Quinlivan (Department of Government and Politics, University College Cork), 'Virtuous revolutionaries and the quest to depoliticise local government'

Paper 3: Dr Martin Maguire (UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy), 'State-building and the civil service, 1922: retreat from revolution'

Chair: Professor Niamh Hardiman (UCD School of Politics and International Relations)

Break, 15:45-16:00

16:00-17:00

### **Panel 4: Law, Order, and Legality – Courts and Emergency Powers**

Paper 1: Hon Mr. Justice Gerard Hogan (Supreme Court), 'The legality of the Civil War and its implications for the Constitutions of 1922 and 1937'

Paper 2: Dr Bláthna Ruane S.C., 'Creating the new courts system: aspirations, constraints and pragmatism'

Chair: Professor Imelda Maher (UCD Sutherland School of Law)

17:00-17:10

**Day 1 closing remarks:** Dr Conor Mulvagh (UCD School of History)

## Day 2

UCD FitzGerald Debating Chamber  
Saturday 3 December 2022

09:30-09:40

**Day 2 opening remarks:** Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of the National University of Ireland; Chair of the Expert Advisory Group on Centenary Commemorations

09:40-11:00

### **Panel 1: 'A stake in the state': Welfare, Health and Gender**

Paper 1: Professor Emeritus Mary E. Daly (UCD School of History), 'No promised land': health and welfare in the early years of the Irish Free State'

Paper 2: Dr Mary McAuliffe (Director of Gender Studies, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice), 'Not in the mainstream; the political afterlives of revolutionary women'

Paper 3: Dr Joseph Brady (UCD School of Geography), 'A new beginning? Dealing with Dublin's housing crisis in the 1920s'

Chair: Dr Conor Mulvagh (UCD School of History)

Break, 11:00-11:15

11:15-12:30

**Painéal 2/Panel 2: An Ghaeilge: Struchtúir oifigiúla agus pobail i mbunú Stát na hÉireann/The Irish language: Official and community structures in the foundation of the Irish State**

*Cuirfear cainteanna agus plé an phainéil seo i láthair trí mheán na Gaeilge. Cuirfear aistriúchán comhuaineach ar fáil. Le tacaíocht ó Foras na Gaeilge.*

All papers in this panel will be presented in Irish. A simultaneous English language translation will be available. With support from Foras na Gaeilge.

Páipéar 1: An tOllamh Taca Cathal Goan (Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis UCD), 'Féiniúlacht, fíis agus freagracht'

*Paper 1: Adjunct Professor Cathal Goan (School of Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore), 'Identity, vision and responsibility'*

Páipéar 2: An Dr Ríona Nic Congáil (Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis UCD), "Mianach Náisiúnta a Neartú": An Ghaeilge agus córas oideachais an tSaorstáit'

## Day 2

11:15-12:30

**Painéal 2 ar lean/Panel 2 continued: An Ghaeilge: Struchtúir oifigiúla agus pobail i mbunú Stát na hÉireann/The Irish language: Official and community structures in the foundation of the Irish State**

*Paper 2: Dr Ríona Nic Congáil (UCD School of Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore), "Strengthening the National Fibre": Irish and the Free State education system'*

*Páipéar 3: An Dr Pádraig Breandán Ó Laighin (Scoil na Socheolaíochta UCD), 'Pobal na Gaeilge tráth bunaithe an Stáit'*

*Paper 3: Dr Pádraig Breandán Ó Laighin (UCD School of Sociology), 'The Irish-language community at the time of the establishment of the State'*

*Cathaoirleach: An tOllamh Sinsearach agus Cathaoir na Nua-Ghaeilge Regina Uí Chollatáin, Príomhoifigeach agus Déan, Coláiste na nEalaíon agus na nDaonnachtaí UCD*

*Chair: Senior Professor and Chair of Modern Irish and Literature Regina Uí Chollatáin, Principal and Dean, UCD College of Arts and Humanities*

Le tacaíocht ó



**Foras na Gaeilge**

Lunch break, 12:30-13:30

13:30-14:45

**Panel 3: 'Agents of stability': Social Structures in Independent Ireland**

*Paper 1: Dr Daithí Ó Corráin (School of History and Geography, Dublin City University), 'An intertwining of faith, fatherland and self-interest: church-state relations at the birth of the Irish Free State'*

*Paper 2: Professor Lindsey Earner-Byrne (School of History, University College Cork), 'Family and vulnerability in the Irish Free State'*

*Paper 3: Professor Paul Rouse (UCD School of History), 'Land and radicalism'*

*Chair: Daniel McConnell (Political Editor, Irish Examiner)*



## Day 2

Break, 14:45-15:00

15:00-16:00

### **Roundtable discussion: Centennial Perspectives – Reflecting on a century of statehood**

Chair: Dr David McCullagh (RTÉ)

Professor Marie Coleman (Professor of Twentieth Century Irish History,  
Queen's University Belfast)

Professor Diarmaid Ferriter (Chair of Modern Irish History, UCD School of History)

Professor Emeritus Brigid Laffan (European University Institute)

16:00-16:15

**Closing remarks:** Dr Conor Mulvagh (UCD School of History)

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## Questions and Answers

Q&A for this conference will be done through an app called Slido. If you have a question please scan the QR code below and simply type in your question. Questions will then be relayed to the panel chair to ask the panellists.

If you prefer not to use your phone you may direct your question via one of the conference assistants stationed around the room. Tell them your question and they will text it in on your behalf.



## Speaker biographies



### **Dr Thomas Mohr, UCD Sutherland School of Law**

Thomas Mohr is Associate Professor at UCD Sutherland School of Law. He is Vice-President of the Irish Legal History Society and book review editor of the *Irish Jurist*, Ireland's oldest law journal. His publications on Irish legal history range from medieval Gaelic law to the law of the independent Irish state in the twentieth century. His latest book is *Guardian of the Treaty – The Privy Council Appeal and Irish Sovereignty* (Four Courts Press, 2016). He has also published 'Law and the Foundation of the Irish State on 6 December 1922' (2018).



### **Professor Linda Connolly, School of Sociology, Maynooth University**

Linda Connolly is Full Professor of Sociology and Director of the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute. She was the University of Cambridge Centre for Gender Studies Visiting Scholar during the Lent Term 2022. Her research interests include feminism, gender, family, conflict, gender-based violence, wars, migration, and Irish studies. She is the author of several recent publications on the gender-based violence women experienced in the Irish Revolution (1919-23) and led the Irish Research Council funded 'Women and the Irish Revolution' project. She has published a number of books, such as, *The Irish Women's Movement: From Revolution to Devolution* (London and New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2003), *Documenting Irish Feminisms: the Second Wave* (with Tina O'Toole, republished in 2020, Galway: Arlen Press), *Social Movements and Ireland* (with Niamh Hourigan, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006), *The Irish Family* (London: Routledge, 2014), and *Women and the Irish Revolution: Feminism, Activism, Violence* (Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 2020).



### **Professor Eugenio Biagini, University of Cambridge, History**

An alumnus of the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Eugenio Biagini first came up to Cambridge (at Sidney Sussex) in 1985, before becoming a Junior Research Fellow at Churchill College in 1987. After spending two years at the Department of History, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, he became an Assistant Professor of Modern British History at Princeton. In 1996 he came back to Cambridge as a College Lecturer at Robinson College. He then became a University Lecturer in 1998 and a Reader in 2000. In 2008 he moved back to his old College, Sidney Sussex. In 2011 he was appointed to a personal chair and he is now Professor of Modern and Contemporary History. His research focuses on the social, economic and political history of democracy. He has written on Gladstonian liberalism and the Italian Risorgimento, but Ireland is his main area of research. His *British Democracy and Irish Nationalism, 1876-1906* (2007) examined the way the Home Rule campaigns affected the making of democracy in the two islands. His other publications include *Storia dell'Irlanda dal 1845 a oggi* (Bologna, 2014), *The Shaping of Modern Ireland* (with Dan Mulhall, 2016), *The Cambridge Social History of Ireland since 1740* (with Mary E. Daly, 2017). His forthcoming *The Minority Mind: Jews and Protestants in Catholic Ireland, 1912-1968* focuses on the history of religious and ethnic minorities in twentieth-century Ireland, in a comparative perspective. He focuses on the challenge of nation building, the redefinition of 'public interest', civil liberties and 'the constitution' in deeply divided societies.

## Speaker biographies



### **Professor Robert Gerwarth, UCD School of History**

Robert Gerwarth is Professor of Modern History at University College Dublin and Director of UCD's Centre for War Studies. He is the author and/or editor of ten books that revolve around the history of political violence in early to mid-twentieth-century Europe. Most recently, he published *The Vanquished: Why the Great War Failed to End, 1917-23* (Penguin, 2016) and *1918: The German Revolution* (Oxford University Press, 2018). He is an elected Member of the Royal Irish Academy and the Academia Europaea. As of 1 September 2022, he is the Principal Investigator of an ERC Advanced Grant that explores the entangled history of civil wars in Europe between 1917 and 1949.



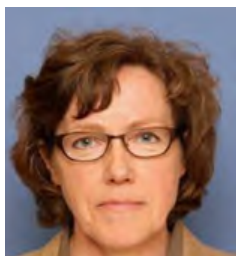
### **Professor Margaret O'Callaghan, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast**

Margaret O'Callaghan MA (NUI) PhD (Cambridge) is Professor of Modern Irish History and Politics at Queen's University Belfast. A former Laski Research Scholar at St John's College Cambridge and a former Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, she has taught at the Universities of Cambridge and Notre Dame. She is the author of numerous works on cultural identity in the Irish Free State, the position of women in independent Ireland, aspects of British high politics and the state apparatus in Ireland from the late nineteenth century to the revolution, including *British High Politics and a Nationalist Ireland*, *Criminality, Land and the Law under Forster and Balfour*. She has written on the Royal Irish Constabulary, on the genealogy and high politics of partition, and on the Boundary Commission of 1925. She has also written articles on the fringe-Fenian press, the careers of Richard Pigott and Tom Kettle, on Belfast in the 1960s and 70s, and on Ian Paisley and the Royal Ulster Constabulary. She co-edited with Mary E. Daly *1916 in 1966: Commemorating the Easter Rising* (Royal Irish Academy, 2007). Her most recent publications are on commemorating the Easter Rising of 1916 in the 1970s, on Roger Casement and the First World War, and on female political autobiography. She is currently writing a book on Alice Stopford Green and her circles and is researching James Craig's response to the Irish Treaty.



### **Ambassador Gerard Keown, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OECD and UNESCO**

Gerard Keown is an Irish civil servant based in the Department of Foreign Affairs. He is currently Permanent Representative to the OECD and UNESCO. He was previously UN Director, has worked in the Department of Finance, and was ambassador to Poland. He is the author of *First of the Small Nations: the beginnings of Irish foreign policy* (Oxford University Press, 2016).



### **Ambassador Raili Lahnalampi, Ambassador of Finland to Ireland**

Raili Lahnalampi served as the Chief of Cabinet for the Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2015-2019. She was responsible for the foreign and security policy and for the relations with other ministries, state administration and representatives of other countries.

Ms Lahnalampi has held various international positions and she has a strong background in foreign and security policy. Before being nominated as Chief of Cabinet Ms Lahnalampi worked as the Counsel to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Finland. She has pursued a diplomatic career at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs over ten years and has served as an advisor to the Secretary-General of OECD and to the President of the UN General Assembly H.E. Harri Holkeri.

After graduating from the University of Turku Law School (LL.M) Ms Lahnalampi continued her studies achieving a diploma in European integration from the University of Saarland and followed international and human rights law studies at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

## Speaker biographies



### **Professor Emeritus John Coakley, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy**

John Coakley, MRIA, is a fellow of UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy and UCD Emeritus Professor of Politics. He is a former Secretary General of the International Political Science Association and was founding Director of the UCD Institute for British-Irish Studies. Recent publications include *Nationalism, Ethnicity and the State* (Sage, 2012), *Reforming Political Institutions: Ireland in Comparative Perspective* (IPA, 2013), *The Irish Presidency* (co-edited, Irish Academic Press, 2014), *Non-Territorial Autonomy in Divided Societies* (edited, Routledge, 2017), *Politics in the Republic of Ireland, 6th ed.* (co-edited, Routledge, 2018) and *Negotiating a Settlement in Northern Ireland, 1969-2019* (co-authored, Oxford University Press, 2020).



### **Adjunct Professor John FitzGerald, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin**

John FitzGerald is an honorary fellow and Adjunct Professor of Economics at Trinity College Dublin, a Research Affiliate at the Economic and Social Research Institute, and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. He was a member of the Central Bank of Ireland Commission from 2010 to 2020 and he was Chairman of the Irish Government's Climate Change Advisory Council until January 2021. He has published extensively on the macro-economics of the Irish and European economies, energy and environmental economics.



### **Dr Aodh Quinlivan, Department of Government and Politics, University College Cork**

Aodh Quinlivan is a lecturer in the Department of Government and Politics at University College Cork, where he is the Director of the Centre for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG). He is the author of eight books on different aspects of local government, the most recent of which, *Vindicating Dublin* (Four Courts Press, 2021), tells the story of the dissolution of Dublin Corporation in 1924. Aodh is a local government specialist and he is a member of the Expert Advisory Group supporting the Dublin Citizens' Assembly.



### **Dr Martin Maguire, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy**

Dr Martin Maguire is currently a visiting Researcher at UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy. He has extensive publications on the history of civil service trade unionism in Ireland. His book on the civil service experience of revolutionary change, *The Civil Service and the Revolution in Ireland, 1912-38* "Shaking the blood-stained hand of Mr Collins" is published by Manchester University Press. He is currently commissioned to write the history of the civil service trade unions; IMPACT Union, the Civil and Public Services Union and the Public Service Executive Union; all now merged into Fórsa Trade Union.



### **Professor Niamh Hardiman, UCD School of Politics and International Relations**

Niamh Hardiman teaches in UCD School of Politics and International Relations; she was also until recently the director of the UCD Public Policy programme. She has published widely on the implications of institutional configurations for policy choice, and on the diversity of developmental pathways in the states of the European periphery. She co-edited (with David Farrell) *The Oxford Handbook of Irish Politics* (OUP, 2021). She initiated and continues to lead the Irish State Administration Database project in UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy, at the core of which is a searchable database of state institutions in Ireland since the foundation of the State, [www.isad.ie](http://www.isad.ie).



### **Hon Mr. Justice Gerard Hogan, Supreme Court**

Gerard Hogan is a judge of the Supreme Court. He is the author of *Origins of the Irish Constitution 1928-1941* and is a joint author (with Gerry Whyte, David Kenny and Rachael Walsh) of the latest edition of *Kelly, The Irish Constitution* (5th. edition, 2018).



## Speaker biographies



### **Dr Bláthna Ruane S.C.**

Dr Bláthna Ruane is a Senior Counsel, who has written widely on the constitution, government and constitutional history. She is an Adjunct Professor of Law at UCD Sutherland School of Law.



### **Professor Imelda Maher, UCD Sutherland School of Law**

Professor Maher, MRIA, is a former Dean of Law who specialises in law and governance in the European Union. In the first half of this year, she held the Global Emile Noel Senior Fellowship at New York University where she commenced her work on law and hope as well as completing a study on implementation of EU law in the Irish courts. An honorary Benchler of Middle Temple, she has been Polite Literatures and Antiquities Secretary for the Royal Irish Academy and is a former President of the Society of Legal Scholars in the UK and Ireland.



### **Dr Conor Mulvagh, UCD School of History**

Conor Mulvagh is Associate Professor in Modern Irish History at UCD School of History, with special responsibility for the Decade of Centenaries (2013-23). His research centres primarily on British and Irish political history from the 1870s to the 1920s. His current research focuses on a comparative study of partitions. He is the author of *Irish Days, Indian Memories: V. V. Giri and Indian Law Students at University College Dublin, 1913-1916* (Irish Academic Press, 2016); *The Irish Parliamentary Party at Westminster, 1900-18* (Manchester University Press, 2016); and is co-editor, with Emer Purcell, of *Eoin MacNeill: the pen and the sword* (Cork University Press, 2022).





### **Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor, National University of Ireland**

Dr Maurice Manning was elected Chancellor of the National University of Ireland on March 12, 2009. Dr Manning is the fifth Chancellor of the University since its establishment in 1908. He served on the Governing Authority of UCD from 1979 to 2008, and he spent much of his academic career in the Department of Politics at UCD where he established a reputation for his teaching, his closeness to students and his publications. He has published widely and is currently Adjunct Professor in UCD School of Politics and International Relations. He is also currently Chair of the Publishing Committee of the Institute of Public Administration. Dr Manning has served in both Dáil and Seanad Éireann. During that time he was a member of the New Ireland Forum, and the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body. He was both leader of Seanad Éireann and Leader of the Opposition in that House. Maurice Manning has also been President of the Irish Human Rights Commission and was Chair of the European Group of National Human Rights Institutions.



### **Professor Emeritus Mary E. Daly, UCD School of History**

Mary E. Daly MRIA, MAE, is Emeritus Professor of History at University College Dublin. She served as President of the Royal Irish Academy from 2014-17. A graduate of UCD and Oxford, she has been awarded honorary doctorates by Queen's University Belfast and the National University of Ireland. In 2017 she was elected as a member of the Academia Europaea, and she was awarded the Royal Irish Academy Gold Medal in Humanities in 2020. She serves as a member of the Irish Government's Expert Advisory Group on the Decade of Centenaries. She is the author of 11 sole-authored books and 9 co-authored/edited books on aspects of the history of modern Ireland. Her next book, *The Battle to Control Female Fertility in Modern Ireland* will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2023.

## Speaker biographies



### **Dr Mary McAuliffe, Director of Gender Studies, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice**

Mary McAuliffe is a historian and Director of the Gender Studies Programme at UCD and holds a PhD from the School of History and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin. Her latest publications include as co-editor with Miriam Haughton and Emilie Pine, *Legacies of the Magdalen Laundries; Commemoration, Gender, and the Postcolonial Carceral State* (Manchester University Press, 2021) and as sole author, *Margaret Skinnider; a biography* (UCD Press, 2020). She was also co-editor of *Sexual Politics in Modern Ireland*. She was co-editor of *Saothar; the Journal of the Irish Labour History Society* from 2016-2022. Currently she is working on a major research project on gendered and sexual violence during the Irish revolutionary period, 1919-1923, to be published in late 2023. She is a past President of the Women's History Association of Ireland and is currently a member of the NXF Board (The National Lesbian and Gay Federation of Ireland) and a member of UCD Humanities Institute.



### **Dr Joseph Brady, UCD School of Geography**

Joseph Brady is an urban geographer with a variety of interests connected with the growth and development of cities. One line of inquiry is focused on the attempts made over the centuries to create ideal cities; cities which were actually suited to the needs of its inhabitants. Another is concerned with urban cartography and the representation of cities in maps. In recent times, he has spent a great deal of time looking at the development of Dublin. This has resulted in eight books under the general title of the *Making of Dublin City*. *Building Healthy Homes* is a recent publication and looks at the early attempts by Dublin Corporation to build decent social housing.



### **An tOllamh Taca Cathal Goan, Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis UCD**

Rugadh Cathal Goan i mBéal Feirste. Bhronn Coláiste na hOllscoile Baile Átha Cliath céim sa Léann Ceilteach air in 1975. I ndiaidh dhá bhliain a chaitreamh mar scoláire iarchéime I Roinn Bhéaloideas Éireann san Ollscoil sin, thosaigh a shaol oibre in RTÉ mar chartlannaí agus ina dhiaidh sin arís mar léiritheoir raidió agus mar léiritheoir/stiúrthóir teilifíse. Bhí sé ina cheann roinne ar chlár Ghaeilge RTÉ sular ceapadh ina chéad Cheannasaí ar Theilifís na Gaeilge (TG4) é i 1994. Ainmníodh é ina Bhainisteoir Stiúrtha Teilifíse in RTÉ i 2000 agus i 2003 roghnaíodh mar Phríomhstiúrthóir ar RTÉ é, post ar fhan sé ann ar feadh seacht mbliana.

Cathal Goan is a native of Belfast. He graduated from UCD in 1975 with a degree in Celtic Studies. He subsequently spent two years as a post-graduate in the Department of Irish Folklore UCD. He began his career in RTÉ as an archivist, going on to become a radio producer and television producer/director. He was head of RTÉ's Irish language TV output before being appointed first head (Ceannasaí) of Teilifís na Gaeilge (TG4) in 1994. He became RTÉ's Managing Director of Television in 2000 and in 2003 was appointed Director General, a position he held for seven years.

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### **An Dr Riona Nic Congáil, Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis UCD**

Is Ollamh Comhlach í Riona Nic Congáil i Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis, an Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath. Tá spéis ar leith aici in Athbheochan na Gaeilge, stair na mban agus léann na hóige. Tá cuid mhór aistí agus leabhar foilsithe aici ar na hábhair sin, *An Óige & An Athbheochan* (2022) ina measc. Bronnadh gradaim éagsúla ar a cuid scríbhneoireachta, chomh maith le neart sparánachtaí taighde. Is í an Príomhthaighdeoir ar an togra 'Youth Engagement in European Language Preservation, 1900-2020', togra atá á mhaoiniú ag an gComhairle um Thaighde san Eoraip (ERC).

Riona Nic Congáil is Associate Professor in UCD School of Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore. Her research interests include the Irish language revival, women's history and childhood studies. She has published many articles and books on these topics, including *An Óige & An Athbheochan* (2022). She has received several awards for her writing, along with numerous research bursaries. She is Principal Investigator of the project 'Youth Engagement in European Language Preservation, 1900-2020', funded by the European Research Council (ERC).



### **An Dr Pádraig Breandán Ó Laighin, Scoil na Socheolaíochta UCD**

Tá MA sa tSíceolaíocht (Ollscoil McGill, Montréal) agus PhD sa tSocheolaíocht (an Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath) ag Pádraig B. Ó Laighin, móide cáilíochtaí eile oideachais, múinteoireachta, agus teanga. Ba léachtóir le socheolaíocht é in Ollscoil McGill, agus Ollamh le Socheolaíocht i gColáiste Vanier, Montréal, áit a raibh sé, ar feadh i bhfad, ina cheann ar ranna na nEolaíochtaí Sóisialta agus na Modheolaíochta Taighde Shóisialta i ndiaidh a chéile. Ba Chomhalta Taighde é sa Choláiste Ollscoile, BÁC, agus mhúin sé cúrsaí iarchéime sa tsocheolaíocht teanga ansin agus in Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, agus seimineáir iarchéime faoi chúrsaí teanga san Aontas Eorpach in Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe. Bhí sé ina ionadaí d'Éirinn ar an

gClár Suirbhéireachta Sóisialta Idirnáisiúnta, agus ba bhall é den fhoireann idirnáisiúnta a d'fhorbair an modúl agus an ceistneoir faoi Fhéiniúlacht Náisiúnta. D'imir sé ról lárnach san fheachtas chun stádas a bhaint amach don Ghaeilge mar theanga oifigiúil agus mar theanga oibre d'institiúidí an Aontais Eorpaigh. Is é *Pobal na Gaeilge: Daonra, Institiúidí, Stádas, agus Cumhacht an leabhar is déanaí uaidh* (Cló na nGael, 2022).

Pádraig B. Ó Laighin holds an MA in Psychology (McGill University, Montréal) and a PhD in Sociology (University College Dublin), as well as other qualifications in education, teaching, and languages. He lectured in sociology at McGill University, and was a Professor of Sociology at Vanier College, Montréal, where he was head of the departments of Social Sciences and Social Research Methodology in succession for a lengthy period. He was a Research Fellow at UCD and taught postgraduate courses in sociology of language there and at Dublin City University, and postgraduate seminars on language issues in the European Union at Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, University of Galway. He represented Ireland on the International Social Survey Programme, and was a member of the international team that developed the National Identity module and questionnaire. He played a leading role in the campaign to achieve status for Irish as an official and a working language of the institutions of the European Union. His most recent book is entitled *Pobal na Gaeilge: Daonra, Institiúidí, Stádas, agus Cumhacht* (Cló na nGael, 2022).

## Speaker biographies



### **An tOllamh Sinsearach agus Cathaoir na Nua-Ghaeilge Regina Uí Chollatáin, Príomhoifigeach agus Déan, Coláiste na nEalaíon agus na nDaonnachtaí UCD**

Is í an tOllamh Sinsearach le Nua-Ghaeilge sa Choláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath í Regina Uí Chollatáin agus is í an Príomhoifigeach/ Déan ar Choláiste na nEalaíon agus na nDaonnachtaí. Athbheochan, iriseoireacht na Gaeilge agus an cultúr cló, na príomhréimsí taighde a bhfuil ábhar foilsithe aici iontu. Ceapadh í ina Cathaoirleach ar Foras na Gaeilge i 2021. Bronnadh comhaltachtaí Nicholas O'Donnell (Melbourne, 2019) agus Ollamh Sinsearach Cuairte ó Fhondúireacht Ollscoil Éireann Cheanada (2011-12) uirthi. Ainmníodh í ar scríbhneoirí Phortráidí 2017. Tá sí i mbun taighde ar mhná agus traidisiún scoláirthachta na Gaeilge, agus ar mhonagraf dar teideal 'Athbheochan pobail agus teanga: Na Meáin Ghaeilge'.

Regina Uí Chollatáin is the Chair of Modern Irish and Literature in University College Dublin where she is the Principal/Dean of UCD College of Arts and Humanities. She has published at national and international level on the Irish language revival and Irish language media and print culture. In 2021, she was appointed Chair of Foras na Gaeilge, the North South Irish language public body responsible for the promotion of Irish on the island of Ireland. International awards include the Nicholas O'Donnell Fellowship (Melbourne University 2019) and the Ireland-Canada University Foundation Senior Visiting Professor (2011-12). Her current research focus is on Women and Irish language scholarship, and a monograph entitled 'Athbheochan pobail agus teanga: Na Meáin Ghaeilge'.



### **Dr Daithí Ó Corráin, School of History and Geography, Dublin City University**

Daithí Ó Corráin has published widely on the Irish Revolution, 1912-23 and Irish Catholicism. He is the author of *Rendering to God and Caesar: the Irish churches and the two states in Ireland, 1949-73* (2006) and chapters on Irish Catholicism in the *Cambridge History of Ireland* (2018) as well as, among others, the forthcoming *Oxford History of British and Irish Catholicism*

and *Oxford Handbook of Religion in Ireland*. Daithí is co-author with Eunan O'Halpin of *The Dead of the Irish Revolution* (2020) and co-editor with Professor Marian Lyons of the landmark *The Irish Revolution, 1912-23* series of county histories published by Four Courts Press. His most recent book is *Cathal Brugha: 'an indomitable spirit'* (2022) co-authored with Gerard Hanley.



**Professor Lindsey Earner-Byrne, School of History, University College Cork**

Lindsey Earner-Byrne is Professor of Irish Gender History at the School of History, University College Cork. She has researched and published widely on modern Irish history with a particular focus on poverty, welfare, gender, sexuality, health and vulnerable and marginalised groups. Most recently she has co-authored a history of Ireland's abortion journey with Professor Diane Urquhart of Queen's University Belfast, *The Irish Abortion Journey, 1920-2018* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019). Her other publications include *Letters of the Catholic Poor: Poverty in Independent Ireland, 1920-1940* (2017) and *Mother and Child: Maternity and Child Welfare in Dublin, 1922-50* (2007). She presented and co-wrote the documentary *Forgotten: Widows of the Revolution* which first aired on RTÉ on 19 May 2022.



**Professor Paul Rouse, UCD School of History**

Paul Rouse is a Professor at UCD School of History. He has written extensively on the history of modern Ireland, including on sport, popular culture and farming.



## Speaker biographies



### **Daniel McConnell, Political Editor, *Irish Examiner***

Daniel McConnell is an award-winning journalist, broadcaster and Political Editor of the *Irish Examiner* and author. A graduate of UCD and DCU, he regularly contributes to broadcast outlets, including RTÉ, Virgin Media, Newstalk, Today FM and the BBC. His 2016 book *Hell At The Gates* was a bestseller.



### **Professor Marie Coleman, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast**

Marie Coleman is Professor of Twentieth Century Irish History at Queen's University Belfast. Her books include *County Longford and the Irish revolution, 1910-23*; *The Irish Sweep: a history of the Irish hospitals sweepstake, 1930-1987* and *The Irish revolution, 1916-23*. She has also written a number of journal articles on aspects of the Irish revolution including gender, religion and the experience of veterans after the revolution. She has been an advisor to a number of projects organising commemorative events surrounding the Decade of Centenaries and is also a prominent media contributor.



### **Professor Diarmaid Ferriter, UCD School of History**

Diarmaid Ferriter is Full Professor and Chair of Modern Irish History at UCD and author of numerous books, including *The Transformation of Ireland 1900-2000* (2004), *Occasions of Sin: Sex and Society in Modern Ireland* (2009), *Ambiguous Republic: Ireland in the 1970s* (2012), *The Border: The Legacy of a Century of Anglo-Irish Politics* (2019) and, most recently, *Between Two Hells: The Irish Civil War* (2021). He is a regular television and radio broadcaster and a weekly columnist with the *Irish Times*. In 2019 he was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy.





### **Professor Emeritus Brigid Laffan, European University Institute**

Professor Brigid Laffan was Director and Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Director of the Global Governance Programme and the European Governance and Politics Programme at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence until her retirement in August 2021. Previously, Prof Laffan was Professor of European Politics at UCD School of Politics and International Relations (SPIRe), and she was Vice-President of UCD and Principal of the College of Human Sciences from 2004 to 2011. Professor Laffan is currently completing a book on The EU27 Response to Brexit. She was also the founding director of the Dublin European Institute UCD from 1999 and in March 2004 she was elected as a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. She was a member of the Board of the Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice, the Fulbright Commission (until September 2013) and was the 2013 Visiting Scientist for the EXACT Marie Curie Network. In November 2018 she was ranked among the women who shape Europe by POLITICO and was also awarded by the University of Limerick Alumni Association with its highest honour. In September 2014 Professor Laffan was awarded the UACES Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2012 she was awarded the THESEUS Award for outstanding research on European Integration. In 2010 she was awarded the Ordre national du Mérite by the President of the French Republic.



### **Dr David McCullagh, RTÉ**

David McCullagh is a journalist and historian. He currently presents the 6.1 News on RTÉ television, and was previously a Political Correspondent for the station, and a presenter of *Prime Time*. He has a PhD in Politics from UCD, and is the author of five books: *A Makeshift Majority: a history of the first Inter-Party Government*; *The Reluctant Taoiseach: a biography of John A. Costello*; a two-volume biography of Éamon de Valera, *Rise and Rule*; and a book for children, *The Great Irish Politics Book*.

## UCD Cultural Heritage Collection and the Foundation of the State

UCD Library holds extraordinary Cultural Heritage Collections including UCD Archives, UCD Special Collections, and UCD National Folklore Collection. These repositories contain unique and irreplaceable records of Irish history, culture and society. Within these collections you will find the voices of key political, judicial, social, and cultural figures who shaped independent Ireland.

The National Folklore Collection contains audio and film recordings, manuscripts and rare printed materials that capture Irish oral literature, language and artistic expression. In recognition of its “world significance and outstanding universal value to culture”, the foundational collection was inscribed into the UNESCO Memory of the World Register in 2017.

UCD Special Collections contain unique book, archival and manuscript collections, spanning four centuries of Irish history and culture, encompassing Gaelic language and folklore, music, genealogy and political history. UCD Library’s Special Collections include papers and letters of renowned Irish writers and poets such as James Joyce, Patrick Kavanagh, Maeve Binchy and Edna O’Brien.

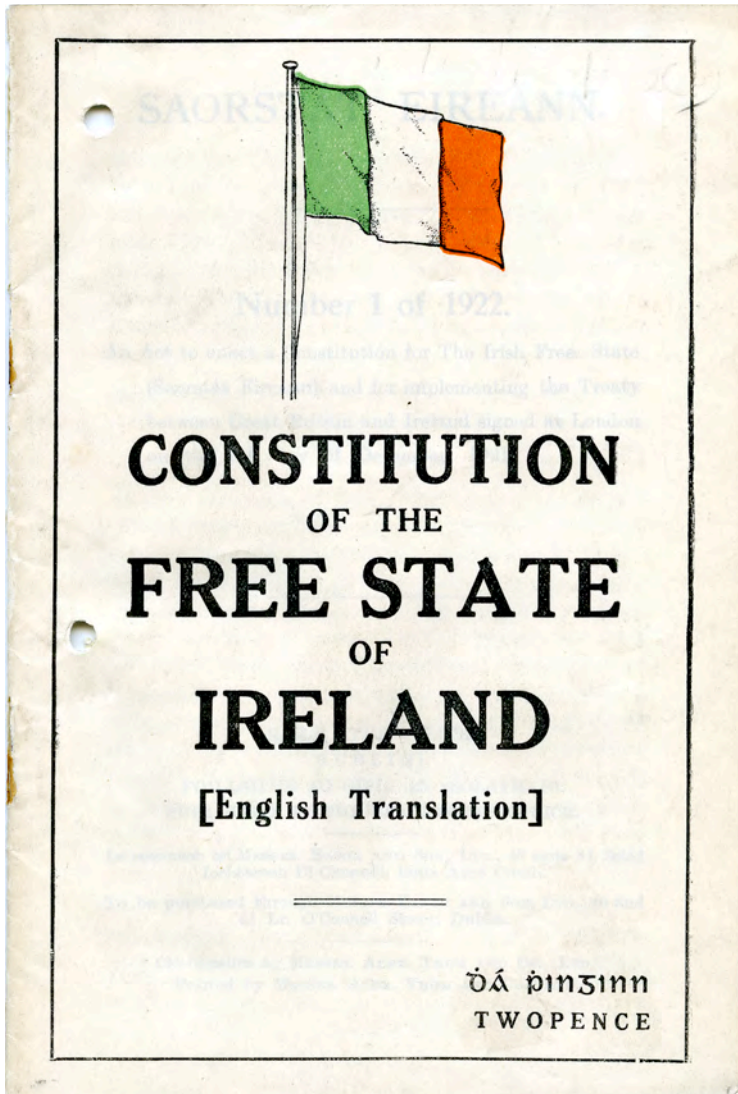
UCD Archives are the custodians of the archives of the university and the significant institutions which predated its foundation. UCD Archives has collected some of the most important collections of private and personal papers relating to the history of the state since its formation, including the papers of Hugh Kennedy, Sighe Humphreys, Mary, Muriel, and Terence MacSwiney, Kevin O’Higgins, Éamon de Valera, Richard Mulcahy, Eoin MacNeill, Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald, Eithne Coyle O’Donnell, and Ernie O’Malley.

A curated exhibition of UCD Archives material exploring the foundation and administration of the Irish Free State using documents from its collections will be on display in O’Reilly Hall on Friday 2 December. The exhibition panels and exhibition cases in O’Reilly Hall and the cases in the foyer of UCD Archives, cover the main topics of the conference: setting up the three branches of State and the civil structure; state formation and post-war recovery; language, culture and society; the world from 1922 to 1937; and gender, power and the state.

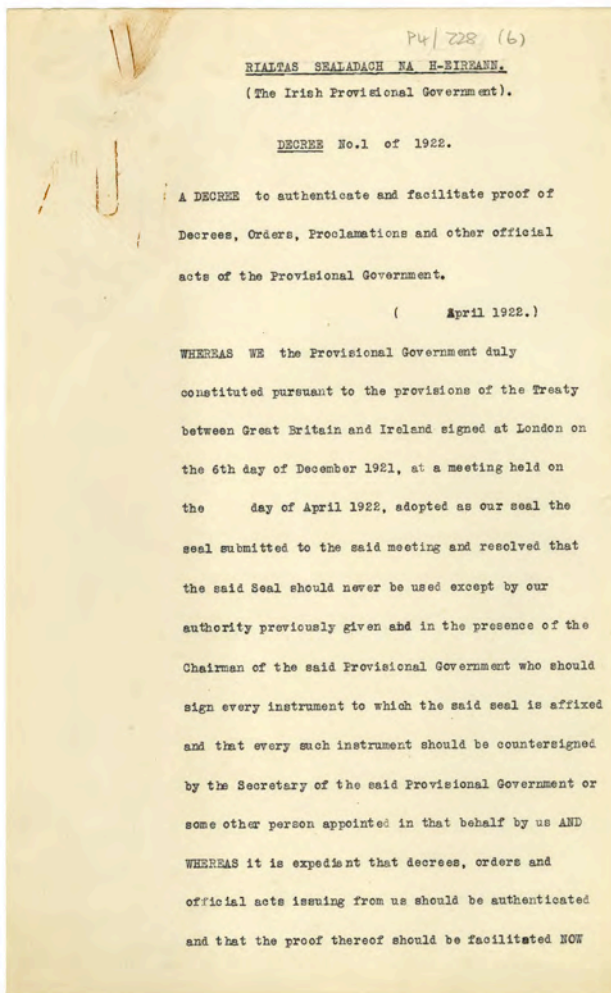
Conference attendees are also invited to visit the UCD Special Collections exhibition entitled *Revolutionary Dublin’s Literary Networks: C.P. Curran, Helen Laird, and James Joyce’s Ulysses* located on level 1 of the UCD James Joyce Library.

UCD Archives is open to the public by appointment and the catalogues of the majority of its collections can be consulted online; scan the QR Code to explore UCD Archives’ Deposited Collections.





Printed copy of 1922 constitution  
(UCDA P80/702 Papers of Desmond and Mabel FitzGerald)



1922

Draft typescript copy of Decree No. 1 of 1922 by the Irish Provisional Government "to authenticate and facilitate proof of Decrees, Orders, Proclamations and other official acts of the Provisional Government."

UCDA P4/228 Papers of Hugh Kennedy



1928

Map of Ireland showing the electrical scheme from a booklet entitled 'The Shannon Hydro-Electric Power Scheme. Construction work carried out under the direction of the Department of Industry and Commerce.' Originally a series of articles in The Engineer. (November)

UCDA P35/122 Papers of Patrick McGilligan





1928

A press conference in the White House, Washington DC, celebrating the implementation of the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact (officially 'The international treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy'). This was the first international treaty signed by the Irish Free State in its own right. Left to right seated: Katsuji Debuchi (Japanese ambassador to US); Sir Esmé Howard (British ambassador to US); Prince Albert Deligne (Belgian ambassador to the US); Calvin Coolidge (former US president); US Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson; president Herbert Hoover (standing), Senator William Borah (chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee); Frank B. Kellogg (former Secretary of State and co-author of the pact); Paul Claudel (French ambassador to the US); Nobile Giacomo de Martino, Italian ambassador to the US); Michael MacWhite (Irish Free State minister to the US); and Rudolf Leitner, chargé d'affaires of the German embassy.

UCDA P194/788 Papers of Michael MacWhite

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