

# THE GREAT FAMINE AND SOCIAL CLASS: Conflicts, Responsibilities, Representations

## Conference Programme (Draft)

Venue: Irish Studies Seminar Room, 6-8 Fitzwilliam St, QUB, Belfast

### Thursday 20 April

- 8.40-9.00: **Registration and coffee**
- 9.00: **Conference opening and welcome**  
Peter Gray (Queen's University Belfast, conference host)  
Margu rite Corporaal (Radboud University Nijmegen, network director)
- 9.15-10.15: **Keynote 1**  
*Chair: Peter Gray (Queen's University Belfast)*  
- Cormac   Gr da (University College Dublin), 'Famine's scars: reflections on recent and ongoing research'
- 10.15-11.30: **Panel 1: Landlord-Tenant Relationships**  
*Chair: Peter O'Neill (University of Georgia)*  
- Terry Dunne (Maynooth University), 'The peasant problem: restructuring and resistance in the pre-Famine Midlands'  
- Pawel Hamera (Pedagogical University of Cracow), "'[W]orse than the great Polish and Russian proprietors": landlord-tenant relations in Ireland and partitioned Poland in the pre-Famine period'  
- Ciar n Reilly (Maynooth University), 'The geography and nature of Irish Famine eviction'
- 11.30-11.40: **Coffee**
- 11.40-12.40 **Keynote 2**  
*Chair: Margu rite Corporaal (Radboud University Nijmegen)*  
- Melissa Fegan (University of Chester), 'How the other three-quarters lived: the cabin in Famine literature'
- 12.40-13.30: **Lunch**
- 13.30-14.45: **Panel 2: Relief and Philanthropy**  
*Chair: Ciar n Reilly*  
- Jerome Devitt (Trinity College Dublin), 'The Royal Navy and famine relief in Ireland'  
- Chris Lennon (University College Dublin), "'How can we feed and clothe so many?" Elizabeth Smith's response to the Famine in Wicklow'  
- Declan Curran (Dublin City University), 'The rise and fall of the "Rate in Aid": from the Great Irish Famine (1845-50) to the Lancashire Cotton Famine (1861-65)'

14.45-14.55: **Tea and coffee break**

14.55 -16.35: **Panel 3: Crime, Daily Life and Death**

*Chair: Cormac Ó Gradá*

- Brian Griffin (Bath Spa University), 'Sport and class in Ireland during the Great Famine'
- Adi McCrea (Imperial College, London), 'Felony and famine: a spatial history of the prisoners of Dublin'
- Mikka Vuorela (Institute of Criminology and Legal Policy, University of Helsinki), 'Criminality and the Finnish Famine of 1866–68'
- Liam Kennedy (Queen's University Belfast), Don MacRaild and Brian Gurrin (University of Ulster), 'Mortality, social class and the Great Famine in Ireland, 1845-51'

16.35-18.15: **Panel 4: Emigration, Travel and Diaspora**

*Chair: Emily Mark-Fitzgerald (University College Dublin)*

- Jason King (Independent scholar), 'Migration and "the original sin of accumulated pauperism": Stephen De Vere, colonization, and Irish-Canadian class relations in 1847-48'
- Testuko Nakamura (Komazawa University), 'Travelling around the South of Ireland: representations of the Famine in post-Famine travel books'
- Christopher Cusack (HAN/Radboud University Nijmegen), 'Transformative nationalism and class relations in Irish Famine fiction, 1896-1909'
- Jon Bolton (Auburn University), "'Crosscurrents": scenes of Irish naturalization and deportation in William Kennedy's *Quinn's Book*'

18.15-19.00: **Book launch and drinks**

19.15: **Conference dinner**

## **Friday 21 April**

9.00-10.00: **Keynote 3:**

*Chair: Luke Gibbons (Maynooth University)*

- John Cunningham (NUI Galway), 'Negotiating famine? Food blockades and other protests'

10.00-11.15: **Panel 5: Class and Policy**

*Chair: Liam Kennedy (Queen's University Belfast)*

- Andres Eiriksson (Independent scholar), "'Paupers and beggars brats": Parsonstown workhouse and union policy during the Famine'
- Tim Keane (NUI Galway), 'Contesting British narratives of the Irish Famine: *The Labourer* and Chartism's defence of the Irish'
- Kersti Lust (Estonian Institute for Population Studies), 'The role of manorial lords in Famine relief in post-emancipation Livland and Estland'

11.15-11.25 **Coffee**

11.25-13.05: **Panel 6: Post-Famine Perspectives**

*Chair: Melissa Fegan (University of Chester)*

- Paul Huddie (Independent scholar), 'Class, the economy and war: post-Famine recovery and the Crimean War, 1854-56'

- Marguérite Corporaal (Radboud University Nijmegen), 'Poor houses as heterotopic spaces in early Famine fiction'

- Lindsay Janssen (Emerson College), 'Famine and social class in Famine fiction, 1871-91: progressive desires and traditionalist ideas'

- Cody Jarman (University College Cork), 'Of ghosts and gods: mapping the Famine road in John Banville's *The Infinities*'

13.05-13.40: **Lunch**

13.40: **Departure to buses for excursion**

14:30-15.30 **Down County Museum** (Downpatrick) tour

15:30-15.45 **Presentation (at Down County Museum)**

- Peter Gray (QUB) 'The Sharman Crawfords and the Great Famine in County Down'

15.45-16.45 **Keynote 4 (at Down County Museum)**

*Chair: Jason King (Independent scholar)*

- Peter O'Neill (University of Georgia), 'Famine Irish labour and America's middle class: a cultural history'

17.30-18.15 Return to Belfast by bus

Conference end