

Fourth Galway Conference on Colonialism *India and Ireland*

In memory of Edward Said

Hosted by
Centre for Irish Studies
MA in Culture and Colonialism
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2-5 June 2004

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will take place in the Information Technology Building, Room 125

Programme

Wednesday 2 June

- 9.00 - 9.30am **Registration:** Information Technology Building, Room 125
- 9.30 - 11.00am **Nationalism, Colonialism and Identity**
Chair: ML Brillman, University of Chicago
- Tea, Power and the Colonial Body
Kathryn Webber, University of California, Riverside
- ‘A Similar State of Bondage’: An Examination of Irish Republican Solidarity with Indian Nationalists, 1926-39
Caoilfhionn Ní Bheacháin, University of Limerick
- Irish Attitudes towards Native Indians in *The Nation*, c.1850-1890
Jennifer Regan, Queen’s University Belfast
- 11.00 - 11.30am **Coffee**
- 11.30am - 1.00pm **Narratives of the State in India and Ireland**
Chair: Felicity Hand, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- ‘Deep in Blood’: Contemporary South Asian Fiction and the Representation of State Violence
Yumna Siddiqi, Middlebury College, Vermont
- India, Ireland and the Post-Partition State: The Woman Writer and the End of Violence
Maureen E. Ruprecht Fadem, The Graduate Centre, CUNY
- Intimate States: Upmanyu Chatterjee’s Fiction and the Narrative of Postcolonial Development
Rashmi Varma, University of Warwick
- 1.00 - 2.00pm **Lunch**

2.00 - 3.30pm

Panel 1: Administrators and Civil Servants I

Chair: Michael Silvestri, Clemson University, South Carolina

Venue: AM203, Arts Millennium Building

The 'Pickled Earl': Richard Southwell Bourke, Earl of Mayo, 21st Feb 1822 - 8th Feb 1872
Cauvery Madhavan, NUI, Maynooth

A Rough Guide to the British Empire: Charles, Lord Cornwallis and His Years in America,
India and Ireland

Dermot Dix, Headfort School, Kells, Co. Meath

A Crucial Administrative Interlude: Sir Anthony MacDonnell's Return to Ireland, 1902-1904
ML Brillman, University of Chicago

2.00 - 3.30pm

Panel 2: India and the 'Spiritual Empire'

Chair: Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania

Swami Vivekananda's Role in the Struggle with British Colonialism in India
Sister Gayatriprana, Ramakrishna Order of India, California

Oral History of Irish Catholic Missionaries in India

Yvonne McKenna, University of Limerick

Friable Transnationalisms: Gandhi in the Empire and the 'Irish' Nivedita
Elleke Boehmer, Nottingham Trent University

3.30 - 4.00pm

Coffee

4.00 - 6.00pm

Travel, Gender, and Nation

Chair: Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin

Colonialism and Travel: Lady Dufferin's Journals, 1884-88

Daniel Sanjiv Roberts, Queen's University Belfast

Women and Tropes of Travel in the Context of Irish and Indian Nationalist Movements

Sailaja Krishnamurti, York University and Saira Chhibber, University of Toronto

'Banyan Riot of Dialectic': Louis MacNeice's India

Kit Fryatt, University of Manchester

Mother India/Mother Ireland: Comparative Gendered Dialogues of Colonialism and
Nationalism in the Early Twentieth Century

Louise Ryan, University College London

7.00pm

**Official Conference Launch by His Excellency Saurabh Kumar, Ambassador of India
to Ireland**

Address by Joe Cleary dedicating conference to the memory of Edward Said

8.00pm

Plenary Speaker

Chair: Dr. Heather Laird, Centre for Irish Studies

'From Colony to Nation: India in the Age of Empire'.

Aijaz Ahmad, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Thursday, 3 June

- 9.00 - 11.00am **Panel 1: Ireland, India and Empire**
Chair: Catherine Candy, Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey
- Implacable Foes of the British Empire? Irish and Indian Nationalists in North America
Michael Silvestri, Clemson University, South Carolina
- The Alliance and Leadership of Sinn Féin with the Gadar Party in the Indo-German Conspiracy of World War I
Matthew E Plowman, Waldorf College, Iowa
- Ireland, India and Empire. Indo-Irish Separatist Political Links and Perceived Threats to the British Empire
Kate O'Malley, Trinity College, Dublin.
- Live Ireland, Perish the Empire: Irish Nationalist Anti-Imperialism, 1840-1916.
Niamh Lynch, Boston College
- 9.00 - 11.00am **Panel 2: Administrators and Civil Servants II**
Chair: Michael Holmes, Liverpool Hope University College
Venue: AM203, Arts Millennium Building
- Selling Their Wares: Ireland, India and the Empire Marketing Board
Mike Cronin, De Montfort University, Leicester and NUI, Galway
- Crooke, Grierson and the Indian Peasant
Sadhana Naithani, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- The Irish in India: The Evidence of the Database of the *Dictionary of Irish Biography*
CJ Woods, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin
- The Impeachment of Warren Hastings: A Window into Edmund Burke's Imperial Ideology
Jill Bender, Boston College
- 11.00 - 11.30am **Coffee**
- 11.30am - 1.00pm **India and the Irish Literary Revival**
Chair: Daniel Sanjiv Roberts, Queen's University Belfast
- Legendary Past and the Uncanny Orient or How WB Yeats Coped with India
Malcolm Sen, University College Dublin
- Raja Rao and the Literary Revival
Nicholas Grene, Trinity College Dublin
- Golden Age Mythology and Women in Yeats and Tagore's Nationalistic Writing
Karen Bonde, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1.00 - 2.00pm **Lunch**

- 2.00 - 3.30pm **Panel 1: Politics and Film in Ireland and India (Hosted by Huston School of Film and Digital Media)** **Venue:** Huston School of Film and Digital Media
Chair: Rod Stoneman, NUI, Galway
- The Catechist of Kil-Arni
 Fiona Bateman, NUI, Galway
- Secret People: Terrorism in the Cinema of Thorold Dickinson
 Siobhán Kilfeather, University of Sussex
- Panel 2: Literature, Politics, and Society**
Chair: Nicholas Grene, Trinity College Dublin
- Mythology and Social Unity: The Poems of Seamus Heaney and Ayyappa Paniker
 Jessica Peart, Independent Scholar
- Fictional Modes of Perceiving the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857: VA Stuart v. JG Farrell
 Lewis Livesay, Saint Peter's College, New Jersey
- Edmund Burke's Indian Speeches and the Gaelic Poetic Tradition of *Caoineadh's Cáinte*
 Katherine O'Donnell, University College Dublin
- 3.30 - 4.00pm *Coffee*
- 4.00 - 6.00pm **Nationalism and the Construction of Identity**
Chair: Jennifer Regan, Queen's University Belfast
- Publish or Perish: The Role of the Native Press in Promoting National Identity in Ireland and India
 Susan Rosenkranz, Florida Atlantic University
- Ireland, India and Popular Nationalism in the Early Nineteenth Century
 Seán Ryder, NUI, Galway
- Elite Construction of National Identity: Comparing the Formation of Irish and Indian Nationalism
 Timothy J White, Xavier University, Cincinnati
- Rammohun Roy, Islam and the Local Derivation of Indian Nationalist Discourse
 Patrick Wolfe, Victoria University of Technology, Australia
- 6.30 - 7.30pm **Launch of Luke Gibbons, *Gaelic Gothic: Race, Colonization, and Irish Culture*, published by Arlen House for the Centre for Irish Studies, at Kenny's Bookshop, High Street, Galway**
- 8.00pm *Plenary Speaker*
Chair: Professor Rob Savage, Boston College & Centre for Irish Studies
- The Sympathetic Sublime: Burke, Ireland, and India
 Luke Gibbons, University of Notre Dame

- 9.30 -11.00am **Religion and Colonialism**
Chair: Malcolm Sen, University College Dublin
- A Celtic Hinduism? Druids, Brahmins, and Postcolonial Identities
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania
- Evangelical Missions and the Origins of the New Imperialism: Ireland and India Compared
Irene Whelan, Manhattanville College, New York
- Negotiating Identities: Gender, Culture and ‘the Spiritual Empire’
Myrtle Hill, Queen’s University Belfast
- 11.00 - 11.30am *Coffee*
- 11.30am - 1.00pm **Panel 1: Kipling’s India**
Chair: Kaori Nagai, The University of Kent
- Monstrous Hybridity: *Kim* of the ‘eye-rishti’ and the Survey of India
Nessa Cronin, NUI, Galway
- ‘Idle Cog-Wheels’: Kipling, Clancy and the Raj, Old and New
Bill Myers, Independent Scholar, Chicago
- Between Imperialism and Nationalism or How the Irish Became White in India
Radhika Mohanram, Cardiff University
- 11.30am - 1.00pm **Panel 2: James and Margaret Cousins**
Chair: Siobhán Kilfeather, University of Sussex
Venue: AM203, Arts Millennium Building
- Irish Orientalism in the Works of James Cousins
Joseph Lennon, Manhattan College, New York
- Unreasonable Histories: Persia, America and the Decolonizing Occult in Margaret Cousins’s Irish-Indian Mediations
Catherine Candy, Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey
- James Cousins in Ireland and India: Forging ‘the Aryan chain (in) nations of free slaves’
Selina Guinness, The Institute of Art, Design, and Technology, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
- 1.00 - 2.00pm *Lunch*
- 2.00- 3.30pm **Land and Law**
Chair: Mary Burke, University of Notre Dame
- Famine and Land in Ireland and India 1845-1880
Peter Gray, Boston College
- Exporting Time Immemorial: Writing Land Law Reform in India and Ireland
Sara L Maurer, University of Notre Dame
- India and the Translation of the Irish Brehon Laws
Heather Laird, NUI, Galway
- 3.30 - 4.00pm *Coffee*

- 4.00 - 6.00pm **Representing Famine**
Chair: Myrtle Hill, Queen's University Belfast
- Feminizing Famine in India: Pandita Ramabai's Famine Essays
 Ellen Brinks, Colorado State University
- The Famine Queen Visits India
 Kaori Nagai, School of English, The University of Kent
- Victorian Ideologies of Improvement: Sir Charles Trevelyan in India and Ireland
 Ciara Boylan, Exeter College, Oxford
- 6.30 - 7.30pm **Reading** by Cauvery Madhavan, author of *Paddy Indian*
 Galway Arts Centre
- 8.00pm **Plenary Speaker**
Chair: Lionel Pilkington, NUI, Galway
- Colonialism as Memory
 Dipesh Chakrabarty, University of Chicago

Saturday, 5 June

- 9.00 - 11.00am **Panel 1: Comparative Politics**
Chair: Antoine Mioche, Université de Versailles/Saint Quentin en Yvelines
- How Ireland Influenced Maurice Collis's Administration of Burma, and How Being a Colonial Administrator Shaped Collis's Views of Irish Independence
 Steve Derné, State University of New York, Geneseo and Lisa Jadwin, St John Fisher College, New York
- The Amritsar Massacre: A Turning Point in Indian Nationalism
 Felicity Hand, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Ireland and India: The Contemporary Political Relationship
 Michael Holmes, Liverpool Hope University College
- India or North America? Some Thoughts on Nicholas Mansergh's Partition Paradigm
 Antoine Mioche, Université de Versailles/Saint Quentin en Yvelines
- 9.30 - 11.00am **Panel 2: Imagining the Peripheries**
Chair: Jessica Peart, Independent Scholar
Venue: AM203, Arts Millennium Building
- Irish Minorities and India in the Nineteenth Century: Literary and Political Intersections
 GK Peatling, University of Guelph, Ontario
- Sydney Owenson's Wild Indian Girl
 Maureen O'Connor, NUI, Galway
- Peripheral Visions: India, Ireland, and Empire through the Dual Optics of Southey, Owenson, and Their Interlocutors
 Anuradha Dingwaney and Lawrence Needham, Oberlin College, Ohio
- 11.00 - 11.30am **Coffee**

11.30am - 1.00pm **Panel 1: Religious Difference and Ethnic Identity**
Chair: Doreen Schmid, California College of the Arts

Orientalism and Celticism Unplugged: The Suffering Indian Nun and the Drunken Irish Priest in Local Catholic Lore
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin

Shades of Difference: Towards an Analysis of the Resemblances Between the Orange and Saffron Orders in Northern Ireland and India
Chandana Mathur, NUI, Maynooth

Considerations of Indian Pariahs and Irish 'Tinkers' in Systematic Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Theories of the 'Gypsy Race'
Mary Burke, University of Notre Dame.

11.30am - 1.00pm **Panel 2: Education, Language and Society**
Chair: Maureen E. Ruprecht Fadem, The Graduate Centre, CUNY
Venue: AM203, Arts Millennium Building

The Beginnings of Literary Education in Ireland and India
Cóilín Parsons, Columbia University, New York

Max Weber and Colonial Sociology
Kieran Allen, University College Dublin

The Question of a National Language: Ireland and India
Harish Trivedi, University of Delhi

1.00 - 2.00pm **Lunch**

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