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# IRISH PROTESTANT IDENTITIES

## Provisional Programme

Research & Graduate College, Faraday House, University of Salford

Friday 16 September 2005

2.00pm – 3.50pm     **Registration and Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)**

3.50pm – 4.00pm     **Opening Address (Rayleigh Room)**  
**The Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom,**  
**His Excellency Daithi O’Ceallaigh**

4.00pm – 5.30pm     **Paper Sessions**

**Session A (Room TBC)**

**Identities (1) Evolution and Absorption**

**Tom Hennessey** (Canterbury Christ Church College)

*The evolution of national identity amongst Ulster Protestants during the twentieth century*

**Harvey Cox** (Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool)

*A sense of Britishness: political socialisation in the Troubles era*

**Bernadette Hayes** (University of Aberdeen) & **Tony Fahey** (ESRI Dublin)

*Values and attitudes of Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland*

or

**Session B (Room TBC)**

**A Gender Dimension**

**Myrtle Hill** (Queens University, Belfast)

*Negotiating identities: gender, culture and the spiritual empire*

**James McPherson** (University of Sunderland)

*‘Sisters of the brotherhood’: female Orange lodges in the north of England, c. 1900-1970*

**Catherine O’Connor** (NUI Limerick)

*The Church of Ireland diocese of Ferns, 1945-65: a female perspective*

or

**Session C (Room TBC)**

**The Religious Dimension (1) Finding a Place**

**David Butler** (University College, Cork)

*'Survival of the fittest': Protestant dissenting congregations of Munster, 1660-1861*

**Martin Maguire** (Dundalk Institute of Technology)

*'Our people': middle and working class Protestants in Dublin – the Church of Ireland experience, 1870-1970*

**Daithi O'Corrain** (Trinity College, Dublin)

*'If a house be divided against itself that house cannot stand': the Church of Ireland and the political border, 1949-73*

or

**Session D (Room TBC)**

**Aspects of History**

**Sean Stitt** (Bolton Institute)

*The Great Hunger and the role and attitudes of Irish Protestants*

**Olivier Coquelin** (Quimpier University, France)

*'Native Nationalism' and Unionism: towards the advent of two antithetical nationalisms in 19<sup>th</sup> century Ireland*

**Roy Johnston** (Techne Associates, Dublin)

*All Ireland politics – 1950 to the present day*

**Charles Callan** (Independent Scholar, Dublin)

*Irish Protestant house painters in Dublin – an analysis of the 1911 Census*

6.00pm

**Plenary Address (Room TBC)**

**Speaker TBC** *Whatever happened to Protestantism in Ireland?*

**Dinner in Manchester**

**Venue TBC (nb: not included in price)**

**Saturday 17 September 2005**

**9.00am – 10.30am** **Paper Sessions**

**Session A (Room TBC)**

**Identities (2) Aspects of Loyalism**

**Zouhain Abassi** (Societe Francaise d'etudes Irlandaises)

*Unionism in Northern Ireland: the loyalist case: political identity and the possibilities of change*

**Lydnsey Harris** (University of Ulster)

*Duck or Rabbit? The strategic tradition of loyalism*

**Peter Shirlow & Brian Graham** (University of Ulster)

*Loyalist prisoner identities*

or

**Session B (Room TBC)**

**Ascendancy (1) Fears and Insecurities**

**John Gibney** (Trinity College, Dublin)

*The memory of 1641 and Protestant identity in Ireland*

**Karine Bigand** (Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris)

*Crisis as an identity enhancing factor: the evidence of the 1641 depositions*

**Mervyn Busteed** (University of Manchester)

*Ascendancy insecurities: cross pressures on an 18<sup>th</sup> century improving landlord*

**Caroline Baraniuk** (Stranmillis University College)

*James Orr: Presbyterian, Patriot and Poet of 1798*

or

**Session C (Room TBC)**

**The Overseas Dimension (1) Migration & Identity**

**Geraldine Vaughan** (Sorbonne, Paris)

*A hidden community? Irish Protestant immigrants in the west of Scotland, 1851-1914*

**Gary Peatling** (Guelph University, Canada)

*The fall of Unionism: crisis in Unionism and Ulster-Scots identity, 1869-1985*

**Joe Bradley** (Strathclyde University)

*'British is Best': Protestant identity and Ulster Scots in Scotland*

**L. M. Hagan** (Stranmillis University College)

*Ulster-Scots Cultural Identity and the Dialogue of Peace*

or

**Session D (Room TBC)**

**The Religious Dimension (2) Identities**

**Mark Doyle** (Boston College, U.S.A.)

*A primary visible movement: the 1859 revival and communal identity in Belfast*

**Patrick Mitchel** (Dublin Bible Institute)

*Evangelical Christians and Irish identities – a case study*

**Claire Mitchell** (Queens University, Belfast)

*The oscillating religious content of Protestant ethnic identity*

**10.30am – 11.00am Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)**

**11.00am – 12.30pm Panel Discussion (Room TBC)**

*A Community Under Siege?*

**12.30pm – 2.00pm Buffet Lunch (Conference Reception Area)**

**2.00pm – 3.30pm Paper Sessions**

**Session A (Room TBC)**

**Identities (3) Tensions and Divisions**

**Neil Ferguson** (Liverpool Hope University College)

*A divided people*

**Graham Walker** (Queens University, Belfast)

*The Protestant working class and the fragmentation of Ulster Unionism*

**Aaron Edwards** (Queens University, Belfast)

*Between the devil and the deep blue sea: the NILP, the Protestant working class and the British Labour Party policy towards Northern Ireland, 1958-75*

or

**Session B (Room TBC)**

**Ascendancy (2) Adjusting to a Changing Ireland**

**Adeline Tissier** (Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris)

*From disillusionment to disestablishment: the Protestant community and Irish National Schools, 1831-69*

**Sean Kennedy** (National University of Ireland, Galway)

*Performing ascendancy: Irish Protestantism after the Treaty*

**Jennifer Redmond** (Trinity College, Dublin)

*Protestant identity, Protestant emigration: new formulations in the New Free State*

**Johanne B. Trew** (Queens University, Belfast)

*Irish Protestant migration in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century*

or

**Session C (Room TBC)**

**The Overseas Dimension (2) Another Context**

**James Doan** (Nova Southeastern University, U.S.A.)

*Eighteenth century radical thought in America: Ulster Presbyterian influences*

**Patrick McKenna** (AAIU?)

*The Economic Strategy underlying Religious Difference among the Nineteenth Century Irish Community in Argentina*

**Ian McKeane** (Institute of Irish Studies)

*What satire could be more eloquent than reality? Reporting the Northern Unionists in the French press, 1919-22*

**Wm. Jenkins** (York University, Toronto)

*'If I forget thee O Ireland, may my right hand lose its cunning': Irish Protestant identities in Toronto, 1870-1920*

or

**Session D (Room TBC)**

**Identities (4) Literary Loyalism**

**Stephen Hopkins** (University of Leicester)

*'A Weapon in the Struggle'? Loyalist paramilitaries and the politics of auto/biography in contemporary Northern Ireland*

**Wesley Hutchinson** (Institut du Monde Anglophone-University of Paris 111)

*Change through dialogue: the U.D.A. on stage*

**3.30pm – 4.00pm**      **Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)**

**4.00pm – 5.30pm**      **Panel Discussion (Room TBC)**  
*What About The Workers?*

**7.00pm**                      **Drinks Reception (University House)**

**8.00pm**                      **Conference Dinner (University House)**  
**After Dinner Speaker:**  
**Dr Arthur Aughey, University of Ulster**

Sunday 18 September 2005

9.00am – 10.30am **Paper Sessions**

**Session A (Room TBC)**

**Identities (5) Edgy Relationships**

**Anna Bryson** (Queen Mary College, London)

*Protestant Identity in mid Ulster, 1945-69*

**K Simpson & H Donnan** (Queens University, Belfast)

*Power, identity and northern Irish border Protestants*

**Kevin Bean** (Institute for Irish Studies, University of Liverpool)

*Being nice to Protestants? The Provisionals, the 'Protestant community' and identity politics in Northern Ireland*

**Fintan Vallely** (Dundalk Institute of Technology)

*Fiddlesticks in the closet: Ulster Protestant suspicions of traditional music*

or

**Session B (Room TBC)**

**Ascendancy (3) Literary Representations of Doubt, Decline & Disappearance**

**Christina Morin** (Trinity College, Dublin)

*There are two gods: religion and the search for identity in Charles Robert Maturin's 'The Wanderer'*

**Clare Nally** (University of Manchester)

*Anglo-Irish Protestantism and Leo Africanus: cultural politics and the discarnate states of W.B. Yeats' 'A Vision'*

**Deirdre O'Byrne** (Loughborough University)

*Last of their Line? The disappearing Anglo-Irish in 20<sup>th</sup> century fictions & autobiographies*

**Robert Tobin** (University of Cambridge)

*Southern Protestant commemoration in Ireland since 1932*

**R McDonald** (University of Reading)

*Darwinism and Natural History in the Protestant Literature of the Irish Revival*

or

**Session C (Room TBC)**

**The Orange Order**

**Peter Day** (Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool)

*Pride before a fall? Orangeism in Liverpool since 1945*

**Eric Kaufman** (Birkbeck College)

*From deference to defiance: the transformation of the Orange Order in Northern Ireland from 1950 to the present*

**Jim MacAuley** (University of Huddersfield) & **Jon Tonge** (University of Salford)

*The contemporary Orange Order in Northern Ireland*

10.30am

**Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)**

**Close**