SOFEIR-UCC Conference

Ireland and Transnational Solidarities

21-22 March 2025

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Friday 21 March**

8h30-9h00: Registration, Coffees/Teas

Location: Atrium, Ground Floor, The Hub

9h00-9h15: Welcome Address

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

9h15 – 10h15: Plenary 1: Dónal Hassett (Chair: Laura Kennedy)

“Colonial Complicity and the Limits of Irish Anti-Imperialism: The Scheme to Settle Irish Peasants in French Algeria”

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

10h15-10h30: Coffees/Teas

Location: Atrium, Ground Floor, The Hub

10h30-11h30: “Transnational Irelands” Library Exhibition

11h30-13h00: SOFEIR AGM (Dr Dora Allman Room) and Lunch (Atrium)

13h00-14h25: Workshops 1 and 2

Workshop 1 – Ireland and France I

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Chair: Jay Roszman

Luke Watson, “International Liberty in Eighteenth-Century Ireland: Denis Driscol and the

Cork Gazette”

Sylvie Kleinman, “Beyond Bullets?: Rediscovering the Civic Ideologies behind ‘The Year of the

French’ and the Martial Glory of 1798”

Raphaël Willay, “The 16th (Irish) and 36th (Ulster) Divisions in Northern France and the Fabric of

Transnational Memory”

Workshop 2 - Transnationalising Heaney

Location: West Wing 9, The Quad

Chair: Adam Hanna

Emer Nolan, “Heaney after 9/11”

Ellen Howley, “Seamus Heaney and French: Solidarity in the Unfamiliar”

Przemyslav Michalski, “Czeslaw Milosz and Seamus Heaney: Poetry and Solidarity”

14h30-15h55: Workshops 3 and 4

Workshop 3 - Ireland and Palestine I

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Chair: Donal Ó Drisceoil

Marie-Violaine Louvet, “Postcolonial Theory and the History of Pro-Palestinian Transnational

Activism in Ireland”

Adrian Kane, “The Irish Trade Union Movement and Transnational Solidarity”

Ugo Rychman, “Transnational Honeycombs of Irish Surfing”

Workshop 4 - Literary Transnational Solidarity

Location: West Wing 9, The Quad

Chair: Maureen O’Connor

Andrea Zvoníčková, “Between Nations, Between Selves: Memory, Space, and Solidarity in Elizabeth

Bowen’s *The Heat of the Day*”

Sarah Levy Volensi, “Solidarity Across Shores: Irish-American Identity and Transnational Connections

in the McCourtian Narrativies”

Adam Hanna, “Ireland in Yan Ge’s *Elsewhere* (2023)”

16h00-16h15: Coffee break

16h15-17h40: Workshops 5 and 6

Workshop 5 – Linguistic, Sonic and Ecological Solidarities

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Chair: Catríona Ó Dochartaigh

Kerron Ó Luain, “‘I dTreo an Díchoilínithe’: The History and Future of Transnational Irish-Language

Activism”

Verena Commins, “Music-making, Irish Language Activism and Transnational Solidarity”

Marion Naugrette-Fournier, “‘The Church of the Love of the World’: Grace Wells’ Transnational Ark

for Nature”

Workshop 6 - Transnational Nationalisms

Location: West Wing 9, The Quad

Chair: Alexandra Maclennan

Pauline Collombier, “Irish Home Rule as a Transnational Issue: New Zealand Women’s Mobilisation

(1883-1911)”

Martin O’Donoghue, “From Transnational Solidarity to Postcolonial Prime Ministers: Nehru and de

Valera as Independent Leaders”

Valérie Morisson, “Eva International: The Irish Biennal as a Lever for Transnational Solidarities

20h00: Conference dinner (Jacobs on the Mall)

**Saturday 22 March**

9h00-10h25: Workshops 7, 8 and 9

Workshop 7 - Abolition and Ireland

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Chair: Claire Connolly

Adrian Mulligan, “The Politics of Identity, Memory and Heritage: Recovering Abolitionist

Transnational Solidarities on the Island of Ireland”

Joanna Wharton, “‘Mary an African’, Maria Edgeworth, and the Mulloys: Enslaved Subjectivities and

Landlord-Tenant Relations between Ireland and Jamaica”

Susan Manly, “Maria Edgeworth, Transnational Sympathies, and Abolition”

Workshop 8 - Solidarity of the Stomach

Location: The Shtepps Auditorium, First Floor, The Hub

Chair: Pauline Collombier

Danny Shanahan, “The Hunger Strike in Ireland and India”

Louise Gerbier, “The Irish Campaign ‘Hunger for Justice/Troscadh ar son na Córa’ for Palestine:

Embodying and Historicising Transnational Solidarity through Hunger Striking”

Paddy Brennan, “The Truly Gaelic Famine: National Chauvinism and Transnational Solidarity in the

Depiction of Food and Hunger in Contemporary Irish Fiction”

Workshop 9 - Anti-Capital, Anti-Colonial

Location: West Wing 9, The Quad

Chair: Thierry Robin

Michael G. Cronin, “Roger Casement: History, Humanitarianism and Solidarity”

Olivier Coquelin, “Irish Communists and the Comintern (1919-1943): An Uneasy Relationship

Lionel Pilkington, “Speaking Otherwise: Allegory, Irish Theatre and Anti-Colonial Solidarity”

10h30-10h45: Coffee break

Location: Outside Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

10h45-12h15: Workshops 10, 11 and 12

Workshop 10 - Transnationalising Ulster

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Chair: David Fitzgerald

Fabrice Mourlon, “Transnational and Trans-textual Solidarities: The Anarchist Movement in Belfast”

Charlotte Barcat, “The ‘Derry Model: Reframing Derry/Londonderry as an International Model for

Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building”

Magali Dexpert, “The American Connection and Involvement in the Northern Irish Peace Process”

Workshop 11 - Transnational Epistemologies

Location: The Shtepps Auditorium, First Floor, The Hub

Chair: Valérie Morisson

Hiram Morgan,”Hugh O’Neill Compared: Historiographies of Resistance”

Alfred Markey, “Tracing Solidarities between Ireland, Equatorial Guinea and Palestine: Sean

O’Faolain, Donato Ndongo and Edward Said”

Tim Heron/Tadhg Ó hErodáin and Lugh Ó hErodáin, “Healing Ties: Ireland, France, and the

Transnational Traditions of Herbal Medicine”

Workshop 12 - Solidarity of the Body

Location: West Wing 9, The Quad

Chair: Angela Flynn

Nathalie Sebbane, “Negative Solidarities: Revealing the Global Dimensions of Institutional Child

Abuse beyond Ireland”

Sinéad Kennedy: “Reproductive Justice Beyond Borders: Conceptualising Feminist Solidarities”

Omkolthoum ElSayed ElBadawy, “Transnational Solidarity in Global Healthcare: The Case of Gaza”

12h15-13h15: Lunch

Outside Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

13h15-14h10: Plenary 2: Bahriye Kemal (Chair: Anne Mulhall)

“Postcolonial and Partitioned Displacement: Interdisciplinarity, Co-creation and Solidarity from the Balcony of the Mediterranean Sea”

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

14h15-15h40: Workshops 13, 14, and 15

Workshop 13 – Ireland and Palestine II

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Chair: Laurence Davis

Yasmine Zein Al-Abedine, “The Irish Transnational Solidarity with Palestine and Global Governance”

Mark Walsh and John Murray, “Palestine and the International Mathematical Olympiad: Mathematics

as a Form of Resistance”

Flore Coulouma, “*Kingdom of Olives and Ash*: Irish Perspectives on the Palestinian Occupied

Territories”

Workshop 14 – Solidarity with/from Ireland

Location: The Shtepps Auditorium, First Floor, The Hub

Chair: Fabrice Mourlon

Ray O’Connor, “Ireland’s Famine of 1822: A Forgotten British Act of Solidarity and Philanthropy”

Kamel Salmi, “The Great Hunger and the Ottoman Donation: The Story of a Trans-imperial Solidarity”

Evi Gkotzaridis, “Irish Solidarity with Greece during the Bailout Crisis”

Workshop 15 - The US and Ireland

Location: West Wing 9, The Quad

Chair: Lee Jenkins

Chandana Mathur, “The Solidarity of Labour and the Labour of Solidarity: The Mnemonic Significance

of Irishwoman Mary Harris Jones in the US Heartland Today”

Hope Noonan Stoner, “‘Hymns to the Spirit of Revolution’: Diasporic Irishness and Transnational

Solidarities in the Modernist Poems of Lola Ridge”

Hafsa Askar, “The Black Panther Party and the Provisional IRA: The Construction of Political and

Cultural Images of Anti-imperialist Revolutionaries in a Transnational Perspective”

15h45-16h00: Coffee break

Outside Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

16h00-17h25: Workshops 16 and 17

Workshop 16 - Ireland and France II

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Chair: John Borgonovo

Oliver O’Hanlon, “Étiennette Beuque: Writing for Ireland?”

Claire Dubois, “A French Journalist writes about the Irish Civil War: Andrée Viollis, Transnational

Feminist Solidarity and Anti-Colonialism”

Kevin Doyle, “French Support for Irish Republicanism during the Northern Ireland Troubles”

Workshop 17 – Institutional and Grassroots International Activism

Location: The Shtepps Auditorium, First Floor, The Hub

Chair: Nathalie Sebbane

Alexandra Maclennan, “The Irish Anti-apartheid Movement: The Catholic Connection, with a Detour

in France”

Phillippe Brillet, “Is the Catholic Church Still a Key Asset for Ireland in the Field of Transnational

Solidarities”

Molly-Claire Gillett, “The Irish Countrywomen’s Association and the Associated Countrywomen of

the World Conference, 1965: Crafting International Cooperation”

17h30-18h30: Poetry Reading: Sarah Clancy (Chair: Liz Quirke)

Location: Dr Dora Allman Room, Fourth Floor, The Hub

Conference committee

Heather Laird, Hélène Lecossois, Oliver O'Hanlon, Hope Noonan Stoner, Danny Shanahan and Luke Watson