

Economic and Social History
Society of Ireland

**'Disasters and Change'
Programme**

Note**All sessions will be held in SG1, Summerville, MIC.

Day 1: Friday 7 November '08

12.30pm: Registration

1.30pm: Welcome

1.40pm– 3.30pm: Session One

Session 1: Recording and Predicting

'Assessing climate variability and weather extremes in Ireland through the ages'. (Paul Leahy, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University College Cork)

'Environmental Hazards in Ireland 600-1600: the evidence of the Annals'. (Francis Ludlow, Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin)

'The Impact of the 1st November 1755 Tsunami on Ireland and records of other Irish tsunami events'. (Kieran Hickey, Department of Geography, NUI Galway)

"The Night of the Big Wind and the Sea." 1839

3.30pm - 3.50pm: Coffee & Tea

3.50pm - 5.50pm: Session Two

Session 2: Explaining and Preventing

'The natural disaster as meaningless phenomenon: Heinrich Von Kleist's *Earthquake in Chile*'. (Rachel MagShamrain, Department of German, University College Cork)

'The Reporting of disasters in the 18th century press'. (Ursula Callaghan, History Department, MIC Limerick)

'Coping with crisis: the middle class agenda in pre-Famine Limerick'. (Sarah McNamara, IRCHSS, History Dept., MIC)

'The Dublin Medical Press and the threat of syphilis in the 1860s'. (Ann P. Daly, Department of Modern History, NUI Maynooth)

5.50pm – 6.30pm:

Wine Reception

6.30pm – 7.45pm:

Connell Lecture

'Notes on Catastrophe in Irish History'

(Professor John W. Foster, Professor Emeritus, English Department, University of British Columbia, Vancouver)

8.30pm: Conference Dinner

€30 not included in conference fee)

Day 2: Saturday 8 November '08

9.00am – 10.30am:

Session One

Session One: In Time of War

"'Fever and Flux' at Dundalk in 1689: the destruction of Schomburg's army". (Pdraig Lennihan, History Department, UL)

"'Mysterious Malady Spreading?': the war and the reporting of the 1918-19 Influenza Pandemic". (Patricia Marsh, School of History and Anthropology, QUB)

'Irish aid to the post-war Netherlands: from "Hunger Winter" to Flood Disaster 1945-53'. (Jerome Aam de Wiel, Visiting Professor, History Department, UCC)

10.30am – 10.50am:

Tea & Coffee

10.50am – 12.20pm:

Session Two

Session 2: Elites and Disasters

"'Geinit for Duibhlinn beos: the savages are still in Dublin': the Viking raids and Uí Néill propaganda". (Cathy Swift, Irish Studies, MIC Limerick)

'Surviving Dublin: the case of the Adlercron family, 1774 – 1794'. (Valerie Moffat, National College of Art and Design)

'Economic responses to the Limerick Banking Disaster of 1820'. (Michael Deegan, History Department, MIC)

12.20pm – 12.50pm: Lunch

12.50pm – 1.20pm: AGM

1.20pm – 2.50pm:

Session Three

Session 3: Communities and Authorities

'Responding to fever in Limerick city 1816-19'. (Michelle Mangan, IRCHSS Scholar, History Department, MIC)

'Shipwrecks, American interests and local communities in Ireland before 1915'. (Bernadette Whelan, History Department, University of Limerick)

'The Spanish Flu and the laconic response of central government 1918-19'. (Ida Milne, History Department, TCD)

2.50pm – 3.05pm:

Tea & Coffee

3.05pm – 4.35pm:

Session Four

Session 4: Blaming and Covering Up

'The Straffan rail disaster of 1853: management, crew and public'. (Eoghan Corry, Independent Newspapers)

'The Dromcollogher Cinema Fire of 1926: the impact of a local disaster'. (Liam Irwin, History Department, MIC)

'Drowned like rats': the sinking of the Andarora Star off Donegal, July 1940'. (Michael Kennedy, Executive Editor, Documents on Irish Foreign Policy, Royal Irish Academy)

4.35pm—5.00pm: Concluding Remarks



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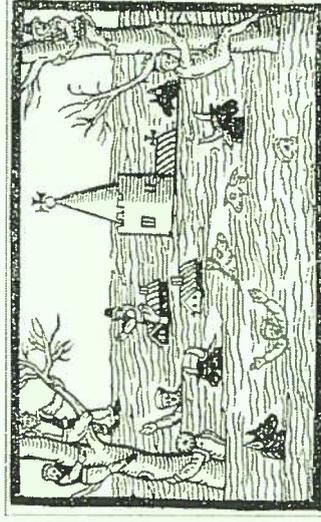


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