

Booms and busts: cycles in Irish economic history and the current downturn.

Irish Economic and Social History Society Conference

University College Cork, 17th & 18th September 2010.

The recent economic difficulties experienced in Ireland, which followed the halcyon “Celtic Tiger” years, have emphasised the contrast between long term economic development and short term cyclical fluctuations in economic activity. This conference will place the current crisis in the wider context of Irish economic history by examining both long run trends and short term fluctuations in Irish economic performance, from the eighteenth century to the present. Professor Louis Cullen, Emeritus Fellow Trinity College Dublin will open the conference. The Annual Connell Lecture will be delivered by Liam Kennedy, Professor of Economic & Social History, Queen's University Belfast, on ‘Trends and fluctuations in Irish economic and demographic history: the long view, 1660-2001.’

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Registration forms and Hotel reservations are available on separate downloadable forms.

Programme

Friday.

14:00-14:30; *Registration.*

14:30-14:40; Opening of Conference: Professor Geoff Roberts, Head of History Department, University College Cork.

Afternoon Session

14:40 -15:40; Professor Louis Cullen, Department of History, Trinity College Dublin.

“Economic fluctuations 1660-1800: problems and sources.”

15:40-15:55; *Tea Break.*

15:55pm-16:55; Professor Peter Solar, Vesalius College Brussels;

“Good times and bad times in the countryside: agricultural fluctuations, 1770-1914.”

Interval

Evening Session (Connell Lecture):

18:00-19:15; Professor Liam Kennedy, Department of History, Queen’s University Belfast;

“Ireland and Ulster: Religion, Politics, Demography, 1600-2001.”

19.45- Conference dinner; Jacobs(on the Mall), South Mall.

Saturday

Morning Session, Period 1932-1973.

9:30-10:00: Registration.

10:00-10.55; Professor Mary Daly, Department of History, University College Dublin:

“Irish reactions to the Great Depression of the 1930’s.”

10.55-11.45; Professor Brian Girvin, Department of Politics, University of Glasgow:

“Post War challenges and the failure of Economic Nationalism in de Valera's Ireland: 1945-1961.”

11.45-12.00; teabreak

12.00-12.55: Professor Frank Barry, School of Business, Trinity College Dublin;

“Foreign Direct Investment and Irish economic development; the early years 1932-1973.”

13:00-14:00; Lunch.

Afternoon. Period 1945-to date.

14:00-15:00; Dr. Proinsias Breathnach, Department of Geography, National University of Ireland, Maynooth:

“Deconstructing the dual economy: the Celtic Tiger and its aftermath in historical context.”

15:00- 16:00; Dr. Eoin O’ Leary , Department of Economics, University College Cork:

“Reflecting on the ‘Celtic Tiger’: Before, During and After.”

16:00 -16:15; Tea Break

16:15-17:15; Professor John Fitzgerald, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin;

“Convergence for slow learners: Ireland 1950-2010.”

Conference hotel is the River Lee Hotel, Western Rd, Cork (formerly Jury’s).