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## 1914: the Road to War



### Keynote speakers

**Professor Thomas Otte**, Professor of Diplomatic History, University of East Anglia

**Professor Keith Jeffery**, Professor of British History, Queen's University Belfast

Belfast City Hall, Belfast 9.30-5.00 **Saturday 14 June 2014**

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### PROGRAMME

**Saturday 14th June**  
**Belfast City Hall**

9.30 am Registration

10.00 am Official opening and introduction:  
**Dr Michael Murphy**, President,  
University College Cork and Chair,  
Universities Ireland

Welcome: **Councillor Maire Hendron**,  
Deputy Lord Mayor of Belfast

10.30 am Chair: **Professor Eunan O'Halpin**, Professor of  
Contemporary Irish History, Trinity College Dublin  
Keynote address: **Professor Thomas Otte**,  
Professor of Diplomatic History, University of  
East Anglia - *July 1914: Reflections on an  
inadvertent war*

11.15 am Refreshments

11.30 am Chair: **Professor Peter Gray**, Head of School of  
History and Anthropology, Queen's  
University Belfast  
Keynote Speaker: **Professor Keith Jeffery**,  
Professor of British History, Queen's University  
Belfast- *Reflections on Ireland and the First  
World War*

12.15 pm Lunch – Banqueting Hall

1.30 pm Chair: **Dr Fearghal McGarry**, Reader in Modern  
Irish History, Queen's University, Belfast  
First Panel Session: *Digitised sources, archives and  
community research*

**Prof Richard Grayson**, Head of History  
(2011-14) and Professor of Twentieth Century  
History, Goldsmiths, University of London  
**Mr Ian Montgomery**, The Records Management,  
Cataloguing and Access Team (RMCAT), Public  
Record Office of Northern Ireland  
**Ms Amanda Moreno**, Head of Collections,  
Museums of The Royal Irish Regiment

2.30 pm Chair: **Dr Conor Mulvagh**, Lecturer in Irish  
History, University College Dublin

Second Panel Session: *Ireland on the eve of  
the war*

**Dr Catriona Pennell**, Senior Lecturer in History,  
University of Exeter - *Ireland/UK at outbreak  
of war*

**Prof Richard Grayson**, Head of History  
(2011-14) and Professor of Twentieth Century  
History, Goldsmiths, University of London - *Social  
background of Dublin/Belfast volunteers*

3.15 pm Refreshments

3.35 pm History Ireland Hedge School:  
**Mr Tommy Graham**, Editor, History Ireland  
**Dr Colin Reid**, Senior Lecturer in History,  
Northumbria University, Newcastle – Irish  
Volunteers

**Dr Timothy Bowman**, Senior Lecturer in History,  
University of Kent - Ulster Volunteers

**Dr Margaret Ward**, Visiting Fellow in Irish  
History, Queens University Belfast – Suffrage  
and Pacifism

**Dr Senia Paseta**, Historian of Modern Ireland,  
University of Oxford – Women and war

4.30pm Closing remarks: **Dr Margaret O'Callaghan**,  
School of Politics International Relations &  
Philosophy, Queen's University Belfast

**Mr Robert Heslip**, Heritage Officer, Belfast City Council  
will lead tours of the Rotunda area during refreshment  
and lunch breaks. These tours will showcase the history of  
Belfast City Hall and its finest features. They are available  
on a first-come, first-served basis and will leave from the  
conference registration area outside the Great Hall.

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSONS



**Dr. Michael Murphy** became the  
14th President of University College  
Cork in 2007. A 1976 graduate of  
UCC's Medical School, he undertook  
postgraduate training in Medicine at  
St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin and in  
Clinical Pharmacology at the Royal

Postgraduate Medical School (now Imperial College of  
Medicine) London. Following 8 years on the faculty of the  
University of Chicago, he returned to Cork as a Professor  
of Clinical Pharmacology and Head of the Department of  
Pharmacology and Therapeutics in 1992. He was appointed  
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health in 2000. Dr.  
Murphy has published extensively on pharmacological

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prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease and has been principal investigator on several large international clinical trials. His board memberships have included the Irish Health Service Executive and the Health Research Board of Ireland which he chaired from 1997-2002. A past Chair of Council of the Irish Universities Association, current Chair of Universities Ireland and he is a member of Council of the European Universities Association (EUA).



**Councillor Maire Hendron** (Alliance Party) is the current Deputy Lord Mayor of Belfast. Councillor Hendron is a representative for the Pottinger area. She was elected to office on 2 June 2014. As Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Maire Hendron represents Belfast when the Lord

Mayor is not available. However, unlike the Lord Mayor, she continues to serve on council committees during her year in office and combines this work with her mayoral engagements. Councillor Hendron also works closely with the Lord Mayor and the High Sheriff on projects and initiatives which help to enhance the profile of Belfast.



**Professor Eunan O'Halpin** MRIA is Professor of Contemporary Irish History and Director of the Centre for Contemporary Irish History, Trinity College Dublin. Amongst his works are *The Decline of the Union: British government in Ireland, 1891-1920* (Dublin, 1987);

*Defending Ireland: the Irish state and its enemies since 1922* (Oxford, 1999), (ed.); *MI5 and Ireland, 1939-1945: the official history* (Dublin, 2003) and *Spying on Ireland: British intelligence and Irish neutrality during the Second World War* (Oxford, 2008). He is a member of the Irish government Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations.



**Professor Thomas Otte** is Professor of Diplomatic History at the University of East Anglia. He specialises in diplomatic history and the history of warfare. He is the author or editor of fifteen books. Among his latest publications are *The Foreign Office Mind: The Making of British*

*Foreign Policy, 1865-1914* (CUP, 2011); *July 1914: Europe's Descent into World War* (CUP, 2014) and (ed.), *An Historian in Peace and War: The Diaries of Harold Temperley, 1900-1939* (Ashgate, 2014).

**Professor Peter Gray** took his undergraduate and doctoral degrees at the University of Cambridge before holding research fellowships at the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's University, Belfast, and at Downing College,



Cambridge. He taught Irish and British history at the University of Southampton 1996-2005, before returning to Belfast to take up the position of Professor of Modern Irish History. In 2004 Professor Gray was the Burns Library Visiting Professor in Irish Studies at Boston

College, Massachusetts. He was chair of the Royal Irish Academy's National Committee for Historical Sciences 2007-10, and became Head of the School of History and Anthropology in 2010. He was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy in 2013.



**Professor Keith Jeffery** is Professor of British History at Queen's University Belfast and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. Among his books are *Ireland and the Great War*; *The GPO and the Easter Rising*; and the prize-winning *Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson: A Political*

*Soldier*. His ground-breaking history, *MI6: The History of the Secret Intelligence Service 1909-1949* was published in 2010. He is currently working on a global history of 1916.



**Dr Fearghal McGarry** is Reader in Irish History at the School of History and Anthropology at Queen's University Belfast. His recent research has focused on grassroots experiences of the Irish revolution. He is the author of *The Rising Ireland: Easter 1916 and Rebels: Voices*

from the Easter Rising, an edited collection of the Bureau of Military History's witness statements. He is currently working on a publication that will explore the links between the Abbey Theatre and the Irish revolution.



**Professor Richard S Grayson**

(Goldsmiths, University of London) is the author of *Belfast Boys: How Unionists and Nationalists Fought and Died Together in the First World War* (2009). He edited *At War with the 16th Irish Division: The Staniforth Letters, 1914-18* (2012). He

has engaged widely with community groups on First World War remembrance especially the 6th Connaught Rangers Research Project. An associate member of the First World War Centenary Committee in Northern Ireland, he contributed to BBC NI's *Ireland's Great War*; co-edits [www.irelandww1.org](http://www.irelandww1.org) and chairs the Academic Advisory Group for the Digital Projects run by the Imperial War Museums. He is part of the 'Living Legacies 1914-1918' Centre based at Queen's University Belfast and an Associate Member of the First World War Centenary Committee in Northern Ireland.

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**Mr Ian Montgomery** leads on First World War activities at Public Records Office Northern Ireland and manages the enquiries unit. He has wide experience working across all areas in Public Records Office Northern Ireland and has previously worked at Belfast City Hall as the Project Archivist on the Belfast Civic Archive project.



**Ms Amanda Moreno** has been Head of Collections for the Museums of The Royal Irish Regiment since 2010. Prior to that she was Curator of the Royal Irish Fusiliers Museum which won Best Exhibition in Ireland in 2003. In 2004 she completed a MA in Museum

Management. She is currently working on a PhD in Irish Prisoners of War on the Western Front and the Armagh War Memorial Project.



**Dr Conor Mulvagh** is a lecturer in Irish history at University College Dublin specialising on the decade of commemorations, 2012-23. He works on the history of Home Rule and is currently researching a history of UCD during the Irish Revolution. His first book on the

history of the Irish Parliamentary Party at Westminster is currently being prepared for publication.



**Dr Catriona Pennell** is a historian of modern Britain and Ireland, with a particular interest in the social and cultural history of the First World War and British imperial activity in the Middle East. She completed her PhD in 2008 at Trinity College, Dublin. Since 2009

she has worked at the University of Exeter and in 2013 was promoted to Senior Lecturer. She is the author of *A Kingdom United: British and Irish Popular Responses to the Outbreak of the First World War* (OUP, 2012), nominated for the RHS Whitfield Prize 2012 and the Economic History Society First Monograph Prize 2013. She is currently working on two research projects; a collaborative AHRC-funded project on memory transmission of the First World War in British classrooms as well as another, funded by the

British Academy, which examines the experience and politicised memory of the 36th (Ulster) and 16th (Irish) divisions on the Somme in 1916 and 1918.



**Mr Tommy Graham** is editor and founder of the bi-monthly *History Ireland* magazine and Historical Walking Tours of

Dublin. He also lectures in Irish history and politics at Griffith College, Dublin. Most recently, he initiated the *History Ireland Hedge Schools*, a series of round table discussions with historians and prominent personalities covering topics of historical and contemporary interest.



**Dr Colin Reid** is a graduate of Queen's University of Belfast. He has held academic posts in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, and the University of Oxford. He is currently a lecturer in modern history at Northumbria University in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. Colin

is the author of *The Lost Ireland of Stephen Gwynn: Irish Constitutional Nationalism and Cultural Politics, 1864-1950* (2011) and a number of articles on related subjects. He is currently writing a book on political thought in Ireland under the Union.



**Dr Timothy Bowman** is Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Kent. He is the author of a number of books and articles including, *Irish Regiments in the Great War: Discipline and Morale* (Manchester University Press, 2002) and *Carson's Army: The Ulster Volunteer*

*Force 1910-22* (Manchester University Press, 2007). He is currently working, with Professors Ian Beckett and Mark Connelly, on a major new study of the British army in the First World War due to be published by Cambridge University Press.



**Dr Margaret Ward** was Director of the Women's Resource and Development Agency 2005-2013. She is a feminist historian and the author of a number of books on Irish women's history. She is currently Visiting Fellow in Irish History in Queen's University Belfast. Dr Ward

is a trustee of National Museums NI, a board member of Libraries NI and the Consumer Council.



**Dr Senia Paseta** is a Fellow and Tutor in Modern History at St Hugh's College, University of Oxford. Her publications include, *Irish Nationalist Women, 1900-1918* (Cambridge, 2013), *Modern Ireland: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford, 2003) and *Before the Revolution: Social Change and Ireland's Catholic Elite, 1879-1922* (Cork, 1999).

**Dr Margaret O'Callaghan** is an historian and political analyst who teaches in the School of Politics International Studies and Philosophy at Queen's University, Belfast.

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Amongst her publications are *British High Politics and a Nationalist Ireland; Criminality, Land and the Law under Forster and Balfour* and 'Women and Politics in Independent Ireland, 1921-58' in Vol 5 of *The Field Day Anthology of Irish Writing*. Recent articles have been

on history- writing and the Troubles in Northern Ireland, republicanism, the role of the state in nineteenth century Ireland, Roger Casement and the Irish written nationalist tradition and she has co-edited with Mary E.Daly *1916* in 1966; *Commemorating the Easter Rising* (Royal Irish Academy). She has formerly taught at the Universities of Cambridge and Notre Dame.

#### **BACKGROUND TO THE CONFERENCE**

This conference is organised by Universities Ireland, the network of university presidents and vice-chancellors from Ireland and Northern Ireland founded in 2003. Universities Ireland runs North-South scholarship schemes (including one for PhD students working in the 1912-1923 period); supports persecuted scholars from countries where freedom of expression and inquiry is under threat; and undertakes a number of other initiatives to bring Irish and Northern Irish universities closer together. The UI Secretariat is provided by the Centre for Cross Border Studies.

The Universities Ireland Historians Group was started in 2011. This conference is the third in a series of annual conferences that will continue until 2023, and is part of a multi-annual programme of activities led by the UI Historians Group to reflect on the 1912-1923 period in Irish history. The aim is that this will be a scholarly and sustained initiative, and thus a unique contribution to reflection on a decade of history-changing events by the island's intellectual leaders, the 10 universities (and, in particular, their Departments of History). The programme includes research scholarships for young historians; lobbying British and Irish museums and archives to enhance access to key historical materials from the period; collaborative history teaching initiatives, and joint conferences and seminars. Marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, this conference will explore local, national and international responses to the war that reshaped modern Europe. As well as focusing on military and political responses, '1914: the Road to War' will consider the impact of the war on the home front, and the experiences of those who opposed involvement in the conflict.

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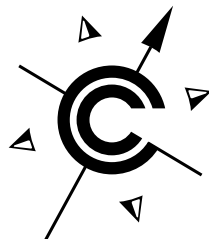
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