

**Women's History Association of Ireland**  
**Annual Conference**



**‘Irish Women’s History in International Contexts’**

University College Cork

12-13 April 2019

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30:** Registration and tea/coffee (ORB common area, second floor)

**10.45:** Welcome

**11.00-12.30: Panel 1: Transnational Women**

**Room:** ORB 255

- Angela Byrne (Ulster University), *Jenny O'Reilly / Evgeniia Ivanovna Vyazemskaya: transnational Irishwoman*
- Niall Murray (Independent), *'I work in information': the international interests and movements of Muriel MacSwiney's final decades in France and England.*
- Caroline Smiddy (Independent), *On the trail of Emily: The Life and Times of Emily Horsley Ussher (1872-1935)*

**12.30-1.15:** Lunch

**1.15-2.45: Panel 2: Women in twentieth century Ireland: looking out, looking in**

**Room:** ORB 255

- Deirdre Foley (Dublin City University), *Irish women's groups and their supranational connections, c. 1937-1974.*
- Kathleen O'Sullivan (Hunt Museum, Limerick), *'A shop window for Ireland': Sybil Connolly and a perception of Irish womanhood in the 1950s.*
- Rachel Sayers (Independent), *'You must remember this.....:' Irish Women's Experiences of War, Trauma and Rationing during World War Two, 1939-1945.*

**2.45-3.00:** Break

**3.00-4.30:** Panel 3: Everyday lives

**Room:** ORB 255

- Shannon Devlin (Queen's University, Belfast), *'Your hearts bleed': nineteenth-century middle-class sibling support networks in times of family crisis*
- Damian Shiels (Northumbria University), *Recovering the voices & experiences of ordinary Irish women in nineteenth-century America*
- Alexandra Tierney (Trinity College, Dublin), *'If she and her children were living 100 yards across the Border she would be entitled to a pension': social policy in the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland after partition.*

**5.30-6.30:** Keynote Speaker

**Location:** Nano Nagle Place, Douglas Street

*Women Across European Borders: Visual Memory and Intersubjectivity*

Luisa Passerini (European University)

Keynote kindly hosted by Nano Nagle Place as part of Cork Lifelong Learning Festival

**Followed by wine reception and WHAI prize-giving**

**7.30pm:** Conference dinner at Jacob's on the Mall, 30 South Mall

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30-11.00: Panel 4: Women and work**

**Room:** ORB 255

- Geraldine O'Neill (Dublin City University), *It's a long way to Tipperary: English female police searchers in Ireland's War of Independence*
- Siobhan Horgan-Ryan (Independent), *Nurse registration and the implications of Irish Independence*
- Daniel Carey (Dublin City University), *"The fearlessness of youth" – two female journalists and the Troubles*

**11.00-12.00: Panel 5: Missionary women**

**Room:** ORB 255

- Catriona Delaney (University College Dublin), *'The ways in England are so different from those at home': the Presentation Sisters in Manchester, 1836-1898*
- Fiona Loughnane (National College of Art and Design, Dublin), *Photography and the Precarious Ideal of Transnational Catholic Sisterhood in Ireland and East Africa.*

**12.00-12.30:** Light lunch

**12.30-1.30: Panel 6: Gender Equality**

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**Room:** ORB 255

- Theresa O’Keefe (University College Cork), *Whose Peace Dividend? Gender Equality in Northern Ireland Since the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement.*
- Ann Marie O’Brien (Maynooth University), *Irish attitudes towards women diplomats at home and abroad: an international perspective, 1919-2019*

**1.30-2.30: Keynote Speaker**

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**Room:** ORB 255

*Moving Histories: Irish Women’s Emigration to Britain from Independence to Republic*

Jennifer Redmond (Maynooth University)

**2.30:** Conference Close

**The organisers would like to thank the School of History (UCC) for their support, Nano Nagle Place as well as the speakers and chairpersons for their participation.**