

The Handover of Dublin Castle: A Centenary Conference

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

14-15 January 2022

Friday 14 January

2.00 Welcome

2.05 **Dr Conor Mulvagh** (UCD): A Framework for Transition: Negotiating the Anglo-Irish Treaty in London

2.30 Keynote 1

Chair: **Professor Eve Patten** (TCD)

Professor Eunan O’Halpin (TCD): Winding Down or Setting Up? The Last Days of Dublin Castle, 1920-22

Professor Alvin Jackson (Edin): Unionist views of Dublin Castle

4.15 Break

4.30 Panel 1: Implications of the Handover

Chair: **Dr Carole Holohan** (TCD)

Dr Martin Maguire (UCD Geary Institute): The Civil Service and the Handover of Dublin Castle

Dr Laura Cahillane (UL): Legal Authority in the State Following the Handover of Dublin Castle

Dr Robin Adams (QUB): Irish Independence: Financial Considerations

Saturday 15 January

9.30 Keynote 2

Chair: **Dr Anne Dolan** (TCD)

Professor Bill Kissane (LSE): The Provisional Government and the Idea of an Irish State Tradition

Respondents: **Dr Ciara Meehan** (Hertfordshire)

Dr William Murphy (DCU)

11.00 Break

11.15 Panel 2: Reactions to the Handover

Chair: **Dr Ciarán Wallace** (TCD)

Dr Ian d'Alton (TCD): 'A Tugging at the Heartstrings': the Place of the Castle Handover in the Southern Loyalist Narrative

Dr Margaret O'Callaghan (QUB): The Reaction of James Craig's Government to the Treaty

Dr Elspeth Payne (TCD): 'Friendly and Hopeful Spectators'? British Reactions to the Handover of Dublin Castle

Dr Niamh Gallagher (Cantab): Empire and Settlers' Reactions to the Handover of Dublin Castle

1.00 Break

2.00 Panel 3: The Castle in Irish Life and Imagination

Chair: **Professor Patrick Geoghegan** (TCD)

William Derham (OPW): The Castle is Dead: Long Live the Castle

Professor Margaret Kelleher (UCD): From the Duties of Clerks to the Great Muslin Market: Dublin Castle in the Irish Literary Imagination

Dr Anne Dolan (TCD): Popular Reactions to the Handover of Dublin Castle

3.30 **Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, T.D.**

4.00 Roundtable Discussion

Dr David McCullagh (RTÉ) in conversation with:

Dr Catriona Crowe (RIA)

Professor Diarmaid Ferriter (UCD)

Dr Brian Hanley (TCD)

Dr Caoimhe Nic Dháibhéid (Sheffield)