Ireland and Empire

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This reading seminar will provide students with an understanding of the evolution and current state of the historiography of Ireland’s engagement with the British Empire. We will begin by reading some of the more notable general approaches to and theories of Ireland and empire and then examine in turn the topics that have figured most prominently in this scholarship. These include Ireland’s colonial status, Ireland and imperial service, nationalism and empire, unionism and empire, the Irish press and empire, and imperial soldiering.

Grade: Your grade in this course will be based on three 10-12 page essays (75%), a class presentation (10%), and participation (15%). I do not accept late or electronically submitted papers.

Required Reading:

Terrence McDonough (ed.), Was Ireland a Colony?
Senia Pašeta, Modern Ireland: A Very Short Introduction

The remaining readings will be found in .pdf format on CourseDen.

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Course Schedule and Assignments:

Week One (Aug. 29) Introduction
Week Two (Sept. 5) Approaches/Theory I
Week Three (Sept. 12)                      Approaches/Theory II

Readings:
Jill Bender, “Ireland and Empire” in (forthcoming), 1-25

Week Four (Sept. 19)                     Was Ireland a Colony?

Readings:

Week Five (Sept. 26)                     Imperial Networks and Service

Readings:
Richard Hawkins, “The ‘Irish Model’ and the empire: a case for reassessment,” in David Anderson and David Killingray, Policing the Empire: Government, Authority, and Control, 1830-1940 (Manchester, 1991), 18-32

**Paper #1 Due**

**Week Six (Oct. 3) Nationalism and Empire I**

Readings:
- H.V. Brasted, “Irish Nationalism and the British Empire in the Late Nineteenth Century,” in Oliver MacDonagh, W.F. Mandle, and Pauric Travers (eds.), *Irish Culture and Nationalism, 1750-1950* (Canberra, 1983), 83-103
- Carla King, “Michael Davitt, Irish Nationalism and the British empire in the late nineteenth century,” in Peter Gray (ed.), *Victoria’s Ireland*? (Dublin, 2004), 116-130

**Week Seven (Oct. 10) Nationalism and Empire II**

Readings:
- Paul A. Townend, “‘No Imperial Privilege:’ Justin McCarthy, Home Rule, and Empire,” *Éire-Ireland* 42:1&2 (Spring/Summer, 2007): 201-228

**Week Eight (Oct. 17) Unionism, Ulster, and Empire**

Readings:
- Donal Lowry, “Ulster Resistance and loyalist rebellion in the empire,” in Keith Jefferey (ed.), *An Irish Empire?* (Manchester, 1996), 191-216
- David Hume, “Empire Day in Ireland, 1862-1962,” in Keith Jefferey (ed.), *An Irish Empire?* (Manchester, 1996), 149-168
- Philip Ollernshaw, “Businessmen in Northern Ireland and the imperial connection, 1886-1939,” in Keith Jefferey (ed.), *An Irish Empire?* (Manchester, 1996), 169-190

Week Nine (Oct. 24)  Ireland and India I

Readings:
S.B. Cook, Imperial Affinities: Nineteenth Century Analogies and Exchanges Between India and Ireland (New Delhi, 1993), 9-38, 130-137
T.G. Fraser, “Ireland and India,” in Keith Jefferey (ed.), An Irish Empire? (Manchester, 1996), 77-93
Sarmila Bose and Eilís Ward, “‘India’s cause is Ireland’s cause:’ elite links and nationalist politics,” in Michael Holmes and Denis Holmes (eds.), Ireland and India: Connections, Comparisons, Contrasts (Dublin, 1997), 52-73

Week Ten (Oct. 31)  NO CLASS

Week Eleven (Nov. 7)  Ireland and India II

Readings:
Michael Silvestri, “‘315 million of India with Ireland to the last:’ Irish and Indian nationalists in North America,” in Tadhg Foley and Maureen O’Connor (eds.), Ireland and India (Dublin, 2006), 244-255
Ciara Boylan, “Victorian ideologies of improvement: Sir Charles Trevelyan in India and Ireland,” in Tadhg Foley and Maureen O’Connor (eds.), Ireland and India (Dublin, 2006), 167-178
Kate O’Malley, “Ireland, India, and empire: separatist political links and perceived threats to the British Empire,” in Tadhg Foley and Maureen O’Connor (eds.), Ireland and India (Dublin, 2006), 226-232
Ciolfhionn Ní Bheacháin, “Ireland a warning to India;” Anti-imperialist solidarity in the Irish Free State,” in Tadhg Foley and Maureen O’Connor (eds.), Ireland and India (Dublin, 2006), 268-278
Michael Silvestri, Ireland and India: Nationalism, Empire and Memory (New York, 2009), 1-12, 176-207, 208-214

Paper #2 Due

Week Twelve (Nov. 14)  The Press and Empire

Readings:
Patrick Maume, “The Irish Independent and empire, 1891-1919,” in Potter, Newspapers and Empire (Dublin, 2004), 124-142
Ian Sheehy, “‘The view from Fleet Street’: Irish nationalist journalists in London and their attitudes toward empire, 1892-1898,” in Potter, Newspapers and Empire (Dublin, 2004), 143-158
Donal Lowry, “Nationalist and unionist responses to the British empire in the age of the South African War, 1899-1902,” in Potter, Newspapers and Empire (Dublin, 2004), 159-176
Jennifer Regan, “‘We could be of service to other suffering people’: Representations of India in the Irish Nationalist Press, c.1857-1887,” Victorian Periodicals Review 41:1 (spring 2008): 61-77
Jill Bender, “The Irish ‘Sepoy’ Press: Irish Nationalism and anti-British agitation during the 1857 Indian Rebellion,” in Brad and Kathryn Patterson (eds.), Ireland and the Irish Antipodes: One World or Worlds Apart? (Sydney, 2010), 241-251
Michael de Nie, “‘Speed the Mahdi!’ The Irish Press and Empire during the Sudan Conflict of 1883–1885,” Journal of British Studies, 51:4 (October 2012): 883-909

Week Thirteen (Nov. 21) Soldiering for Empire

Readings:

Peter Karsten, “Irish Soldiers in the British Army, 1792-1922: Suborned or Subordinate?” Journal of Social History XVII (Fall 1983): 31-64
Terence Denman, “‘Ethnic Soldiers Pure and Simple’? The Irish in the Late Victorian British Army,” War In History 1996 3 (3): 253-273
Thomas Bartlett, “The Irish Soldier in India, 1750-1947,” in Michael Holmes and Denis Holmes (eds.), Ireland and India: Connections, Comparisons, Contrasts (Dublin, 1997), 12-28
Jean and Desmond Bowen, Heroic Option: The Irish in the British Army (Barnsley, 2005), 122-158


Week Fourteen (Nov. 28) Thanksgiving Break, NO CLASS

Week Fifteen (Dec. 5) Ireland and Empire, 1922-present

Readings:
Kate O’Malley, *Ireland, India and empire: Indo-Irish Radical Connections, 1919-1964* (Manchester, 2008), 1-52

**Paper #3 Due**

Week Sixteen (Dec. 12)  

Conclusions