



Ends of Empire

National University of Ireland, Maynooth
18-20 June 2009

THURSDAY 18th

2.00-3.00 Registration - Riverstown Hall (please go to the Security Gate at the Front Entrance for directions)

3.00-3.30 Coffee and Welcome to Delegates

3.30-5.00 *Session I*

Chair: David Johnson (The Open University)

Dennis Walder (Open University): 'The Hidden Ends of Empire: W.G. Sebald'

Oonagh Walsh (University College Cork): 'Imperial Institutions: The District Asylum System in nineteenth-century Ireland'

Conor McCarthy (National University of Maynooth): 'Edward Said and the Ends of Empire'

5.00-5.30 Coffee

5.30-6.30 *Plenary Lecture - John Marx (University of California, Davis): 'The Historical Novel of Globalization'*

Chair: Conor Mc Carthy (National University of Ireland, Maynooth)

8.30: Dinner in Stone Haven Restaurant, Maynooth

FRIDAY 19th

9.30-11.00 Session II

Chair: David Johnson (The Open University)

David Murphy (University of Stirling): ‘Making Histories: Towards a more complex genealogy of Francophone African literature’

Charles Forsdick (University of Liverpool): ‘Echoing the Ends of Empire?: Haiti and Decolonization’

Aedín Ní Loinsigh (University of Stirling): ‘Performing Pan-Africanism: Behind the scenes at the Festival Mondial des Arts Nègres’

9.30-11.00 Session III

Chair: Glenn Hooper (The Open University)

Ciara Gallagher (National University of Ireland, Maynooth): ‘Literary Activism and the decline of Empire: the literature of Cornelia Sorabji’

Richard Lee (Open University): ‘“Glossing Over” India’s Partition: Reading the Histories of Women in 1947’

Kevin O’Sullivan (Trinity College Dublin): ‘Unmistakably European: Irish State Identity and the decolonisation of Africa’

11.00-11.30 Coffee

11.30-1.00 Session IV

Chair: Graham MacPhee (West Chester University)

Justin Dolan Stover (Trinity College Dublin): ‘Irish Traitors’: internal disintegration of British rule in Ireland, 1917-1921’

Anastasia Yiangou (University of London): ‘Decolonisation and Cyprus: the Second World War years’

Sarah Herrington-Shaner (University of Leeds): ‘Igloodik Isuma Productions and Nunavut: Two sides of Inuit Self-Representation’

11.30-1.00 Session V

Chair: Laksmisree Banerjee (Ranchi University)

Bernadette Trehy (National University of Ireland, Maynooth): ‘The Winds of Change’: Rumer Godden’s Breakfast with the Nikolides’

Robyn Bloch (University of Witwatersrand): ‘After Empire, Beyond Representation: Radical Otherness in The Satanic Verses’

Graham MacPhee (West Chester University): ‘Decolonizing the ‘Metropolis’?’

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Session VI

Chair: Conor Mc Carthy (National University of Ireland, Maynooth)

David Johnson (Open University): 'Adam Smith, Gordon Brown, and imagining the end of Empires'

Geoff Davis (University of Aachen): "Across the Black Waters': Indigenous People and Imperial Wars'

Sean Meighoo (Emory University): "The End of the West': From Teleology to Negative Teleology in twentieth-century Continental Philosophy'

3.30-4.00 Coffee

7.00-8.00 Plenary Lecture - John McCracken (University of Stirling): 'States of Emergency: Malawi and the Decolonization of Southern Africa'

Chair: David Johnson (The Open University)

8.30 Conference Dinner, The Avenue Restaurant, Maynooth

SATURDAY 20th

9.30-11.00 Session VII

Chair: Charles Forsdick (University of Liverpool)

Aparna Srinivas (University of Madras): 'Britannica Blues: Post-Imperial Britain in Kazuo Ishiguro's The Remains of the Day and A. S. Byatt's Possession'

Laksmisree Banerjee (Ranchi University): 'From Kamala Das to Arundhati Roy: Anticolonialism and feminist Independence in Indian women authors'

Gunjeet Aurora (Jawaharlal Nehru University): ‘The Nightmare After: A Study of O.V. Vijayan’s The Saga of Dharmapuri as a Satire of Disillusionment’

11.00-11.30 Coffee

11.30-1.00 Session VIII

Chair: Dennis Walder (The Open University)

Glenn Hooper (The Open University): ‘Declining Empires: Burgess’s Malayan Trilogy’

Annick Lacroix (Université Paris I): ‘‘A public service faced with Algerian Independence’: the Staff of the Postal and Telecommunications Administration’

Timothy Harding (Trinity College Dublin): ‘In the footsteps of Michael Collins? Aung San and the struggle for Burmese Independence: a comparison of two leaders’

1.00-2.00 Lunch & Close of Conference

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