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): Irish unionists and the Castle administration, 1900-22

4.00 Break

4.15 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 Minister Catherine Martin, T.D.
11.20  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): Views from the Empire

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 Diarmuid Ferriter (UCD)

Dr Brian Hanley (TCD)

Dr Caoimhe Nic Dháibhéid (Sheffield)