Kingship and Warfare: Ireland, c.1000-1318

This module begins with the rise of Brian Boru from modest origins to become Ireland’s most famous high king—a spectacular career that ended in the iconic battle of Clontarf in 1014. We explore how Irish society and kingship changed in the aftermath of Clontarf as a result of inter-provincial warfare and the changing role of the church. The second half of the module examines the causes and implications of the English (or Anglo-Norman) invasion of the late 1160s, perhaps the single most formative development in Irish secular affairs. We study the interaction of cultures in its aftermath and the Irish opposition to English rule that saw the emergence of England’s ongoing Irish problem through later centuries. The module closes with the most serious challenge to English power in medieval Ireland: the Scottish invasion (1315-18) led by Edward Bruce, brother of Robert Bruce king of Scots.

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*Reduced Fee: €120 for the course. **€60 concession
**The concession rate is available to second and third level students and people whose primary source of income is social welfare, health board or a government-sponsored employment scheme.

Time and Place:

*This course will be taught online. We want to make your experience as personable as possible and hope to add some extra live Zoom interactive sessions once term has started. More details will be available at the beginning of term. If you have not previously used Zoom or other online teaching platforms, please email hhextra@tcd.ie with ‘help with online teaching’ in the subject bar and we will arrange some pre-semester help sessions in September.

Duration:

This lecture-only module comprises two lectures per week over one commencing in September 2020