

# CHURCH OF IRELAND: DISESTABLISHMENT AND BEYOND

A conference to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the  
Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY  
27 FEBRUARY 2020

## PROGRAMME

- 13:15 **REGISTRATION** with tea/coffee/refreshments
- 13:50 **WELCOME**  
Michael Peter Kennedy, President, Royal Irish Academy  
Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough
- 14:00 **PANEL ONE**  
**CONCEPT**  
An outline of the concepts of establishment and its meaning, disestablishment and its implications, and the transition between the two.  
**Chair:** James Kelly, MRIA (DCU)  
**Panellists:** Jacqueline Hill, MRIA (Maynooth University) • Professor Vincent Comerford (Maynooth University)
- 14:00 'Establishment', Jacqueline Hill, MRIA
- 14:10 'Disestablishment', Professor Vincent Comerford (Maynooth University)
- 14:20 Panel discussion
- 15:10 **PANEL TWO**  
**CONSEQUENCES: THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS, 1869–1969**  
While the legislative act of Disestablishment was an event, the process of adapting the newly Disestablished Church to the social, political and cultural changes of late 19th century Ireland was much more complex. This panel discussion deals with that process.  
**Chair:** Revd Trevor Sargent (Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise)  
**Panellists:** Dr Marie Coleman (Queen's University Belfast) • Dr Ian d'Alton (Trinity College Dublin) • Professor Alan Ford (The University of Nottingham) • Dr Miriam Moffitt (St Patrick's College, Maynooth)
- 16:20 **TEA BREAK**
- 16:50 **PANEL THREE**  
**CHALLENGES: SINCE 1969**  
1969 marked a century of Disestablishment. This session will assess developments since 1969 and the Church's role in and contribution to the island's future.  
**Chair:** Ms Áine Lawlor, journalist and broadcaster  
**Panellists:** Senator Ivana Bacik • Revd Professor Anne Lodge (Dublin City University) Martin Mansergh, MRIA • Dr Andrew Pierce (Trinity College Dublin)
- 18:00 **CLOSING**  
Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh
- RECEPTION**



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