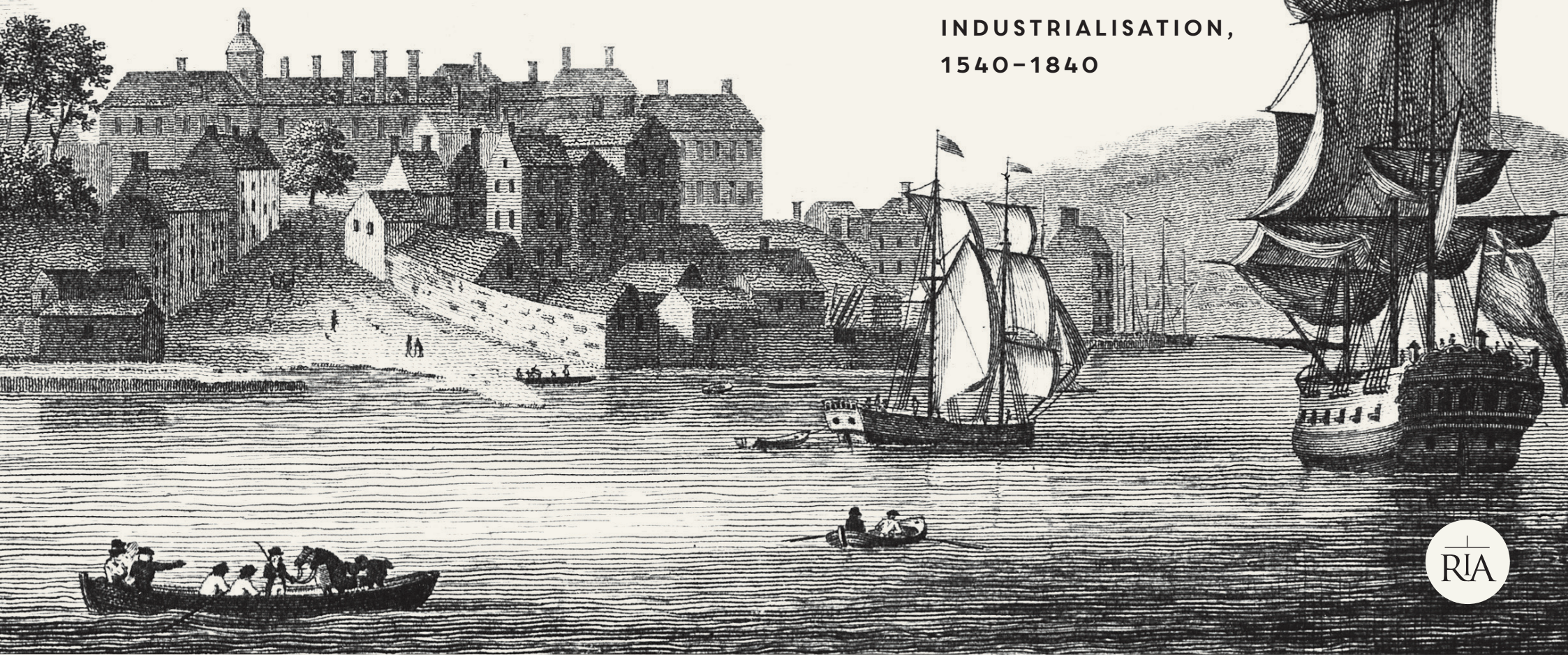


MODERNISING TOWNSCAPES SEMINAR

URBAN EVOLUTION IN
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IRISH HISTORIC TOWNS ATLAS

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17–18 MAY 2018

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The 2018 annual seminar of the Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) is being convened in collaboration with the British Historic Towns Atlas/Historic Towns Trust (HTT) and will explore the similarities and differences to be found in the urban landscapes of our two neighbouring islands, reflecting on their shared and connected histories, as well as on the common purposes of the two atlas projects. Focusing on ‘Modernising Townscapes’, the seminar will compare towns and cities of both Ireland and Britain through time. The aim is to explore urban evolution in Ireland and Britain from the Reformation to Industrialisation (1540–1840) and examine how, despite close geographical proximity, local factors and influences were important in shaping urban landscapes across the two islands as much as wider common structures and processes, such as religion, warfare, defence, lordship and commerce.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018

18.00

PUBLIC LECTURE

Urban modernity and the historic city c. 1700 to 1840 — Roey Sweet
(University of Leicester)

FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

9.00

Registration

9.20

Welcome

9.30–10.45

RELIGIOUS REFORMATION AND ITS URBAN LEGACIES

- From religious places to urban spaces: transitions in sixteenth-century English towns, Coventry, Gloucester and Norwich — Deirdre O’Sullivan (University of Leicester)
- Changing religious topography and urban development: the cases of early modern Dublin and Limerick — Colm Lennon (formerly of Maynooth University)

10.45–11.15

Coffee break

11.15–12.30

DEFENSIVE PLACES: PLANTATION AND WARFARE

- Sites of conflict: the militarisation of civic spaces in civil war, Oxford, Bristol, and York — Victoria Anker (University of Birmingham)
- Trial by fire: the defences of Galway, Derry, Athlone and Limerick — Pádraig Lenihan (NUI Galway)

12.30–14.00

Lunch break

14.00–15.15

MARKETING AND THE ‘COUNTRY TOWN’

- Spaces of consumption in English market towns, c. 1680 to 1820 — Jon Stobart (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Shapes for selling: marketplaces in Irish towns 1600 to 1800 — Raymond Gillespie (Maynooth University)

15.15–15.45

Coffee break

15.45–16.45

PLENARY LECTURE

British and Irish towns on the ‘eve’ of industrialisation — Stephen Royle
(Queen’s University, Belfast)

16.45–17.00

Concluding remarks

Launch of *More maps and texts: sources and the Irish Historic Towns Atlas*
edited by H.B. Clarke and Sarah Gearty.