



MAPPING TOWNSCAPES SEMINAR

COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES
THROUGH THE IRISH AND BRITISH
HISTORIC TOWN ATLASES

IRISH HISTORIC TOWNS ATLAS

MAPPING TOWNSCAPES
SEMINAR: 18–19 MAY 2017
ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY,
19 DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN 2


FREE TO ATTEND: BOOKING REQUIRED
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Early maps and town plans are vital sources in understanding townscapes and are used to create historical maps that form such an important element of all historic town atlases. In collaboration with the British Historic Towns Atlas/Historic Towns Trust (HTT), the 2017 annual seminar of the Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) focuses especially on historic and historical maps. The *Mapping Townscapes* programme begins with an evening public lecture by Professor Roger J.P. Kain, a leading cartographic historian and author, whose most recent book *British town maps: a history* appeared in 2015. Looking at urban mapping in both Britain and Ireland across five centuries, the *Mapping Townscapes* seminar will open up new comparative perspectives on the Irish and British historic town atlases, as well as offer new insights into the past, present and future cartographic connections between our two neighbouring islands.

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Front: Detail from cartouche on John Rocque's *Exact survey of the city and suburbs of Dublin, 1756*.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 18 MAY 2017

PUBLIC LECTURE

6.00 p.m. Mapping towns through time — Roger Kain (School of Advanced Study, University of London)

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017

9.45 a.m. Registration

10.00 a.m. Welcome: Raymond Gillespie

MORNING SESSION: CARTOGRAPHIC CONTEXTS

Chairperson: Michael Potterton

10.15 a.m. Town surveys, maps and atlases: some frontiers for sources and research — Arnold Horner (formerly of University College Dublin)

11 a.m. Coffee break

11.30 a.m. Perspectives on town mapping: Galway from the 1580s to the 1870s — Jacinta Prunty (Maynooth University/IHTA)

12.15 a.m. From Agas to OS: Oxford's changing townscape in old maps and new — Nick Millea (Bodleian Library, Oxford)

1.00 p.m. Lunch (several restaurants and cafés within walking distance)

AFTERNOON SESSION: CARTOGRAPHIC CONNECTIONS

Chairperson: Daniel Stracke

2.15 p.m. The BHTA, its cartographic practices and future directions — Giles Darkes (HTT) and Keith Lilley (Queen's University Belfast/HTT)

3.00 p.m. The IHTA, its cartographic practices and future directions — Sarah Gearty (IHTA) and Rachel Murphy (University College Cork/IHTA)

3.45 p.m. Coffee break

PLENARY SESSION

Chairperson: Keith Lilley

4.15 p.m. Mapping townscapes: comparative perspectives — an international panel discussion with Colin Bray (Ordnance Survey Ireland), Eamonn Doyle (Esri Ireland), Annegret Simms (European Historic Towns Atlas) and Daniel Stracke (Institute for Comparative Urban History, Münster)

5.00 p.m. Closing remarks by Michael Starrett (Heritage Council)

5.15 p.m. Launch of Irish Historic Towns Atlas, no. 28, *Galway* by Jacinta Prunty and Paul Walsh