



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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Maps and town plans are vital sources in studying historic 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 the historic and historical maps that form such an integral part of the atlases. Exploring *Mapping Townscapes*, the programme begins with an evening public lecture by Professor Roger J.P. Kain, a leading cartographic historian and author of thirteen books on maps including one most recently on *British town maps: a history*. Looking at both historic and historical 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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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 (chair, IHTA)

MORNING SESSION: CARTOGRAPHIC CONTEXTS

Chairperson: Michael Potterton (IHTA/Maynooth University)
10.15 a.m. Town surveys, maps and atlases: some frontiers for sources and research — Arnold Horner
11 a.m. Coffee break
11.30 a.m. Perspectives on the historic town: mapping Galway (tbc) — Jacinta Prunty (IHTA/Maynooth University)
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 (Institute for Comparative Urban History, Münster)
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), Daniel Stracke (Institute for Comparative Urban History, Münster) and Anngret Simms (European Historic Towns Atlas).
5.00 p.m. Closing remarks by Michael Starrett or Liam Mannix (Heritage Council)
5.15 p.m. Launch of Irish Historic Towns Atlas, no. 28, Galway by Jacinta Prunty and Paul Walsh