

Royal Irish Academy Standing Committee for International Affairs (SCIA)

'One hundred years of Irish foreign policy: looking back, looking forwards'

Thursday, 23 May 2019

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.20 Welcome—Peter Kennedy, President Royal Irish Academy
- 9.30 Keynote: Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Simon Coveney, T.D.
- 9.55 Conference Introduction: Mervyn O'Driscoll (Chair, SCIA)
- 10.00 Panel 1
Title: **ORIGINS AND EVOLUTION OF IRISH DIPLOMACY**
Chair: Colin Wrafter (SCIA)
Speaker 1: Gerard Keown
'Knocking on the door: the influence of the Paris Peace Conference of 1919 on the development of Irish foreign policy'
Speaker 2: Mary MacDiarmada (DCU)
'Art O'Brien: London envoy of the first Dáil Éireann: "a diplomat in the citadel of the enemy's authority"'
Speaker 3: Dermot Keogh (UCC)
'The foundation of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and early diplomacy in Latin America'
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.50 Panel 2
Title: **PERSPECTIVES ON IRISH DIPLOMACY**
Chair: Etain Tannam (SCIA)
Speaker 1: Shane Darcy (NUIG)
'The evolving relationship of business, human rights and Irish foreign policy'
Speaker 2: Owen McGee
'Finance, geopolitics and the avoidance of war: an evolving framework for Irish diplomacy?'
Speaker 3: Ann Marie O'Brien (MU)
'A century of change: the (in)visibility of women in the Irish foreign service, 1919–2019'
Speaker 4: Niall Connors
'Education and the humanitarian space: is there a dissonance between military education and military practice?'
- 13.15 Lunch

- 14.00 Panel 3
 Title: **SECURITY, DEFENCE AND PEACE KEEPING**
 Chair: Delia Ferri (SCIA)
 Speaker 1: Timothy O'Brien (UNTSI)
 'The evolution of Defence Forces Peace Support Operations'
 Speaker 2: Karen Devine (DCU)
 '100 years of Irish neutrality: is it still a "cornerstone" of Irish Foreign Policy?'
 Speaker 3: Paul Hegarty (DFTC)
 'Defence engagement in Irish foreign policy: time for a joint force concept'
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.50 Plenary
 Chair: Andrew Cottey (SCIA)
 Speaker: Sinead Walsh, EU Ambassador to South Sudan
- 16.35 Roundtable
 Title: **THE FUTURE OF IRISH DIPLOMACY**
 Chair: Suzanne Egan (SCIA)
 Speaker 1: Martin Mansergh, MRIA
 'From a restrictive framework to a shared one: the development of the scope and context of a sovereign Irish State'
 Speaker 2: Donnacha O'Connell (NUIG)
 'Domesticating international human rights obligations as a means of bolstering Irish foreign policy'
 Speaker 3: Eilis Ward (NUIG)
 'Ireland, empathy and international relations: ideas in Search of a home'
- 17.30 Conference close
 Mervyn O'Driscoll (Chair, SCIA)
- 18.00 Launch of *Irish Studies in International Affairs*, by Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Niall Burgess, Iveagh House.

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