



REPRESENTATION, GENDER AND POLITICS: PAST AND PRESENT

Reflecting on the centenary of the
Representation of the People Act (1918)

1 FEBRUARY 2018

Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson St, Dublin 2

PROGRAMME

8.30 **Registration**

9.00 **Welcome:** Michael Peter Kennedy, President,
Royal Irish Academy

Introduction: Seán Ó Fearghaíl, TD, Ceann Comhairle

9.30 **PANEL 1 – HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES
ON WOMEN’S ACTIVISM AND THE EARLY
SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT**

Women’s activism for women’s rights in nineteenth-century Ireland

Maria Luddy, Department of History, University of Warwick

**What happened at Westminster? Men, women and
the Representation of the People Bill**

Mari Takayanagi, senior archivist, Houses of Parliament UK

**Suffragists and suffragettes: debates and activities
within the Irish suffrage movement**

Margaret Ward, Department of History, Queen’s University
Belfast

Respondent: Myles Dungan, RTÉ Radio 1 and University

College Dublin. Chair: Steven Ellis, NUI Galway, Chair; RIA
Historical Studies Committee

11.00 Tea/Coffee

11.30 **PANEL 2 – SUFFRAGE IN HISTORICAL
CONTEXT**

**Problematic sisterhood: the British and Irish
suffrage movements, 1910–16**

Senia Paseta, Faculty of History, University of Oxford

**A definite cry for political freedom: the Ulster
suffrage movement**

Diane Urquhart, Institute of Irish Studies, University of
Liverpool

**‘Make men of you all’: the inconvenience of
suffrage in Irish nationalist and labour movements**

Sonja Tiernan, Department of History and Politics, Liverpool
Hope University

Respondent: Mary E. Daly, MRIA. Chair: Catherine Martin, TD

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13.00 Lunch

14.00 **PANEL 3 – WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT**

Frances Fitzgerald, TD, Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation

Senator Ivana Bacik

Fiona O'Loughlin, TD

Senator Alice Mary Higgins

Clare Daly, TD

Louise O'Reilly, TD

Chair: Jane Suiter, Dublin City University

15.30 Tea/Coffee

16.00 **PANEL 4 – POLITICS AND GENDER IN IRELAND TODAY**

Unfinished business—women and political representation on the island of Ireland

Yvonne Galligan, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University, Belfast

Gender quotas—a catalyst for change in Irish politics?

Fiona Buckley, Department of Government and Politics, University College Cork

When and what women talk about when they speak in the Dáil

Gail McElroy, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin

Respondent: Sarah Childs, Department of Politics, Birkbeck College, University of London. Chair: John Morison, School of Law, Queen's University, Belfast; Chair, RIA Ethical, Legal, Political and Philosophical Committee

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