

Module Descriptor

Module Title	Ireland's Landscapes: from Plantation to Celtic Tiger	
Module Code	GY 501	
NFQ Level	9	
Credits	10	
Module Co-Ordinator	Dr Ruth McManus and Dr Jonathan Cherry	
Module Description	<p>Significant changes to the Irish cultural landscape have taken place since the seventeenth century, which is the starting point of this module. The evolution of the urban system, in particular the growth of Irish country towns, is explored within the context of landlordism. The impacts of decisions made in the 'big house' can be seen in demesne landscapes, agricultural improvements and estate towns and villages which are depicted on the first edition Ordnance Survey maps. Meanwhile, by the 18th century, Dublin had become established as the 'second city' of the British Empire and was being remade by the urban authorities and by private interests. This module examines the changing relationships between economy, politics and society which moulded the evolving urban and rural landscapes of Ireland, charting the demise of landlordism and the upheavals which led to a new landscape of smallholdings. The shifting urban context also saw the loss of Dublin's status in the 19th century and a combination of factors leading to suburbanisation, initially for the middle-classes and, by the mid-20th century, for everyone. By the end of the 20th century, Ireland's urban and rural landscapes were radically different. This module takes a historical geography perspective to examine these topics, using a range of sources including cartographic and archive materials, and incorporating fieldwork as well as seminar and practical based learning.</p>	
Learning Outcomes	<p><i>On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trace in detail the key periods of landscape evolution and development in Ireland from 1600 to 2000. 2. Critically evaluate the role and impact of key agents of rural and urban landscape change during the period 1600 to 2000 and identify their legacy in the contemporary Irish landscape. 3. Explain the factors influencing Dublin's development from the 18th century and assess the geographical implications of political and economic change. 4. Reflect upon the relationship between social and political change and the evolution of the cultural landscape. 5. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key concepts and main research methodologies underpinning contemporary approaches in historical geography. 6. Use key sources and techniques in historical geography to create a discrete fieldwork exercise and articulate and implement this effectively during fieldwork excursions. 7. Construct a well-designed original piece of research in historical geography using a range of primary source material. 8. Engage in self-directed learning through independent study in specialised areas of personal interest. 	
Assessment Breakdown		%
Continuous Assessment		100
End of Semester Formal Examination		0

Assessment	Type	% Contribution	Learning Outcomes
	Participation in practical sessions / seminars and fieldwork	30	1,2,3,4, 5 & 6
	Review essay (5,000 words)	70	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8
Student Workload	Description	Total Hours	
	Lectures	12	
	Practical sessions	12	
	Fieldwork	8	
	Assigned weekly readings and practical preparation	60	
	Independent learning, assignment research and writing	158	
	1 ECT~ 25 hours of work	250	

Key Readings	Books/Book Chapters/Journal Articles/Online Resources	
	F. H. A. Aalen et al (eds), <i>Atlas of the Irish Rural Landscape</i> (2 nd ed., Cork, 2011)	
	J.H Andrews & Anngret Simms (eds), <i>More Irish country towns</i> (Dublin, 1985)	
	Joseph Brady, <i>Dublin 1930-1950: the emergence of the modern city</i> (Dublin, 2014)	
	Joseph Brady, <i>Dublin 1950-1970: houses, flats and high-rise</i> (Dublin, 2016)	
	Joseph Brady & Anngret Simms, <i>Dublin through space and time c.900 to 1900</i> (Dublin, 2001)	
	Howard B. Clarke (ed), <i>Irish cities</i> (Dublin, 1995)	
	Howard B. Clarke & Sarah Gearty (eds), <i>Maps and texts: exploring the Irish historic towns atlas</i> (Dublin, 2013)	
	John Crowley et al (eds), <i>Atlas of the Great Irish Famine</i> (Cork, 2012)	
	David Dickson, <i>Dublin: the making of a capital city</i> (London, 2014)	
	Terence Dooley, <i>The land for the people</i> (Dublin, 2004)	
	Terence Dooley, <i>The big houses and landed estates of Ireland</i> (Dublin, 2007)	
	Patrick J. Duffy, <i>Exploring the history and heritage of Irish landscapes</i> (Dublin, 2007)	
	Erika Hanna, <i>Modern Dublin: urban change and the Irish past, 1957-1973</i> (Oxford, 2013)	
	David Harkness & Mary O'Dowd (eds), <i>The town in Ireland</i> (Belfast, 1981)	
	James Lyttleton & Colin Rynne (eds), <i>Plantation Ireland</i> (Dublin, 2009)	
	Ruth McManus, <i>Dublin 1910-1940: shaping the city and suburbs</i> (Dublin, 2002)	
	John Morrissey et al, <i>Key concepts in historical geography</i> (London, 2014)	
	Jacinta Prunty, <i>Dublin slums</i> (Dublin, 1998)	
	Jacinta Prunty, <i>Maps and map-making</i> (Dublin, 2004)	
	Anngret Simms & J.H. Andrews (eds), <i>Irish country towns</i> (Dublin, 1984)	
	William J. Smyth, <i>Map-making, landscapes and memory</i> (Cork, 2008)	
	The following publication series will also be drawn upon:	
	<i>County History and Society Series</i>	
	<i>Maynooth Studies in Local History Series</i>	
	<i>Dublin Through Space and Time Series</i>	
	<i>Irish Historic Towns Atlas Series</i>	
	Additional online resources will be provided on <i>Loop</i> and used in practical sessions.	
Indicative content	Lecture Title	Brief Description
	Topic 1	Foundations: Settlement and society in Plantation Ireland (RMcM & JC)
	Topic 2	Ireland transformed: landscapes of town and country in the 17 th century (JC)
	Topic 3	Improving the rural landscape: demesne creation, big house

		construction and estate management during the 18 th and 19 th centuries (JC)
	Topic 4	Shaping urban landscapes: landlords as agents of change during the 18 th and 19 th centuries (JC)
	Topic 5	Making Dublin during the 18 th century: the role of urban landlords, the corporation and the state (RMcM)
	Topic 6	Fieldwork (RMcM & JC)
	Topic 7	Dublin: after the Act of Union (RMcM)
	Topic 8	Failure of the system: famine and aftermath (JC)
	Topic 9	Fragmented city: suburbs and slums in late 19 th and early 20 th century Dublin(RMcM)
	Topic 10	New farms and rural landscapes: land reform from the late 19 th to mid-20 th century (JC)
	Topic 11	Urban housing in the 20 th century (RMcM)
	Topic 12	Geographies of 21 st century Ireland (RMcM & JC)
Other programme(s) to which module will be delivered in 2017-2018		
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