

## **LS43 Introduction to Irish economic and social history**

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• **Module objectives:** Awareness of key issues and structures in the socio-economic life of Ireland, 1840-1940.

• **Module content:** The impact of the Great Famine; the context of emigration; poverty and money; the primary sources: the censuses and official publications.

**Assessment:** Total marks: 100%: Individual project 75%, Class test 25%

- 1 Introduction – 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries + population trends over time
- 2 Pre-famine socio-economic conditions
- 3 Hungry 40's (famine)
- 4 Emigration – pre and post famine trends
- 5 Land structure 1847-1914
- 6 'land war' and beyond
- 7 Banking and financial development
- 8 The post office – a socio-economic institution – industrial developments
- 9 World war I – post 1900
- 10 Education- primary, secondary, tertiary, 1830s national schools (primary education) – 1967 'free education' (secondary) – 1997 (free fees third level)
- 11 Economic war/emergency et al - conditions in the north v south
- 12 Conclusion – epilogue

### **Core reading:**

Clear, Caitriona, *Social change and everyday life in Ireland, 1850-1922* (Manchester, 2007).

Cullen, L. M., *An economic history of Ireland since 1660* (Dublin, 1972).

Donnelly, James S., *The land and the people of nineteenth century Cork: The rural economy and the land question* (London, 1975).

Garvin, Tom, *Preventing the future: why was Ireland so poor for so long?* (Dublin, 2004).

Lee, Joseph, *The modernisation of Irish society* (Dublin, 1973).

Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland before and after the Famine: explorations in economic history, 1800 -1925* ( 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Manchester, 1993).

Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).

### **Supplementary reading:**

Crotty, Raymond D., *Irish agricultural production: its volume and structure* (Cork, 1966)

Dickson, David and Ó Gráda, Cormac (eds), *Refiguring Ireland: essays in honour of L. M. Cullen* (Dublin 2003).

Graham, B.J. and L.J. Proudfoot, *A historical geography of Ireland* (London, 1993).

Vaughan, W. E. (ed.) *A new history of Ireland, v: Ireland under the Union, i, 1801-70* (Oxford, 1989, reprinted 1998); *A new history of Ireland, vi: Ireland under the Union, ii, 1870-1921* (Oxford, 1996).

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**Core reading:**  
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**Supplementary reading:**  
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 Hollis, Aidan, and Sweetman, Arthur, ‘Microcredit in pre-famine Ireland’ in *Explorations in Economic History*, xxxv (1998), pp 347-380.  
 Kennedy, Liam, ‘The cost of living in Ireland, 1698-1998’ in David Dickson and Cormac Ó Gráda (eds.), *Refiguring Ireland, essays in honour of L. M. Cullen* (Dublin, 2003), pp 249 – 276.  
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 O’Connor, James, *The workhouses in Ireland: the fate of Ireland’s poor* (Dublin, 1995).
- 3 Hungry 40’s (famine)**  
**Core reading:**  
 Chapter 8 in Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).  
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 Crotty, Raymond D., *Irish agricultural production: its volume and structure* (Cork, 1966).  
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 Daly, Mary E., *Social and economic history of Ireland since 1800* (Dublin, 1981).  
 Geary, Laurence M., *Medicine and charity in Ireland 1718-1851* (Dublin, 2004).  
 Hoppen, K. Theodore, *Ireland since 1800: conflict and conformity* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Essex, 1999).  
 Kennedy, Liam and Solar, Peter M., *Irish agriculture: a price history* (Dublin, 2007).  
 Malthus, T. R., *An Essay on the principle of population; or, a view of its past and present effects on human happiness with an inquiry into our prospects respecting the future removal or mitigation of the*

- evils which it occasions*, third edition, vol I (London, 1806).
- Mokyr, Joel *Why Ireland starved: a quantitative and analytical history of the Irish economy, 1800-1850* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., London, 1985).
- O'Connor, John, *The workhouses in Ireland: the fate of Ireland's poor* (Dublin, 1995).
- Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Black '47 and beyond: the great Irish famine* (New Jersey, 1999).
- Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Famine: a short history* (Princeton, 2009).
- Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland before and after the Famine: explorations in economic history, 1800 -1925* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Manchester, 1993).
- Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland's Great Famine: interdisciplinary perspectives* (Dublin, 2006)
- O'Rourke, Kevin, 'Did the Great Irish Famine matter?' in *The Journal of Economic History*, li, 1 (Mar., 1991), pp 1-22.

#### 4 **Emigration – pre and post famine trends**

Core reading:

- Chapter 4 in Clear, Caitriona, *Social change and everyday life in Ireland, 1850-1922* (Manchester, 2007).
- Chapter 9 in Ó'Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).

Supplementary reading:

- Akenson, Donald Harman, *The Irish Diaspora: a primer* (Belfast, 1996).
- Bielenberg, Andy (ed.) *The Irish Diaspora* (Essex, 2000).
- Coughlan, Brian, *Achill island tattie hokers in Scotland and the Kirkintilloch tragedy, 1937* (Dublin, 2006).
- Fitzpatrick, D., *Irish emigration 1801-1921* (Dundalk, 1984).
- Guinnane, Timothy W., *The vanishing Irish: households, migration, and the rural economy in Ireland 1850- 1914* (New Jersey, 1997).
- Hatton, Timothy J., Williamson, Jeffrey G. (eds.), *Migration and the international labor market* (London, 1994).
- Ó'Gráda, Cormac, 'Seasonal migration and post-famine adjustment in the west of Ireland' in *Studia Hibernica*, xiii, (1973), pp 48-76.
- Ó'Gráda, Cormac, 'A note on nineteenth-century Irish emigration statistics' in *Population studies*, xxix, no. 1( march, 1975), pp 143 – 149.
- Ó'Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).
- Magee, Gary B., and Thompson, Andrew S., 'Lines of credit, debts of obligation': migrant remittances to Britain, c. 1875-1913' in *Economic History Review*, lix, 3 (2006), pp 539-577.
- Miller, Kerby, *Emigrants and exiles: Ireland and the Irish exodus to North America* (Oxford, 1985).
- Report of the Commission on Emigration and other population problems, 1848-1954* (Department of Social Welfare, Dublin 1954)
- Schrier, Arnold, *Ireland and the American emigration 1850-1900* (Minnesota, 1958, reprint 1997).
- Thomas, Brinley, *Migration and economic growth: A study of Great Britain and the Atlantic economy* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1973, Cambridge).

#### 5 **Land structure 1847-1914**

Core reading

Chapter 11 in Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).

Supplementary reading

Chapter 1 in Clear, Caitriona, *Social change and everyday life in Ireland, 1850-1922* (Manchester, 2007).

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## 6 'land war' and beyond

Core reading:

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Chapters 10& 11 in Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).

Supplementary reading:

Crotty, Raymond D., *Irish agricultural production: its volume and structure* (Cork, 1966)

Donnelly, James S., *The land and the people of nineteenth century Cork: The rural economy and the land question* (London, 1975).

Hobsbawm, E. J., *Industry and empire* (London 1968, reprinted 1990 and revised edition 1999).

Hobsbawm, Eric, *The age of empire, 1875-1914* (London, 1987, reprint 2000).

Hoppen, K. Theodore, *Ireland since 1800: conflict and conformity* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Essex, 1999).

Jordan, Donald E., *Land and popular politics in Ireland: county Mayo from the Plantation to the Land War* (Cambridge, 1994).

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Solow, Barbara Lewis, *The Land question and the Irish economy, 1870-1903* (Harvard, 1971).

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Vaughan, W. E., *Landlords and tenants in Ireland 1848-1904* (Dundalk, 1984, revised 1994).

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### **Banking and financial development**

Core Reading:

Chapters 3, 6 & 14 in Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).

Supplementary reading:

Barrow, G. L., 'Justice for Thomas Mooney' in *Dublin Historical Record*, xxiv, 1 (1970), pp 173-188. #

Barrow, G. L., *The emergence of the Irish banking system 1820-1845* (Dublin, 1973).

Forsyth, Douglas, and Verdier, Daniel (eds.), *The origins of National Financial systems: Alexander Gerschenkron reconsidered* (London, 2003). #

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Goldsmith, Raymond W., *Financial structure and development* (Yale, 1969). #

Hall, F. G., *The Bank of Ireland 1783-1946* (Dublin, 1948).

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Homer, Sidney, and Sylla, Richard, *A history of interest rates* (4<sup>th</sup> ed. New Jersey, 2005). #

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Ollerenshaw, Philip, *Banking in nineteenth century Ireland: the Belfast banks, 1825-1914* (Manchester, 1987).

Lyons, F. S. L. (ed.), *Bicentenary essays, Bank of Ireland 1783-1983* (Dublin, 1983),

Munn, Charles W., 'The coming of joint-stock banking in Scotland and Ireland, c. 1820-1845' in T. M. Devine and David Dickson (eds.), *Ireland and Scotland, 1600-1850* (Edinburgh, 1983), pp 204-218.

Ó' Gráda, Cormac, 'Moral hazard and quasi-central banking: Should the Munster Bank have been saved?' in David Dickson and Cormac Ó Gráda (eds.), *Refiguring Ireland, essays in honour of L. M. Cullen* (Dublin, 2003), pp 316 -341.

O'Shea, James, *Prince of swindlers: John Sadlier M.P. 1813-1856* (Dublin, 1999).

O'Rourke, Kevin H., 'Monetary data and proxy GDP estimates: Ireland 1840-1921' in *Irish Economic and Social History*, xxv (1998), pp 22 -51.

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### **The post office – a socio-economic institution – industrial developments**

Core reading:

Chapters 12 & 13 in Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).

Chapter 6 in Cullen, L. M., *An economic history of Ireland since 1660* (Dublin, 1972).

Supplementary reading:

Allen, Robert C., *The British industrial revolution in global perspective* (Cambridge, 2009).

Clarkson, L. A., 'Population change and urbanisation, 1821-1911', in Liam Kennedy and Philip Ollerenshaw (eds), *An economic history of Ulster 1820-1939* (Manchester, 1985), pp 137-157

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Goldstrom, J. M., 'The industrialisation of the North-East' in *The formation of the Irish economy* (Cork, 1976), pp 101 – 112.

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Gibbon, H. D., 'Economic and social history, 1850-1921' in W. E. Vaughan (ed.) *A new history of Ireland, vi: Ireland under the Union, ii, 1870-1921* (Oxford, 1996), pp 260 – 356.

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Johnson, D. S., 'Industrial labour and the labour movement, 1820-1914', in Liam Kennedy and Philip Ollerenshaw (eds), *An economic history of Ulster 1820-1939* (Manchester, 1985), pp 158-183

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Lee, Joseph, 'Capital in the Irish economy' in L. M. Cullen (ed.) *The formation of the Irish economy* (Cork, 1976), pp 53-63.

Lee, Joseph, 'The railways in the Irish economy' in L. M. Cullen (ed.) *The formation of the Irish economy* (Cork, 1976), pp 77-87.

McCutcheon, W. A., 'Transport, 1820-1914', in Liam Kennedy and Philip Ollerenshaw (eds), *An economic history of Ulster 1820-1939* (Manchester, 1985), pp 109-136

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Perry, C. R., *The Victorian Post Office: the growth of a bureaucracy* (Suffolk, 1992).

## 9 World war I – post 1900

**Core reading:**

Ó'Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland before and after the Famine: explorations in economic history, 1800 -1925* ( 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Manchester, 1993).

Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994).

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- Birchall, Johnston, *The international co-operative movement* (Manchester, 1997).
- Bolger, Patrick, *The Irish co-operative movement: its history and development*, (Dublin, 1977).
- Breathnach, Ciara, *The congested districts board of Ireland, 1891-1923* (Dublin, 2005).
- Crotty, Raymond D., *Irish agricultural production: its volume and structure* (Cork, 1966)
- Daly, Mary E., *The first department: a history of the Department of Agriculture* (Dublin, 2002).
- Digby, Margaret, *The world co-operative movement* (London, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1960)
- Donnelly, James S., *The land and the people of nineteenth century Cork: The rural economy and the land question* (London, 1975).
- Dooley, Terrence, *'The land for the people': the land question in independent Ireland* (Dublin, 2004).
- Gibbon, H. D., 'Economic and social history, 1850-1921' in W. E. Vaughan (ed.) *A new history of Ireland, vi: Ireland under the Union, ii, 1870-1921* (Oxford, 1996), pp 260 – 356.
- Guinnane, Timothy W., 'A failed institutional transplant: Raiffeisen's credit cooperatives in Ireland, 1894-1914' in *Explorations in Economic History*, xxxi (1994), pp 38-61.
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- Kennedy, Liam, 'The early response of the Irish catholic clergy to the co-operative movement' in *Irish Historical Studies*, xxi (1977-8), pp55 – 74.
- Kennedy, Liam, 'The Roman Catholic church and economic growth in nineteenth century Ireland' in *The Economic and Social Review*, x, no. 1 (October 1978), pp 45-59.
- Ó Gráda, Cormac. 'The beginnings of the Irish creamery system, 1880-1914' in *Economic History Review*, xxx (1977), pp 284-305.
- O'Rourke, Kevin H., 'Property rights, politics and innovation: creamery diffusion in pre-1914 Ireland' in *European Review of Economic history*, xi (2007), pp 395-417.

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### **Education**

#### **Core Reading:**

Clear, Caitriona, *Social change and everyday life in Ireland, 1850-1922* (Manchester, 2007).

#### **Supplementary reading:**

A'Hearn, Baten, Jorg, and Crayen, Dorothee 'Quantifying quantitative literacy: age heaping and the history of human capital' in *the Journal of Economic History*, 69, no. 3 (September 2009), pp 783-808.

- Akenson, Donald H., *The Irish education experiment: the national system of education in the nineteenth century* (London, 1970)
- Akenson, Donald, *Education and enmity: the control of schooling in Northern Ireland 1920-50* (Devon, 1973).
- Akenson, Donald Harman, *A mirror to Kathleen's face: education in independent Ireland 1922-1960* (London, 1975)
- Coolahan, John, *Irish education: Its history and structure 1800-1980* (Dublin, 1981).
- Cullen, L. M., *An economic history of Ireland since 1660* (Dublin, 1972).
- Daly, Mary E., *Social and economic history of Ireland since 1800* (Dublin, 1981).
- Daly, Mary and Dickson, David (eds), *The origins of popular literacy in Ireland: language change and educational development 1700-1920* (Dublin, 1990).
- Fitzpatrick, David, 'A share of the honeycomb': education, emigration and Irishwomen' in *Continuity and change*, I, (2), 1986, pp 217-234
- Garvin, Tom, *Preventing the future: why was Ireland so poor for so long?* (Dublin, 2004).
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- Hyland, Aine, 'The multi-denominational experience in the national school system in Ireland' in *Irish Educational Studies*, viii (1989), pp23-36
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- Lindert, Peter H., *Growing public: social spending and economic growth since the eighteenth century* (Cambridge, 2004)
- Logan, Logan, 'How many people went to school in the nineteenth century?' in *Irish Educational Studies*, viii (1989), pp23-36
- McManus, Antonia, *The Irish hedge school and its books, 1695-1831* (Dublin, 2002).
- Mitch, David, *The rise of popular literacy in Victorian England* (Pennsylvania, 1992).
- Ó Buachalla, Seamus, 'The language in the classroom' in *The Crane Bag*, v, 2 (1981) pp 18-32
- Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994)
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**11 Economic war/emergency et al - conditions in the north v south**

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- Ó Gráda, Cormac, *Ireland: a new economic history 1780-1939* (Oxford, 1994)
- Ó Gráda, Cormac, *A rocky road: the Irish economy since the 1920s* (Manchester, 1997)

**12 Conclusion – epilogue**