

Irish and British migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean in the long-nineteenth century

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This workshop on the history of Irish and British migration to Latin America and the Caribbean seeks to bring new perspectives on questions of settler colonialism, capitalism, activism, abolitionism and transatlantic networks in the long-nineteenth century. The workshop is funded by a British Academy award.

Programme

Session 1 9.30-10.50. Chair: Dr David Wilson

An Era of Emancipation? Enslaved Miners, British Capital, and Revolution in Spain's Atlantic Empire.

Dr Jesús Sanjurjo-Ramos (University of Strathclyde)

Sewing sedition: Black British tailors and seamstresses in Cuba's underground abolitionist movement (ca. 1830s).

Dr Lloyd Belton (University of Glasgow)

Coffee break

Session 2 11.10-12.30. Chair: Dr Fearghus Roulston

Irish migration and settlement in the Hispanic Caribbean: colonial archives and digital humanities approaches.

Dr Margaret Brehony (University of Galway)

Building empire(s) after independence? Spanish America as "a field for Irish speculation" from the 1820s to the 1840s.

Dr Jose Brownrigg Gleeson (University of Salamanca)

Lunch 12.30-13.10

Session 3 - 13.10-14.30 Chair: Dr Charles Pigott

Settler Colonialism and Welsh Patagonia.

Dr Geraldine Lublin (Swansea University)

Los Hiberno-argentinos en el Imperio británico: de lo local a lo global.

Dr Maria Eugenia Cruset (Universidad del Salvador/Universidad Nacional de Quilmes)

Coffee break

Session 4 - 14.50 - 16.10 Chair Dr Anna Lively

"Untrodden Ground:" European travel writers in the pampas and Patagonia.

Dr Carrie Ryan (St Norbert College, Wisconsin)

Irish Migrants and the 'Conquest of the Desert (1878-1885)' in Argentina.

Dr Niall Whelehan (University of Strathclyde)