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Public Lecture Series

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The Irish Studies Centre

The main aim of the Irish Studies Centre is the promotion of Irish Studies as an academic area through research, teaching, documentation and community liaison. The focus of the teaching and research programme of the Centre is the political, social, cultural and economic changes in modern Ireland and the Irish diaspora.

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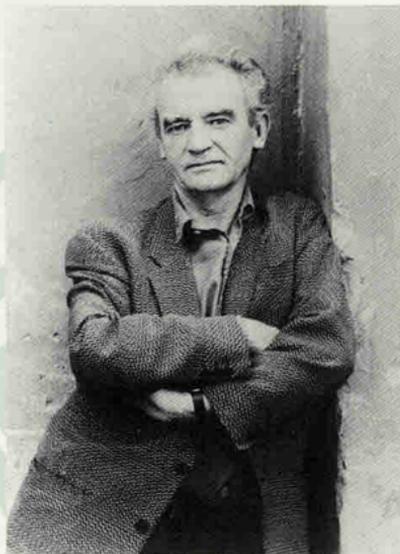
- MA Irish Contemporary Studies (subject to validation)
- A national survey of the second generation Irish in Britain
- A major expansion of the Irish in Britain Archive

The Public Lecture Series is an annual highlight and it is open to any interested member of the public. Speakers have included Edna O'Brien, Professor Declan Kiberd, Fintan O'Toole, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, David Ervine MP and Taoiseach Bertie Ahern. The lectures are participatory in nature, with a 'question and answer' session. They are followed by a reception, which provides an opportunity to meet the speaker personally and to network with other members of the audience.

Seamus Deane

'From the Gothic to the Modern: Irish Fiction 1850-1930'

Seamus Deane is currently Keough Professor of Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. He is general editor of the three-volume *Field Day Anthology* of Irish Literature and author of a number of books of criticism and poetry. His highly acclaimed debut novel *Reading in the Dark* was awarded the Guardian Fiction Prize, the Irish Times Fiction Award and was also shortlisted for the Booker Prize. His most recent book is *Strange Country: Modernity and Nationhood in Irish Writing since 1790*.



Thursday 6 April, 7.30 pm

Reception to follow

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Fergal Keane

'Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies: An Agenda for Hope'

Fergal Keane is World Affairs Correspondent for the BBC. He was appointed BBC correspondent to South Africa in 1990, having covered the region since the early 1980's. He has collected numerous awards for his radio and TV reports and for his documentaries on the conflicts in South Africa and Rwanda. In 1995 he won the

Orwell Prize for the best political book of the year with *Season of Blood: A Rwandan Journey* and more recently, he captured the hearts of many with *Letters to Daniel: Despatches from the Heart*, his critically acclaimed message to his newborn son. His two-part documentary on the Northern Ireland Peace Process *Irish Journeys* was broadcast last year.



Friday 5 May, 7.30pm

Reception to follow

Helena Kennedy QC

(in conversation with Dr Mary
Hickman, Director of Irish
Studies Centre)

'Changing Identities: Ireland and Britain in the 21st Century'

Baroness Kennedy is Chair of the British Council. She was made a Queen's Counsel in 1991 and was awarded a life peerage in 1997. She is renowned for her leading work on major criminal cases in Britain over the last decade, including the Brighton Bombing Trial and the Guildford Four Appeal. She is also the Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University and has fifteen honorary doctorates in law. A frequent broadcaster and journalist on law and women's rights, she created the BBC television series *Blind Justice* in 1987. Her award-winning book on women in the British criminal justice system *Eve was Framed*, was published in 1992.



Wednesday 24 May, 7.30pm

Reception to follow

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Admission

The Public Lecture Series is open to any interested member of the public.
All lectures are FREE and commence at 7.30pm
Entrance is by registration only

Venue

Henry Thomas Room
New Tower
University of North London
166-220 Holloway Road
London N7 8DB

The Public Lecture Series will take place at the New Tower, the University of North London's new state-of-the-art facility. The building was designed by well-known architect, Rick Mather, to provide the best possible environment for learning. All the lectures will take place on the ground floor of the New Tower in the purpose built Henry Thomas conference room.

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Registration

Please indicate how many seats you would like reserved for each date in the box provided (NB maximum 2 reservations per person).

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Wednesday 24 May, Helena Kennedy QC

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Please tick for information on forthcoming Irish Writers in London Summer School (28 June – 6 August 2000).

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By bus

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