

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES: LECTURE SERIES

In accordance with its aims of seeking to promote a better understanding of Ireland and the Irish in Britain, and to present more fully all cultural traditions on the island of Ireland, the BAIS is inaugurating a series of lectures of general interest, to be delivered by authoritative representatives of that cultural diversity. The lectures will cover as broad a spectrum as possible of Irish themes, religious, literary, historical, political, geographical, economic, from a variety of viewpoints.

The distinguished speakers listed below have been invited to give the inaugural series in London, on the general theme of "Ireland Divided?" The topics should be of great interest to anyone interested in Ireland and the Irish, and post-lecture discussion will be encouraged.

We hope that these lectures will be the first of a series, and intend that in future lectures will be delivered in other centres such as Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh.

Speakers (First Series):

DR. MICHAEL LAFFAN, educated in Dublin, Cambridge and Mainz, currently lectures at University College, Dublin, and is the author of The Partition of Ireland, 1911-1925.

DR. BRIAN INGLIS was brought up in Dublin and educated at Shrewsbury School and Magdalen College, Oxford. He has been a squadron-leader (R.A.F.), an Irish Times columnist, a lecturer in Trinity College, Dublin, and a well-known presenter of What the Papers Say and All Our Yesterdays. A prolific writer on alternative medicine and paranormal experience, he has also written extensively on Irish history, his book on Roger Casement being especially well known.

DR. PAUL BEW is Reader in Political Science at Queen's University, Belfast. His most recent books are Conflict and Conciliation in Ireland and The British State and the Ulster Crisis.

SÉAN MacRÉAMOINN was Head of External Affairs at RTE and broadcast extensively on religious matters. He is a distinguished writer/broadcaster/journalist in both English and Irish. Among his recent books is The Pleasures of Gaelic Poetry.

MICHAEL FARRELL, born in Northern Ireland, was one of the founders of People's Democracy and was active in the Civil Rights Movement. He is currently a journalist with the Irish Press in Dublin and is author of The Orange State, and Arming the Protestants.

JOHN COONEY is Irish correspondent for The Times. He was previously European Community, religious affairs and chief political correspondent for Irish Times. He is director of the General Humbert Summer School, Mayo, and is a Scot.

IRELAND DIVIDED?

Inaugural lecture series of The British Association for Irish Studies (BAIS)

		<u>Chairman</u>
Dr. Michael Laffan:	IRISH HISTORIANS AND MODERN IRISH HISTORY (October 29)	Jim O'Hara (Vice Chairman BAIS) (St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill)
Brian Inglis:	ON BEING A WEST BRITON (November 5)	George Watson (Aberdeen University)
Dr. Paul Bew:	THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT: THE UNIONIST DILEMMA (November 12)	Roy Foster (Birkbeck College, London University)
Dr. Sean MacReamoinn:	FAITH AND FATHERLAND: MYTH AND REALITY (November 19)	Tony Kenny (Balliol College, Oxford University)
Michael Farrell:	CIVIL RIGHTS TWENTY YEARS ON: A PERSONAL VIEW (November 26)	Ruth Dudley Edwards (Chairwoman BAIS)
John Cooney:	REPORTING IRELAND (December 3)	Maeve Binchy (Irish Times)

All the lectures will take place on Thursdays in The Mall Galleries, 17 Carlton House, Terrace, London, SW1 at 7.45 p.m. Admission free.