



DRAFT PROGRAMME – SUBJECT TO CHANGE
**Popery, Politics and Prayer: British and
Irish Catholicism**

The 4th early modern British and Irish Catholicism conference

**11–13 July 2023
Durham University**

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Tuesday 11 July

9.30am: Registration, St Chad's College, reception

10.45am: **Conference welcome**
James Kelly (Durham University)

11.00am – 12.15pm: Plenary session

Tadhg Ó hAnnracháin (University College Dublin) – 'Catholic retrospective: Different Irish narrations of the disasters of the 1640s'

12.15pm – 1.15pm: Lunch

1.15pm – 2.45pm: Parallel sessions

Interregnum Catholicism

John Morrill (University of Cambridge) – 'How did Catholics cope with Cromwell?'

Eilish Gregory (Durham University) – 'Parliament and anti-Catholic legislation during the English Revolution, 1642–1660'

Alexa McCall (University of Notre Dame) 'Financial conversions: Religious transformation and state finance in Interregnum Ireland'

Catholic Enlightenment

Simon Johnson (Downside Abbey) – 'The English College at Lisbon and the age of Enlightenment'

Liam Chambers (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick) – 'Charles O'Connor and the politics of Catholic loyalty in mid-eighteenth-century Ireland'

James M. Patterson (Ave Maria University) – 'Simon Sober and Merry Meanwell: Catholic advocates for classical economics during the Scottish Enlightenment'

2.45pm – 3.15pm: Coffee

3.15pm – 4.45pm: Parallel sessions

Catholicism and the Restoration

Sho Makino (Trinity College Dublin) – 'Richard Bellings' manuscript'

Neil Johnston (The National Archives, Kew) – "'I fear the liberty allowed to the Irish to speak for themselves will turn to their prejudice": Charles II, Irish Catholic negotiators and the Restoration settlements'

Chelsea Reutcke (University of St Andrew's) – 'When is it popish? Restoration definitions and censorship of Catholic books'

British and Irish Catholics in the Atlantic World

Helen Kilburn (University of Notre Dame) – 'Trade networks and Catholic kinship in the British Empire (c.1620–1800)'

Bernard Dossa (Symbole d'Amite) – 'Relations maintained by Catholicism with voodoo cults according to the oral tradition (16th–19th centuries)'

Sadie Sunderland-Rhoads (University College London) – 'Pragmatic problems and popish recruits: The British policy of Irish Catholic recruitment during the American Revolution'

5.00pm – 6.45pm Dinner

6.45pm – 8.15pm: Parallel sessions

Experiences of Catholic Europe

Maria Luísa Jacquet (Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa) – 'Crossing lands: Meanings and expressions of the presence of Catholic missionaries in Lisbon (16th–17th centuries): the English College'

Mícheál Mac Craith (National University of Ireland, Galway) – 'Two contemporary Irish accounts of early modern Rome: Henry Piers (1595–1597) and Tadhg Ó Cianáin (1608)'

Frank Sobiech (University of Würzburg) – 'The English Benedictines in Rinteln 1630–1633: A resettlement with educational perspectives'

Relations with the State

Natalie Mears (Durham University) – 'Mary I, the origins of state anniversaries, and Marian propaganda'

Neil Younger (The Open University) – 'The Queen, the favourite and the Catholics: Sir Christopher Hatton and Elizabethan Catholicism'

Mary Brooks (Durham University) – 'Material culture under penalty: New approaches to understanding the histories and changing significance of recusant vestments'

Wednesday 12 July

8.45am: Bus departs for Ushaw College

9.15am – 10.45am: Parallel sessions

Iberian Influence

John Edwards (University of Oxford) – ‘Catholicism before 1570: Spanish friars in the dual monarchy of Philip and Mary’

Ana Sáez-Hidalgo (Universidad de Valladolid) – ‘Anglo-Spanish perceptions of Henry VIII: “Garzias”, Robert Persons, Sanders and Ribadeneyra’

Diego Herrero (Universidad de Valladolid) – ‘The Spanish monarchy and the Jacobean Catholics reconsidered: International, domestic and church politics between 1604–1626’

Remembering Persecution

Katy Gibbons (University of Portsmouth) – ‘Piety, politics and protest: The prayerbook of Thomas Percy, 7th earl of Northumberland’

Clarinda Calma (Tischner European University, Cracow) – ‘A story of two manuscripts: A comparative analysis of manuscript works by Edmund Campion, SJ (1540–1581)’

Elizabeth Patton (Johns Hopkins University) – ‘Why did John Felton’s daughter wait half a century before bearing witness?’

10.45am – 11.15am: Coffee

11.15am – 12.30pm: Plenary session

Marie-Louise Coolahan (National University of Ireland, Galway) – ‘Catholicism and the reception and circulation of women’s writing’

12.30pm – 2pm: Lunch

2.00pm – 3.30pm: Parallel sessions

Book and Performance Culture

Hannah Thomas (Bar Convent, York) – ‘Politics of reading: The Society of Jesus and a network of early modern libraries in England and Wales’

Caroline Lesemann-Elliott (Royal Holloway) – ‘Benedictines, bonfires, and basilindas: Politics, religion, and celebratory music at English convents in exile, 1660–1686’

Peter Leech (Cardiff University) – ‘Cardinal Henry Benedict Stuart (1725–1807) and Catholic book culture in Italian lands during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries’

Catholics Remembering

Claire Marsland (Durham University) – ‘The preservation and re-use of pre-Reformation liturgical artefacts by English Catholics: 1580–1700’

Christopher Archibald (Oxford University) – ‘The Herculean Counter-Reformation: Remembering Robert Persons at the English College, Rome, in 1648’

Bill Sheils (York University) – ‘The Marian Bishops and Martyrdom’

3.30pm – 4.00pm: Coffee

4.00pm – 5.30pm: Parallel sessions

British and Irish Catholicism ‘On the Move’: Sixteenth-Century Exile and Missionary Information Networks on the Continent

Earle Havens (Johns Hopkins University) – ‘A pilgrimage of desire: The Hispano-Anglo-Irish sojourns of a sixteenth-century prose allegory in manuscript and print’

J. Christopher Warner (Le Moyne College) – ‘Reigning on high, doing battle from the Low Countries: The publication and distribution of Nicholas Sanders’ *De visibili monarchia ecclesiae*, 1571–1592’

Victor Houlston (University of the Witwatersrand), ‘Robert Persons on the move in Spain: British and Irish seminaries and strategies’

The Influence of Political and Religious Theory

Alan Ford (University of Nottingham) – ‘Bellarmine and the defence of Irish Catholicism’

Christopher P. Gillett (University of Scranton) – ‘The emergence of Catholic constitutional activism in the seventeenth-century British world’

Lucy Underwood (University of Warwick) – ‘Political Catholics and politic historians: The meanings of words’

5.30pm: Bus

6.00pm – 6.30pm: Drinks reception

6.30pm – 9.30pm: Conference dinner

Thursday 13 July

9.00am – 10.15am: Plenary session

Michael Questier (Vanderbilt University) – “‘A religion that must be opposite to the universal Catholic Church”: Sir William Monson, the Protestant Reformation and the politics of virtue’

10.15am – 10.45am: Coffee

10.45am – 12.15pm: Parallel sessions

Satire, Politics, and Catholicism in ‘Long Reformation’ England

Alison Shell (University College London) – ‘Thomas Neal and the Nag’s Head consecration’

Adam Morton (Newcastle University) – ‘Anti-popery and conspiracy theory in early modern England’

Kendra Packham (Newcastle University) – ‘A “Counter-Reformation” satire and its Whig readers: Literature, politics, and cross-confessional exchanges in eighteenth-century England’

Catholics in the era of Enlightenment

Scholastica Jacob (Durham University) – ‘From exile to exile? Identity and experience of English Benedictine women in late eighteenth-century France and the Low Countries’

Cormac Begadon (Durham University) – ‘Remembering and forgetting: An English Benedictine monk, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution and the political settlement’

Niamh NicGhabhann (University of Limerick) – ‘Occupying space: Catholic architecture in Ireland, 1780–1800’

12.15pm – 1.15pm: Lunch

1.15pm – 2.45pm: Parallel sessions

Interdenominational and Spiritual Conversion

Thomas Santa Maria (Yale University) – ‘Dying well in English for the English from Erasmus to Taylor’

Brian Mac Cuarta (Campion Hall, Oxford University) – ‘Catholic zeal in Wentworth’s Ireland: Francis Slingsby, convert, in the 1630s’

Liam Temple (Durham University) – ‘French Capuchins at the court of Henrietta Maria: Agents of Catholic reform’

Catholics and the fallout from the Glorious Revolution

Clare Loughlin (University of Stirling) – ‘Papists in disguise: Popery, Presbyterianism, and the politics of the Hanoverian succession in Scotland’

Mark Shearwood (University of Leeds) – “‘In the best interest of the realm’: Catholic troops in the service of William III, 1688–1690’

Ugo Bruschi (University of Bologna) – ‘Playing the British card? An anonymous treatise of advice to a Catholic king of Great Britain (c.1710)’

2.45pm – 3.45pm: Roundtable Discussion

Participants include:

John McCafferty (University College Dublin)

Susannah Monta (University of Notre Dame)