Dublin Parliamentary Internship
Institute of Public Administration

Course Outline

History of Modern Ireland 1870 to the Present

The course surveys Irish History from the beginning of Home Rule movement, through the War of Independence, the establishment of the Republic of Ireland, to Ireland’s role in Europe today.

Though the course is essentially political in its focus, attention is given to social and cultural issues. Considerable attention is given to the history of Northern Ireland, from both the Nationalist and Unionist perspective, and of the present reestablishment of self-autonomy.

Students will be reminded throughout the course of parallel developments in European politics and society. On completion of the course students should have an understanding of the complex forces which have shaped modern Ireland.

The Essential Background: Ireland 1800-1870
The New Departure and the Land War
Home Rule and the Origins of Unionism
Cultural Nationalism
A Deepening Crisis: Ireland 1910-1914
The Rising and its Aftermath; Ireland 1916-1922
Achieving Freedom? Independent Ireland 1922-1948
Abandoning Isolationism, the Post-War Republic of Ireland
Asserting an Identity; Cultural and Religious Issues in Independent Ireland
Northern Ireland 1920-1945, the Consolidation of One-Party Rule
Unionists and the Welfare State 1945-1968, Lost Opportunities?
The End of Stormont, Northern Ireland 1968-1972
Emergence of the Irish Economy, The Celtic Tiger 1992-Present
Good Friday Agreement and its Aftermath 1998-Present
Readings

Mary E. Daly  A Social and Economic History of Ireland Since 1800. (1981)
Ronan Fanning  Independent Ireland, Helicon 1983
Ronan Fanning  Eamon de Valera: A Will to Power, Faber & Faber, 2015
Diarmaid Ferriter  Judging Dev: A Reassessment of the Life & Legacy of Eamon de Valera, Royal Irish Academy, 2007
David Harkness  Northern Ireland since 1920, Dublin, Helicon (1983)
Dermot Keogh  Twentieth Century Ireland: Nation and State, Gill and MacMillan, 1994
F.S.L. Lyons  Ireland since the Famine, London 1973
Cormac Ó Gráda  A New Economic History of Ireland, 1780-1939, Oxford University Press 1994

Websites

History Hub (http://historyhub.ie)
Century Ireland (http://www.rte.ie/centuryireland)
Irish Times Digital archive
Conflict Archive on the Internet (http://cain.ulst.ac.uk)

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