

THE GREAT FAMINE AND SOCIAL CLASS: Conflicts, Responsibilities, Representations



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Keynotes

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Proposals are invited for papers which examine the causation, incidence and legacy of the Great Irish Famine in contexts of class relations, from a variety of (inter)disciplinary perspectives. Possible topics may include but are by no means restricted to:

- Class relationships and socio-economic vulnerability in pre-Famine Ireland;
- How the Famine affected various classes, from landlord to cottier and labourer;
- The interconnectedness of class and imperial politics during and in connection to the Famine;
- Theories and representations of class and class relations in Famine-era Ireland;
- The Famine, class and location: regional, national and transnational dynamics; comparisons between the city and country; relief policy; clearances;
- Class and the politics of famine; Young Ireland; tenant right
- Representations of the Famine—as well as comparable famines in and outside Europe— in contexts of class; in political, historical, socioeconomic, journalistic and literary texts;
- Class and the Famine in visual representations and museums;

The organisers invite the submission of conference abstracts up to 350 words. Papers should not exceed 20 minutes. Abstracts can be sent to p.h.gray@qub.ac.uk, before 12 December 2016. Please also include a 100-word biography. Proposals for three-paper panels are also welcome.

Junior researchers are strongly encouraged to send in a proposal, as there will be a fee waiver for postgraduates and early career scholars whose paper is accepted.

