Friday 4 September

10.00-11.30: Registration & Coffee [Humanities Institute of Ireland]

11.30-1.00: Session 1 (Parallel):

**Writing the Penal Laws [HII]**

Chair: [TBC]

Dr John Gibney (NUI Galway): ‘History vs. the Penal Laws in the career of John Curry, 1747-1780’

Dr Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh: ‘Penal Laws and their historians, ancient and modern’

Dr James Kelly (St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra): ‘Historiography of the Penal Laws’

**Catholic Material Culture [K114, History boardroom]**

Chair: [TBC]

Michael Lynch (UCD): ‘Church Plate in the Dioceses of Co. Clare, Galway and Limerick during the eighteenth century’

Hilary Bishop (University of Liverpool): ‘Mass rocks: their nature, use and significance in the retention of Catholic identity and practice, 1690-1750’

Keith Smith (UCD): ‘Catholic Altar plate in Ireland in the eighteenth century: Production and Possession’

1.00-2.00: Light Lunch [K115, School of History and Archives]

2.00-3.30: Session 2 (Parallel):

**Early perspectives on the Penal Laws [HII]**

Chair: [TBC]

Dr David Finnegan (TCD): ‘The development of Irish penal legislation in historical context’

Neil Johnston (UCD): ‘Retribution disguised as persecution: the arrest and imprisonment of Archbishop Peter Talbot, 1678-1680’

Eoin Kinsella (RIA): ‘The 1691 Oaths Act: first of the Penal Laws’

**Surviving the Penal Laws I [K114]**

Chair: [TBC]

Joe MacMahon, OFM: ‘The impact of the penal laws on the Irish Franciscans’

John Hamrock (Independent): ‘Irish Augustinians in the Penal times’

Dr Ciarán Mac Murchaidh (St Patrick’s College, Drumconra): ‘“My repeated troubles”: Bishop James Gallagher (bishop of Raphoe 1725-37) and the impact of the Penal Laws’
3.30-4.00: Coffee break [HII]

4.00-5.15: Roundtable discussion on eighteenth-century studies on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of Penal Era and Golden Age: Essays in Irish History, 1690-1800 (Belfast, 1979) [TBC]
Chair: Dr Patrick Geoghegan (TCD)
Panel:
Professor Tom Bartlett
Professor Marianne Elliott
Dr Anthony Malcomson
Mr James I. McGuire
Ireland’s Ambassador to Poland, Dr Declan O’Donovan.

5.30-7 p.m. Reception, UCD Common Room, Newman building, Room
To include a book launch - further details to be announced

Saturday 5 September:

9.30-11.00: Session 3 (Parallel)
International dimensions to the Penal Laws [HII]
Chair: [TBC]
Professor Poul Holm (TCD): ‘The Penal Laws – a Scandinavian perspective’
Dr Declan Downey (UCD): ‘Accommodations with the Protestant State and Church: A comparative study of respective Dutch & Irish Catholic Experiences’
Barry O’Connell (UCD): ‘Personality, Friendship and Mutual Strategic Interest: Patrick Curtis and Arthur Wellesley’

Changing Perceptions [K114]
Chair: [TBC]
Richard Holmes (Bristol University): ‘James Arbuckle: a Whig critic of the Penal Laws’
Dr Mervyn Busteed (University of Manchester): ‘Benevolent Bigot? Sir James Caldwell (1720-1784) and the Penal Laws’
Dr Uíltaín Gillen (University of London): ‘Parliamentary debates on the Catholic Question in the 1790s’

11.00-11.30: Coffee [HII]

11.30-12.30: Alan Harrison Memorial Lecture [HII]
Chair: Dr Eoin Magennis
Dr Vincent Morley: ‘The Penal Laws in Irish vernacular literature’

12.30-1.00: Light lunch [K115]

1.00-1.30: Eighteenth-Century Ireland Society AGM [K114]
1.45-3.15:  Session 4 (Parallel)
Surviving the Penal Laws II [HII]
Chair:  [TBC]
Dr Ian McBride (University of London): ‘Sylvestor Lloyd and the Delvin declaration of 1727’
Emma Lyons (UCD): ‘Collusion in eighteenth-century Kildare’
Dr John Bergin (QUB): ‘The Irish Catholic interest at the London Inns of Court, 1674-1800’

Literature and Law [K114]
Chair:  [TBC]
Dr Seán Patrick Donlan (University of Limerick): ‘Laws, manners, metaphors: reflections on Edmund Burke and the law’
Dr Tadhg O’Sullivan (University of Liverpool): ‘Revising the Penal Laws: From Burke to John Wilson Croker’
Professor Joseph Pappin III (University of South Carolina): ‘Political philosophy of Burke’s Popery tracts’

3.15-3.30:  Coffee break [HII]

3.30-5.00:  Session 5 (Parallel)
Economics and the Penal Laws [HII]
Chair:  [TBC]
Dr Edward Whelan (NUI Maynooth): ‘Penal Law or economic regulation: the restrictions on Catholics employment of apprentices’
Dr Patrick Walsh (UCD): ‘The Penal Laws and the Irish Financial Revolution’
Dr Lisa Griffith (TCD): ‘Navigating the Penal laws in the late eighteenth century: two Dublin cases examined’

Locality and the Penal Laws [HII]
Chair:  [TBC]
Dr Eamon O’Flaherty (UCD): ‘An urban community and the Penal Laws: Limerick 1690-1830’
Lisa Meaney (QUB): ‘Civic and Church organised events in eighteenth-century Ulster, c.1740-1780’
Dr Cormac Begadon (NUI Maynooth): ‘The renewal of Catholic religious culture in eighteenth-century Dublin’

5.30-6.30:  Plenary Lecture [HII]
Chair:  Dr John McCafferty (UCD)
Professor John Morrill (University of Cambridge)

8.00:  Conference Dinner [TBA]