

## PRESS RELEASE

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### National Library of Ireland to hold International Women's Day lecture

The [National Library of Ireland](#) (NLI) has today (29.02.16) announced that it will hold a special lecture to mark International Women's Day which falls on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. The lecture will focus on the role played by women in the Irish revolution from 1916 to 1923, and will be delivered by Dr Marie Coleman of Queens University Belfast.

Dr Coleman's lecture is the first in a series of seven lectures entitled 'Atlas of the Revolution'. The lectures are hosted by the NLI in partnership with University College Cork (UCC) and will run from March to November, with no lectures taking place in July and August. The series takes its name from UCC's forthcoming landmark publication 'Atlas of the Revolution', which presents scholarship on the revolutionary period in a uniquely accessible manner. Contributors to the publication, which features 200 original maps and 300 images, will discuss various aspects of the Easter Rising throughout this monthly series.

The following lectures will take place at 7pm in the Seminar Room of the NLI:

- 'How the women helped: Uncovering the role of women in the Irish Revolution, 1916-1923.' Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Speaker: Dr Marie Coleman.
- 'Easter 1916 and the Irish Revolution: New perspectives.' Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Speaker: Dr Fearghal McGarry.
- 'Is it a siege, a riot, a revolt or a rebellion? Perceptions of the 1916 Rising in the French press.' Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Speaker: Professor Grace Neville.
- 'Mapping the Rising.' Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. Speakers: Dr John Borgonovo and Mr Charlie Roche.
- 'Players or patriots? The Gaelic Athletic Association and the 1916 Rising.' Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. Speaker: Dr Richard McElligott.
- 'Burying the past or celebrating it? Commemorating the Irish Revolution.' Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Speaker: Dr Roisin Higgins.
- November lecture TBC

Speaking about the series, Director of the National Library, Dr Sandra Collins, said: "We are delighted to partner with UCC to deliver this exciting lecture series. We hope it will provide new insight into the impact and consequences of the Easter Rising within the broader context of the revolutionary decade.

"I am particularly happy that the first lecture in the series takes place on International Women's Day and that it highlights the important role women played in the Easter Rising. We are proud to contribute to this vibrant discussion."

Further information about the 'Atlas of the Revolution' lecture series is available at: [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie).

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