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Speaking Ill of the Dead
Conference Programme

Friday 31 March 2006

9.30-10.00am	**Registration**
10.00am	**Welcome** with Helen Beaumont, Education and Outreach Officer
10.10am	**Adolf Mahr: Ireland's leading Nazi or the National Museum's greatest Director?** Pat F. Wallace, Director, National Museum of Ireland
10.50am	**Richard FitzRalph: Reckless St. Richard, Holy Man of Dundalk** Terry Dolan, School of English, University College Dublin
11.30am	**Coffee Break**
12.00pm	**Assassin Uncloaked: A Subversive view of Sean McBride** David Norris, Senator and human rights activist
12.40pm	**Panel Discussion** chaired by Myles Dungan, author and broadcaster
1.00pm	**Lunch** From 2.00 – 2.20pm there will be a screening of a presentation by David Walter, Historian, Montana Historical Society, and originator of the 'Speaking Ill of the Dead' concept. In this presentation Walter speaks about the background to the idea, which is now in its 17th year in Montana.
2.30pm	**Leonard McNally: United Irishman and Informer** Thomas Bartlett, Department of Modern History, University College Dublin
3.10pm	**Coffee Break**
3.30pm	**Gladstone - Ireland's Best Friend or Worst Enemy?** Paul Bew, School of Politics, Queen's University Belfast
4.10pm	**Arthur Balfour - Tory Maker of Modern Ireland?** Margaret O'Callaghan, School of Politics, Queen's University Belfast
4.40pm	**Panel Discussion** chaired by Catriona Crowe, National Archives
5.00pm	**Wine Reception**

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Saturday 1 April 2006

9.30-10.00am	**Registration**
10.00am	**Welcome**
10.10am	**Walter Long: Irish Revolutionary** Peter Hart, author and historian
10.50am	**Sir Edward Carson and 'the last ditch stand of the Ascendancy' – Success or Failure? Long-term Consequences** Martin Mansergh, Senator and historian
11.30am	**Coffee Break**
12.00pm	**Countess Markievicz: A Terrible Beauty?** Ruth Dudley Edwards, author and broadcaster
12.40pm	**Panel Discussion** chaired by James McGuire, School of History and Archives, University College Dublin
1.00pm	**Lunch** From 1.40 – 2.10pm there will be a screening of David Walter's talk on St George Gore, entitled, **Sir St. George Gore: the Slob Hunter** David Walter is an historian, member of the Montana Historical Society and originator of the 'Speaking Ill of the Dead' concept, now in its 17th year in Montana.
2.20pm	**The Champion of Women in the State - Kevin O'Higgins and Jury service for Women, 1924 & 1927** Rosemary Cullen-Owens, School of Social Justice, Women's Education, Research and Resource Centre, University College Dublin
3.00pm	**William O'Shea: Deluded Go-Between and Acquiescent Cuckold** Myles Dungan, author and broadcaster
3.40pm	**Panel Discussion** chaired by Michael Laffan, Head, School of History and Archives, University College Dublin
4.10pm	**Close of Conference**

Please note that this programme may be subject to changes

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