The 1641 depositions: massacre, myth and memory

To coincide with the online publication of the 1641 depositions and their exhibition in the Long Room Library this October, The SCHOOL OF HISTORIES AND HUMANITIES, Trinity College Dublin, is offering you the opportunity to attend a series of nine extramural lectures on:

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Start date: Monday 11 October 2010
Time: Mondays 7 pm – 8.30 pm. Venue: Emmet Theatre
Duration: Nine-week lecture series with a one week break (8-24 November 2010).
Fee: €110 for the series.
Concession: (For full time students or people whose primary source of income is social welfare, health board or a government-sponsored employment scheme) €55
Lecturer: Academic staff from different disciplines including historians, geographers, literary & linguistic experts as well as IT specialists.

Commences Monday 11 October 2010

This series of lectures will examine ‘The 1641 Depositions’: a collection of witness statements taken after the Irish rebellion of 1641. These statements became the chief evidence for the hotly contested massacres of Irish Protestants at the hands of their Catholic neighbours in the 1640s. The events chronicled in the thirty-one handwritten volumes of embittered seventeenth-century testimony poisoned Anglo-Irish relations for centuries. Oliver Cromwell used these statements as justification for his infamous massacres at Drogheda and Wexford. Indeed, the barbarities committed against Irish Protestants are still emblazoned on Orange Order banners in Northern Ireland today. During Home Rule debates, loyalist MPs pointed to the depositions as proof of the fate that awaited them should ‘Rome’ rule in Ireland. Irish Catholics have consistently denied the content of the depositions and argued against their validity as a historical source. In short, the history of depositions has become a key to understanding our historical makeup. To coincide with their online publication and an exhibition in the Long Room Library this September, senior academics, historians, geographers, literary and linguistic experts as well as IT specialists will explore the 1641 depositions in a variety of contexts in this series of lectures. We will investigate the role of the 1641 rebellion in shaping identities in Ireland, both Protestant and Catholic, North and South, and illustrate how language, linguistics and modern technology will allow new echoes of the past to emerge and open up a treasure trove of genealogical, linguistic and census information.

Extramural courses are non-degree courses provided for a general audience and do not have any course work or examination commitments. They are informative, entertaining, and an essential part of everyone's life-long learning and education.
HOW TO REGISTER: You may book online at www.histories-humanities.tcd.ie/extramural.php or by phone: 01 8968589. Alternatively you may download a registration form and send it to the address below with a cheque made payable to Trinity College number 1 account.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS COURSE IS OFFERED SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT NUMBERS APPLYING

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