



# UCD Centre for War Studies

*Presents a special half-day conference on civil war*

## **The British Army and the Land Forces of the Dominions: Civil War and Insurgency**

*K114, Newman Building, Belfield, University College Dublin  
10 July 2024*

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century the British Army and the armies of Britain's dominions were engaged in successive campaigns to intervene in civil wars or put down insurgencies. This half-day conference will examine British and dominion military leaders thinking about civil wars, including distinctions drawn between civil wars, internal security operations or counter-insurgency operations, and how experiences of conflicts informed doctrine and practice. After beginning with an examination of dominions' experiences, this half-day conference will focus on British Army interventions in Northern Ireland, after its formation from 1921-1922, and again during the early Troubles of 1969-1976.

1300-1320: Welcome and Opening Reflections:  
Professor Robert Gerwarth, Director, UCD Centre for War Studies

1320-1420: 'Civil Wars, Insurgencies, and Alliances: A Dominion  
Perspective'

Speaker: *Professor Douglas Delaney, Royal Military College of Canada*

Chair and Respondent: Dr Huw Bennett, Cardiff University

1430-1530: 'The Silesia of Western Europe'? Civil War or Counter-  
Insurgency in Northern Ireland, 1921-1922

Speaker: *Dr Edward Burke, University College Dublin*

Chair and Respondent: Dr Eve Morrison

1540-1640: 'Uncivil War: the British Army and the Troubles, 1969-1976'

Speaker: *Dr Huw Bennett, Cardiff University*

Chair and Respondent: Professor Douglas Delaney

1640-1700: Concluding Remarks: Professor Robert Gerwarth

