



Series 4, 2023

ECONOMIC and GAELIC MATTERS

Organised by Julian Maze and Kevin Foley

Members attending are welcome to wear a mask.

U3A lectures are for members only.

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures – to do so would be unfair to those on the waiting list.

12 June **Should New Zealand Listen?**

Dr Trent Smith

His topic discusses an interesting economic theory and poses a question; here is what he says:

"The press treats Government budgets as analogous to household budgets, with great attention to—and concern about!—deficits and debt. Practitioners of Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) argue that this is a false analogy, and that countries like New Zealand that issue and control their currencies should pay less attention to balanced budgets and instead focus on "real" resource constraints. MMT revives an old debate dating—at least—back to the early 19th century. Should New Zealand listen?"

19 June **The environmental impact of Scottish and Irish settlers** **Dr Tom Brooking**

This talk will briefly consider the impact of the environmental attitudes of subsets of British settlers; qualify the 'Green Scots' hypothesis; compare the response of Irish settlers to a different environment from 'home' and their initial preference to dig for gold; suggest some ways in which we might learn more about any differences in ethnic attitudes towards the environment.

26 June **ANZACs Defending Trinity College, Easter 1916**

Dr Rory Sweetman

His talk will cover the hitherto unknown story of how a handful of New Zealanders led the defence of Ireland's oldest university from rebel attack during the Irish rebellion of 1916. Using letters written by the Kiwi soldiers he will attempt to answer questions left unasked by previous studies, particularly how close did Trinity come to being a central battleground in the week of mayhem and destruction that left 3000 people dead or seriously injured and led to the destruction of 200 buildings? My intention is to put this neglected episode into an imperial context.

2023 PROGRAMME DATES:

SERIES 1: Mar 13, 20, 27

SERIES 4: Jun 12, 19, 26

SERIES 7: Sep 4, 11, 18

SERIES 2: Apr 3, 17

SERIES 5: Jul 10, 17

SERIES 8: Oct 2, 9, 16

SERIES 3: May 8, 15, 22

SERIES 6: Aug 7, 14, 21

SERIES 9: Nov 6, 13, 20

Meetings

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.

Lectures may start a few minutes before 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.

Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

As a courtesy to our speakers and other members, please

Be seated by 1.20 pm.

Turn your cell phone off.

Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions.

Stand when asking a question, and wait for the microphone.

Wear your name tag.

No talking during lectures.

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PLEASE NOTE: **NEXT MEETING** Monday, 12 June 2023