

# Ireland: Historical and Contemporary Issues

Dieses Modul besteht aus einer Lehrveranstaltung.

**PSO: MI-BA- 2 bis 6**

## Studienorganisation

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Studiensemester: 1  
Turnus: Wintersemester  
Schwerpunkt: Fluency Development in English  
Modultyp: Nichttechnisches Wahlpflichtfach  
Lehrform: Seminar  
Sprache: Englisch  
Fach-Nr. ....

## Kompetenzen/Lernziele

This elective course is concerned with the study of Ireland from a historical and contemporary perspective. The country is an interesting case for consideration: the only major English-speaking country in the Eurozone (soon to be in the EU); road distances are given in kilometres yet people drive on the left; the Irish President is not the President of Ireland; the Church of Ireland is not Roman Catholic; the northernmost point in the country is in County Donegal, i.e. in “southern Ireland“! So be prepared for a few surprises ahead.

Recent developments are also of interest. Ireland is now the only country in the world to have legislated for gay marriage by popular referendum. The 1998 Belfast Agreement that ended a 30-year period of civil war is now considered to be a blueprint for conflict-resolution worldwide.

## Inhalte

A presentation (Referat) is a requirement for passing the module as is regular attendance. After being presented with some information on the historical background of today's Ireland, which participants follow on a timeline, students are then required to give a presentation on any Irish topic of interest to them. Previous presentations have included issues such as the role of women, the Troubles, Gaelic games, folk music, the Irish language and of course the works of Joyce, Heaney et al.

In addition students take an "unseen" paper as a short test. The unseen is part of British academic tradition, especially in the areas of translation and literary studies. A previously unread text dealing with some of the issues raised in the module is given to students to read and then comment on by way of answering some questions. This gives participants a useful insight into some aspects of academic methodology in the British Isles.

## Arbeitsaufwand

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2 SWS, 3,0 Creditpoints (CP)

## Prüfung

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Art der Prüfung: Referat

Prüfungsform: Regular attendance and the presentation of a topic as a "Referat" are requirements for passing the module. The unseen is not part of the examination procedure.

## Literatur

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T.W. Moody (ed.): The Course of Irish History (Dublin: Macmillan, 2012).

T.K. Whitaker: *Programme for Economic Expansion*.

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Fintan O'Toole: Ship of Fools: How Stupidity and Corruption sank the Celtic Tiger (London: Faber & Faber, 2010)

John Bowman: Window and Mirror. RTE Television 1961 – 2011 (Cork: Collins Press, 2011).

## Voraussetzungen

Minimum Linguistic Proficiency: Common Framework Level C1

## Verantwortlicher Dozent

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