

The Politics of Architectural Destruction

International Conference

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**The Department of History and the
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This international, interdisciplinary conference aims to promote thoughtful, wide-ranging analysis of architectural destruction as an aspect of historical and contemporary conflict. Whether inflicted intentionally or collaterally, whether wrought by invading forces or internal factions, and whether wrought upon civic, domestic, or sacred buildings, architectural destruction and the destruction of built environments has always been an important, highly charged aspect of political, religious, ethnic, ideological, and other forms of conflict. And yet, until recently, little systematic analysis has been devoted to the meaning of architectural destruction in the context of conflict. Bringing Irish researchers together with a network of international experts from a dozen countries, this conference will approach the above questions from the broadest possible historical perspective. The participation of scholars working across historical periods, geographical areas, and scholarly disciplines will be a key feature of this two-day conference.

Conference fee: €150 (excl. conference dinner)

Bookings should be made using the accompanying booking form.

Payment by cheque or bank draft only. Places are limited to 100 and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be received to guarantee a booking.

Closing date for receipt of bookings: 29 March 2010

Conference programme & further details are available from the conference co-organisers:

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