Troubled History

A 10th anniversary critique of Peter Hart's ***The IRA and its Enemies***

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(Introduction by Ruan O'Donnell, History Dept. Head, University of Limerick)

Troubled History examines the uncritical academic and media reception afforded to Peter Hart's research, prior to and after publication in 1998. It traces the history of the dispute with Hart's findings and engages with contemporary sources. The pamphlet publishes an affidavit from the son of the last surviving veteran of the Kilmichael Ambush of November 1920, Ned Young. Niall Meehan's analysis of the PhD thesis on which *The IRA and its Enemies* was based reveals new anomalies within this important research. Brian Murphy's essay points to the continuing use of Hart's research to paint the Irish War of Independence as a sectarian, ethnic conflict. Meehan and Murphy question the evidential adequacy of this view and trace it back to Hart's work.

Launch

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