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BSc (Econ) International Relations  
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Diploma in Professional Studies in  
Education (Educational Technology)  
(Greenwich University)

PhD International Relations  
(London School of Economics)

**Research & Teaching Areas:** International History and International Relations; Russian, Soviet and Communist History; Second World War and the Cold War; Philosophy of History and the Social Sciences; Ireland and the Second World War

**Career History:** Professor of History, University College Cork, 2004-present  
(Head of School of History, 2009-2014)

Statutory Lecturer in Modern History, University College Cork, 1999-2004

College Lecturer in Modern History, University College Cork, 1992-1999

Lecturer in International Studies, Centre For Extramural Studies, Birkbeck College, University of London, 1990-92

**Other Information:** Director of *The Volunteers Project* – an oral history research project on Irish citizens who served in the British armed forces during the Second World War.

**Awards, Prizes &  
Professional Recognition:**

Society for Military History 2013 Distinguished Book Award for Biography (for *Stalin's General: The Life of Georgy Zhukov*, Random House 2012)

University College Cork Lifetime Achievement Research Award 2012

University College Cork College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences Senior Research Achievement Awards 2008 and 2000

Government of Ireland Senior Research Fellow, 2004-2005

UCC President's Award for Teaching Excellence 2003

Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, January 1997

Visiting Research Fellow, Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, Washington DC April 2007 and September 2001

Fulbright Scholar, Harvard University, 2005

Visiting Scholar, Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas, May 2006

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Advanced Study, Warwick University, February 2008

Senior Fellow, Nobel Peace Institute, Oslo, March-June 2008

Visiting Scholar, Princeton University Library, April 2014

President/Vice-President, Irish Association for Russian and Central and East European Studies, 2002-2012

Plenary Speaker, British International Studies Association Annual Conference, St Andrews University 2005 and Local Organiser, BISA Annual Conference, University College Cork 2006

## **BOOKS**

### **(a) monographs**

*The Unholy Alliance: Stalin's Pact with Hitler*, I.B. Tauris and Indiana University Press, 1989 pp.i-xviii, 1-296.

*The Soviet Union and the Origins of the Second World War*, Macmillan and St. Martin's Press 1995 pp.i-x, 1-192.

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*Stalin's Wars: From World War to Cold War, 1939-1953*, Yale University Press 2006 pp.i-xxii, 1-468:

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*Molotov: Stalin's Cold Warrior*, Potomac Books, 2012 pp.1-230:

Also published in Russian (AST: Moscow 2014).

*Stalin's General: The Life of Georgy Zhukov*, Random House 2012 pp.1-375.

Also published in Swedish (Historiska Media: Stockholm 2012), Finnish (Tammi: Helsinki 2013), Estonian (Tanapaev: Tallinn 2013), Russian (AST: Moscow 2013), Japanese (Hakusuisha: Tokyo 2014) and Polish (Znak: Kracow 2014) Translations into Chinese, Portuguese, and Turkish are forthcoming.

### **(b) edited books**

*Politics & Power*, 4 vols., RKP 1980-81 (co-editor).

*Ireland and the Second World War: Politics, Society and Remembrance* (co-edited with B. Girvin), Four Courts Press 2000, pp.1-186.

*The History and Narrative Reader*, Routledge 2001, pp.i-x, 1-466:

Also part published in Persian (Imam Sadiq University Press: Tehran 2011).

*Stalin – His Times and Ours*, Irish Association for Russian and East European Studies: 2005 pp.1-218.

*Marshal of Victory: The Autobiography of General Georgy Zhukov*, Pen & Sword Books 2014.

**(c) book chapters**

“Every Cloud has a Silver Lining’; The Communist Party, the Labour Party and Representative Politics” (with C. Nawrat), (in *Politics & Power 2: Problems in Labour Politics*, Routledge 1980).

"Collective Security and the Origins of the People's Front" (in J. Fyrth (ed), *Britain, Fascism and the Popular Front*, Lawrence & Wishart 1985 pp.74-88).

"The Comintern", "The Popular Front", "The Spanish Civil War", "Eurocommunism" and "The 1968 Student Revolt" (in G. Stern (ed), *The Atlas of Communism*, Macmillan 1991 pp.76-79, 86-89, 180-184, 194-197).

"Cherchil' i Stalin: Epizody Anglo-Sovetskikh Otnoshenii (Sentyabr' 1939-lun' 1941)" (in R.O. Chubar'yan & G. Gorodetskii (eds), *Voina i Politika 1939-1941*, Nauka 1999 pp.141-155).

"Soviet Foreign Policy and the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939" (in C. Leitz (ed.), *Spain in an International Context, 1936-1959*, Berghahn Books: Oxford & New York, 1999 pp.81-103)

"Three Narratives of Neutrality: Historians and Ireland's War" (in B. Girvin and G. Roberts (eds), *Ireland and the Second World War* pp.165-179).

"The Fascist War Threat and Soviet Politics in the 1930s" (in S. Pons and A. Romano (eds), *Russia in the Age of Wars, 1914-1945*, Feltrinelli 2000 pp.147-158).

"James Hogan and the Challenge of World Communism" (in D. O Corrain (ed), *James Hogan*, Four Courts Press 2001 pp.133-140).

"The History and Narrative Debate, 1960-2000" (in G. Roberts (ed), *The History and Narrative Reader* pp.1-21).

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"Moscow and the Marshall Plan" (in C. Read (ed), *The Stalin Years: A Reader*, Palgrave 2002 pp.170-189).

"Ideology, Calculation and Improvisation: Spheres of Influence and Soviet Foreign Policy, 1939-1945", (in G. Martel (ed), *The World War II Reader*, Routledge 2004 pp.85-104).

"Neutrality, Identity and the Challenge of the "Irish Volunteers"" (in D. Keogh and M. O'Driscoll (eds), *Ireland in World War Two*, Mercier Press 2004 pp.274-284).

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"Stalin and Soviet Foreign Policy" (in M.P. Leffler & D.S. Painter (eds), *Origins of the Cold War: An International History*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Routledge 2005 pp.42-57).

"Stalin and Soviet Foreign Intelligence during the Second World War" (in E. O'Halpin et al (eds), *Intelligence, Statecraft and International Power*, Irish Academic Press 2006 pp.186-202).

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"The Failure of the Anglo-Soviet-French Negotiations for a Triple Alliance, 1939" (in J. Black (ed), *The Second World War: Causes and Background*, Ashgate Publishing 2007).

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