



English Department

Breaking the Commodity Chains: Roger Casement, or How to Render Exploitation Visible (Master colloquium, 6 ECTS)

This colloquium will be open for a maximum of 20 Master students from all Swiss universities. It will be taught in four parts:

- session 1 (online): Fri, Sept 24, 2021, 4 to 6 p.m.
- session 2 (online): Fri, Oct 22, 2021, 4 to 6 p.m.
- full-day workshop: Sat, Oct 30, 2021
- conclusion (online): Fri, Nov 26, 2021, 4 to 6 p.m.

The aim of the colloquium is for students to:

- learn more about Casement's life: his groundbreaking work as a humanitarian, his position as an Irish nationalist icon, and the controversy surrounding his homosexual exploits, as documented in the so-called Black Diaries;
- read and discuss some examples from Casement's little-known poetic oeuvre;
- examine Casement's cultural afterlife, as reflected in a broad range of literary texts, e.g. W. B. Yeats's ballad "The Ghost of Roger Casement" (1937), David Rudkin's BBC radio play *Cries from Casement as His Bones Are Brought to Dublin* (1973), or short stories like Martina Devlin's "No Other Place" (2016);
- produce educational material for schools, during the full-day workshop in late October. (The educational material produced by the participants will be made available online.)



The full-day workshop will take place in Zurich and will be taught by Dr. Martin Mühlheim and:

- Dr. Ana Sobral (Zurich; expert in Postcolonial Studies);
- Neil O'Driscoll (Dublin; visual artist, currently working on a graphic novel on Casement)
- Kyle Greenwood (Zurich; playwright and *Gymnasium* teacher)

The project is supported by UZH Alumni, SAGW, and the Embassy of Ireland, Switzerland.

How to Participate:

- Send a short email stating why you would like to join the project to Dr. Martin Mühlheim: m.muehlheim@es.uzh.ch. See www.es.uzh.ch/rogercasement for more on the project.
- Participants from outside Zurich will be eligible for travel funding for the one-day workshop.
- For UZH students, the module will be part of the regular Master course catalog.
- Students from other Swiss universities can book the module via Swiss Module Mobility (see www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/chmobilityin.html). Please make sure to contact m.muehlheim@es.uzh.ch before proceeding to apply.

