



**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**



cordially invites you to
Dr.M.X.Miranda Endowment Lecture

On

***The Future of Teaching and Writing History
- an Irish Case Study***

By

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10th March 2020 - 11.30 AM

Preview Theatre, Vis.Com Block





Dr.M.X.Miranda Endowment Lecture

The Department of History organised Dr.M.X.Miranda Endowment Lecture on 10th March 2020.This lecture is organised annually in memory of Dr.M.X.Miranda, former Professor and Head of the Department of History.This academic year, the lecture was delivered by Dr. Conor Mulvaghon the topic of ‘**The future of teaching and writing History – An Irish Case Study**’. Dr. Conor Mulvagh is a lecturer in Modern Irish History at the University College, Dublin, Ireland. Through his lecture, Dr. Conor,conveyed the idea that when we are talking about modern trends in writing history, the common topics are reliability of sources used in terms of credibility of the author and the authenticity or corruption of the text. In the modern world large amount of datas are available to understood and writing history. Especially the electronic datas like videos, chats, emails etc.

Electronic materials present us with new classes of materials. Perhaps the most interesting of these are e-mail itself. The main challenge on the electronic data is to analyse it and thy have to be verified in order to understand the facts. Conservation of data is another important aspect. We should find better methods to preserve the data and saving data in digital form. Along with that, maintain hard copies of the data or written records are encouraged. In contrary there are some privacy issues. We can’t go deep in to the privacy of an individual by analysing the personal chats and e-mails. Studies and discussions are going on to formulate how to access them. Historian should select the data from the source which is needed for the research without discarding the whole.

It was a wonderful lecture and it helps the students to gain new ideas in historiography and about the importance of the electronic sources to write the objective History in the 21st Century. At the end of the session there was an interactive question – answer session. Dr. Conor, answered to the questions of the students there by making the lecture a grand success.