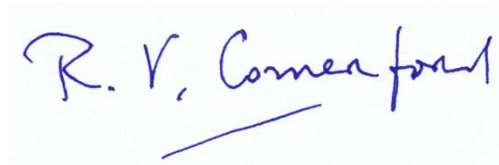


SHISHKINA, Irina "Irish revolution 1916-23"

Report

It is good news to hear that Irina Shishkina has completed her dissertation on the Irish revolutionary period, 1916-23. I have met the candidate in Ireland and I have discussed her work with herself and her supervisor, Professor Miroshnikov. Since, unfortunately, I cannot read Russian texts I cannot comment in detail on the dissertation. However, I have read the author's summary in English and I see that she has identified appropriate themes and topics.

For many years Professor Miroshnikov has been an acknowledged expert on Irish nationalism and in particular on the militant nationalism of the nineteenth century. Shishkina's specialised knowledge of key developments in the early twentieth century will enhance the reputation of Irish Studies at Voronezh. I also believe that the publication of her work will provide a very important route for Russian students to gain access to a knowledge of the history of modern Ireland at a key juncture. The years 1916-1923 cover the proclamation of an Irish republic, the emergence of the second Sinn Féin, the election of Dáil Éireann, the emergence of the Irish Republican Army, the War of Independence, the Partition of Ireland, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, and the Civil War.



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