



# 'FROM ALCHEMY TO CHEMISTRY'

13 April 2012, NUI Galway, Ireland  
Dillon Theatre, Arts / Science Concourse

## Programme

- 14:00**      **Symposium Opening**
- 14:15**      **Peter Forshaw, University of Amsterdam**  
'Utterly unphilosophically, they separate the Oratory and Laboratory!'  
An early modern theosophical alchemist on Christ and the Philosophers' Stone
- 15:00**      **John Perkins, Oxford Brookes University**  
Chemistry in revolution, 1760-1810  
The social history of chemistry in eighteenth-century France
- 15:45**      **Coffee break**
- 16.05**      **William Brock, University of Leicester**  
Bent arrows hit their mark:  
Concepts, experiments and professionalization, 1840-1940
- 16:50**      **Discussion Session – The future of chemistry as a discipline**  
In the words of Archibald Scott Couper (1858):  
'The end of chemistry is its theory'
- 17:30**      **Wine reception**

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