



Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement Thematic Conference In association with the History Department, Maynooth University

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Migration, Mobility and Settlement: Ireland and the Irish

Maynooth University, 3-5 October 2025

Friday, 3 October - Opening Evening - Renehan Hall

7:00 PM - Registration and Wine Reception

8:00 PM - Keynote Lecture

Dr Lara Cassidy - A Brief Genomic History of Ireland

Saturday, 4 October - Renehan Hall

Session 1: 9:30-11:00 AM: Women, Migration and Mobility

Dr Rebecca Boyd - Creating urban identity: women's worlds in Ireland's Viking-Age towns

Dr Leanne Calvert - '[he] desired her to go over the water till she should see what god would do w[i]t[h] her': the Presbyterian archive as a source for women's migration in eighteenth-century Ulster.

Dr Maura Farrell - Rooted yet landless: women, farming and land rights amid migration challenges

11:00 AM - Coffee Break

Session 2: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM: Mobility in prehistoric and medieval Ireland

Dr Martin Moucheron - No country for old (white) men: Mobility in Mesolithic Ireland, and modern narratives

Tadg Farrell - Wandering chariots: aristocratic mobility and retinue formation in late medieval Ireland

Dr Anne-Julie Lafaye - The Mendicant Orders in Ireland: Mobility and architectural transfers

1:00 PM - Lunch Break

Session 3: 2:00-3:30 PM - Migration and Mobility in late-Medieval/Early-Modern Ireland

Dr Sally Finn Kelcey – 'People most practised in the working of wool and in trade' Settlers and merchants: the Flemings in Medieval Ireland

Dr Margaret Murphy – From Framlingham to Forth: Roger Bigod 5th Earl of Norfolk's building projects in the Lordship of Carlow

Dr Bronagh Ann McShane - Leaving Early Modern Ireland: Female Mobility, Family Strategy, and the Catholic Mission

3:30-3:45 PM - Short Break

Session 4: 3:45-4:45 PM: The legacy of seventeenth and eighteenth-century migrations

Dr James Lyttleton – Lord Baltimore's plantation village in Co. Wexford and its place in the English transatlantic colonial world of the seventeenth century

Dr Claire McCormick - New to the parish: The Great Palatine Migration of 1709

6:00 PM - Conference Dinner at Glenroyal Hotel

Sunday, 5 October - Renehan Hall

Session 5: 10:00-11:00 AM: Arrivals and Departures in Ulster

Joan Murphy – The legacy of the Ulster Plantation evident in the nineteenth-century migration and settlement patterns in East Fermanagh

Dr Liam Campbell - Migration, environment and emotion

11:00 AM - Coffee Break

Session 6: 11:30-12:30 PM: Migration and Mobility in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries

Dr Regina Donlon – Continuities of place and the transnational logics of settlement: Locating the Tuke diaspora in the United States, 1880-1930

Lily Toomey – Migration to Ireland's industrial peatlands in the twentieth century - fossil fuel resources as a nexus for community, identity, and settlement

Conference Fee: €75 (includes all sessions, wine reception, teas/coffees and sandwich lunch on Saturday)

Conference Fee (student): €35.00 (includes the above)

Friday only: €20; Saturday only: €35; Sunday only: €20

Payment can be made via Paypal on our website http://irishsettlement.ie or by cheque, made payable to Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement which can be sent to Dr Anne Julie Lafaye, Treasurer GSIHS, 64 Silken Vale, Maynooth W23H5T3

Conference dinner at the Glenroyal Hotel at 6pm on Saturday evening costs €49. Pay at the conference.

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