

9th EFACIS PhD seminar in Irish Studies

Leuven, 24 – 28 August 2026

This is the 9th PhD seminar organized by the **Leuven Centre for Irish Studies** in collaboration with EFACIS and the Irish College Leuven.

The **aim** is to give PhD students in Irish Studies from different European countries the opportunity

- to present their research in a congenial, interdisciplinary environment,
- to receive feedback and advice from established scholars and students with various backgrounds,
- to hone their methodological skills,
- to deepen their knowledge of the different aspects of Irish literature and culture, history and society.

The **programme** will consist of

- lectures by invited keynote speakers, all renowned scholars in different fields of Irish studies,
- workshops on different critical theories and methodologies convened by academic experts,
- student presentations, where participants present their own research for an audience of scholars and peers.

Confirmed **plenary speakers** are

- Anne Dolan (Trinity College Dublin)
- Patrick Lonergan (University of Galway)
- Emilie Pine (University College Dublin)
- Sinéad Sturgeon (Queen's University Belfast)

Students can **apply** by submitting a **CV** and a **short description of their research project** (up to 1,000 words) before the **31st of January 2026**. The number of participants is limited to 25.

The registration **fee** for this seminar will be 350€. This covers tuition, 5 nights of accommodation and breakfast in the beautifully refurbished Irish college, coffee breaks and lunches. Participants must be members of EFACIS (individually or through their institute/centre). Two **scholarships** will be made available by EFACIS to waive the registration fee for those who need it most. If you wish to be eligible for a scholarship, please state so and provide details about your funding situation as part of your application.

For applications and further information, please contact **Elke D'hoker** at elke.dhoker@kuleuven.be.

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