

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.
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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

- Emilie Pine (University College Dublin)
- Anne Dolan (Trinity College Dublin)
- TBC (Queen's University Belfast)
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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 (1) tuition, (2) 5 nights of accommodation and breakfast in the beautifully refurbished Irish college, (3) registration as KU Leuven visiting scholars with access to library facilities (digital and otherwise) and (4) insurance for the duration of the stay. Participants must be members of EFACIS (individually or through their 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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