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Conferences and Workshops

- 8 May 2025: Symposium 'Transatlantic and Transnational Cultural Exchanges' and book launch Periodical Famines. Organisers: Chris Cusack, Lindsay Janssen and Joy Koopman. Radboud University/RICH (research group Intercultural Dynamics)
- 20 March 2025: Lecture and workshop hosted by Kate Huber (Tilburg). Michele Horrigan. "When Art Meets Environmental Justice". Tilburg University.
- 14 March 2025: Chris Cusack and Lindsay Janssen, Workshop 'Europese hongersnoden: op zoek naar verbinding over de grenzen (Heritages of Hunger).' Nationaal Geschiedenisonderwijscongres 2025 (Erasmus Universiteit/VGN), Museum Beeld en Geluid, Hilversum.
- 6 December 2025: Annabel Sels and Bas van Aarle presented the results of their study 'Opportunities for Irish companies in the Benelux' at a conference in the Irish Embassy in The Hague upon invitation of the Irish Ambassadors, Ambassador Derwin (in the Netherlands) and Ambassador Kevin Conmy (Belgium).

LCIS lectures in Irish Studies:

- Tuesday 3 December 2024, Alessandra Boller: 'Challenging Cultural Narratives of Newness: The Subversive Impetus of Post-Celtic Tiger Short Story Cycles'
- Thursday 5 December 2024, Niamh NicGhabhann: 'Toleration and tension: Catholic chapel, church, and cathedral building, 1760-1830'.
- Friday 24 January 2025, Sinéad Moynihan, "'Her divers ways and paths': Edna O'Brien's 'Sabiola' columns and Irish Women's Mobility at Mid-Century".
- Wednesday 12 February 2025, Anna McKay, "Separated from their country and their kindred": Convict Transportation from Ireland during the Great Famine"
- Tuesday 13 May 2025, Theresa Reidy, "title tbc"

Irish Itinerary & EFACIS Engagement:

26 Aug 2024 – 30 Aug 2024: 8th EFACIS PhD seminar in Irish Studies hosted by LCIS in the Irish College. Plenary speakers: Lucy Collins (UCD), Alexandra Maclennan (Université de Caen), Ciaran O'Neill (TCD), and Peter Shirlow (University of Liverpool). Workshops by Hedwig Schwall, Asier Altuna, Elke D'hoker, Joris Vandendriessche, Silvana Mandolessi, Riona Ní Fhrighil and Anne Karhio.

EFACIS Book Club, organised by LCIS member Hedwig Schwall and EFACIS coordinator Sien Deltour, with introductions by EFACIS scholars Jessica Bundschuh, Hélène Lecossois, Sylvia Mikowski, Anne Fogarty and Hedwig Schwall.

24-27 March 2025: Irish Itinerary Visit of Mary Costello, 4 universities

- 24/3 event Leuven
- 25/3 event Gent
- 26/3 event Kortrijk
- 27/3 event Antwerp

New Projects or Funding Ideas

Marije van Lankveld. PhD project. "Settler Colonialism by Minority Communities: Irish Women Writers at the North-American Frontier". Funded by NWO. Radboud University. Supervisors: Marguérite Corporaal, Mathilde Roza and Lindsay Janssen. Start: 1 September 2024.