

Regional Report for EFACIS of Irish Studies Activities in Germany (September 2022 – September 2023)

Conferences, Symposia, and Workshops

International Workshop on Contemporary Irish Literature "New Voices – New Directions", 8-10 Sept. 2022, University of Leipzig; <https://www.philol.uni-leipzig.de/institut-fuer-anglistik/forschung/new-voices-new-directions>

Celto-Slavica 10 – Highlight in Celtic and Slavic: Comparanda and Inspirations, 26-29 Oct. 2022, Bibliotheca Albertina, Leipzig;

https://www.academia.edu/41491633/Call_for_papers_Xth_Celto_Slavica_Colloquium

Workshop "Strange Encounters? – Irish Short Fiction, the Experience of Migration, and (Im)possible Communities" in cooperation with Dr. Alessandra Boller (University of Siegen), 17 January 2023, ISWÜ: Irish Studies Würzburg; <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/aktuelles/single/news/default-2a593afcc2/>;

videocast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGGRiUpAIxw&feature=youtu.be>.

Conference "Discourses of Unity in Ireland and Europe", 20-23 June 2023, University of Tübingen

Workshop "Social Politics, Trauma and Terrorism: A Workshop with Award-Winning Irish Playwright Deirdre Kinahan", 13 June 2023, ISWÜ: Irish Studies Würzburg. See: <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/aktuelles/single/news/workshop-deirdre-kinahan/>. Videocast soon on the ISWÜ Youtube channel.

Workshop "Tactile and Palimpsestic Poetry", with Belfast poets Padraig Regan, Manuela Moser and Stephen Connolly, 7 July 2023, University of Stuttgart.

Section on "Irish Communities in a Glocal Context: Literary and Cultural Narratives" at the annual conference of the German Association for the Study of English ([Deutscher Anglistenverband](https://www.deutscher-anglistenverband.de)), 24–26 September 2023, organisers: University of Siegen; Alessandra Boller (University of Siegen) and Sara Strauß (Paderborn University)

Funded Research Projects

Ongoing involvement of Irish Studies scholars at the University of Leipzig in the EU funded TESTU Project : <https://www.testu.eu/> as well as *phōnē*, a minority language theatre project. <https://phone.rml-theatre.eu/>

Guest Lectures and Roundtable Discussions

Dec. 2022: Béaloideas na hÉireann; Dr. Maxim Fomin (Ulster University) guest lecture on folklore and the storytelling tradition in Ireland, University of Leipzig; https://twitter.com/eriu_leipzig/status/1598324594150096898

Jan. 2023: Dr. Caoimhín Ó Dónaill (Ulster University), "Linking Speech, Text and Dictionaries for Language Acquisition, University of Leipzig; <https://eriuleipzig.wordpress.com/2023/01/11/linking-speech-text-and-dictionaries-for-language-acquisition/>

"John Hume in America", Film Screening and Q&A with Maurice Fitzpatrick, Visiting Professor in Irish Studies (Tübingen), 25 Jan. 2023, University of Wuppertal

Feb. 2023: EFACIS Roundtable Discussion: Irish and Irish English linguistics: interfaces and synergies, 15 February 2023 Organisers: Anne Barron (Leuphana University Lüneburg) & Carolina P. Amador-Moreno (Bergen); videocast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5XRWN4jPg>

Annual J. M. Synge Lecture: Prof. em. W. J. Mc Cormack (Goldsmiths London), "Synge's Ancestral Problems in County Wicklow and Germany, 1839-94, with Some Causes and Consequences", ISWÜ: Irish Studies Würzburg (20 April 2023; had to be cancelled, script of planned lecture [here](#))

Various guest lectures at ISWÜ: Irish Studies Würzburg by Monica Brandis, M.A. (Free University of Bolzano, Italy), Michelle Zirkel (University of Bamberg), Dr. Maurice Fitzpatrick (University of Tübingen), and Dr. Martin Wall (Irish Embassy, Berlin) are available as videocasts: <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/video-podcasts/videocasts/>. For more information and upcoming events at ISWÜ see: <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/home/>.

Author Readings, Interviews and other Cultural Events:

"Patrick Freyne, 'OK, Let's Do Your Stupid Idea' (2020)", 6 Dec. 2022, ISWÜ: Irish Studies Würzburg; <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/aktuelles/single/news/author-reading-patrick-freyne-ok-lets-do-your-stupid-idea-2020/>; videocast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29KXjHFb94s>.

Readings with Irish writers: Michael Magee, LeeAnne Quinn and James Conor Patterson, University of Stuttgart.

EFACIS Irish Itinerary Podcast (episode 36, Oct. 2022): Belfast poet Padraig Regan in Conversation with Jessica Bundschuh (University of Stuttgart); <https://www.efacis.eu/podcast>

Miscellaneous Information

October 2022–March 2023: Dr. Maurice Fitzpatrick is the Travelling Visiting Professor in Irish Studies at the University of Tübingen; <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/universitaet/aktuelles-und-publikationen/newsletter-uni-tuebingen-aktuell/2023/2/forschung/2/>. This visiting professorship for Irish Studies is a joint initiative of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Ireland (ESP Irish Studies), the Irish Embassy in Berlin and the Universities of the Saarland, Tübingen, Würzburg and Wuppertal. In the winter semester 2023/24, the University of Würzburg will host the Travelling Visiting Professor in Irish Studies, Prof. Dr. Maureen O'Connor from University College Cork.

Excursion: The Irish Experience", 25 June – 1 July 2023, organized by Prof. Dr. Maria Eisenmann, Prof. Dr. Ina Bergmann, and Franca Leitner, M.A., for University of Würzburg students. A report on the excursion will be published soon on the ISWÜ homepage.

(Funded) Faculty Project on the Tactility of Irish Literature (2022/2023), University of Stuttgart in cooperation with the bilingual Gynnasium in Stuttgart-West, Königin-Olga-Gymnasium; organiser: Jessica Bundschuh; https://www.ilw.uni-stuttgart.de/abteilungen/englische_literaturen/veranstaltungen/sensing-literature-talents/

Katharina Rennhak (University of Wuppertal) received the Ambassador of Ireland – St. Patrick's Day Award 2023 for her contribution to reinvigorating Irish Studies in Germany.

"50 Jahre Irland in der EU [50 Years of Ireland in the EU]", a conversation (live and for rbb24Inforadio) with Linda Heitmann, Paul Maeser, and Katharina Rennhak; host: Harald Asel; 28 June 2023, Europäische Akademie Berlin; <https://www.ardaudiothek.de/episode/forum/irland-ein-unbekannter-europameister-am-rand-des-kontinents/rbb24-inforadio/94574462/>