

Regional Report 2020/2021: Germany

Conferences and Workshops

Conference on Centres of Irish Studies in Germany, organised by the Irish Embassy in Berlin with lectures by Prof. Dr. (em.) Joachim Schwend (Leipzig) and Prof. Dr. Catherine Toal (Bard College Berlin) and discussions on “The Current Situation of Irish Studies in Germany” (intro and moderation Prof. Maria Eisenmann and Dr. Melanie Neumann) “ and “The Future of Irish Studies in Germany” (intro and mod. Prof. Katharina Rennhak).

Irish Studies Würzburg (ISWÜ) Kick-off Event with lectures by Dr. Damian Bracken (UCC) and Prof. Jochen Achilles (Würzburg), traditional Irish music and a moderated discussion with Jan Carson and Colette Bryce (16 April 2021).

For more information see: <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/aktuelles/single/news/irish-studies-wuerzburg-kick-off-event-2/>

A videocast of the event is available here: Videocast hier zu finden: <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/video-podcasts/videocasts/>

Border Narratives - Brexit, Europe, and the UK, conference at the University of Göttingen with a substantial Irish Studies component. Organization: Dr. Kirsten Sandrock and Dr. Lars Klein (5-7 May 2021).

For more information see: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/641243.html>

Irish Itinerary & EFACIS Engagement:

The **German Irish Studies Itinerary: Great Irish Novels of the Twenty-First Century** celebrates contemporary Irish culture through a lecture series innovative in its format and execution: EFACIS-related experts in the field of Irish Literary Studies collaborate to connect eleven German universities which feature a substantial Irish Studies component.

Lecturers: Prof. Ina Bergmann (Würzburg), Prof. Elke D’hoker (Leuven), Prof. Maria Eisenmann (Würzburg), Prof. Joachim Frenk (Saarland), Prof. Ralf Haekel (Leipzig University), Prof. Derek Hand (Dublin), Prof. Margaret Kelleher (UCD), Dr. Stefanie Lehner (Belfast), Prof. Claire Lynch (Brunel London), Prof. Sylvie Mikowski (Reims Champagne-Ardenne), Prof. Marisol Morales-Ladrón (Madrid), Prof. Christoph Reinfandt (Tübingen), Prof. Katharina Rennhak (Wuppertal), Prof. Loredana Salis (Sassari), Prof. Catherine Toal (Bard College, Berlin).

Participating Universities: Bard College Berlin, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Saarland University, TU Dortmund, University of Leipzig, University of Mannheim, University of Münster, University of Siegen, University of Tübingen, University of Würzburg, University of Wuppertal.

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For more information see: <https://www.germanirishstudiesitinerary.uni-wuppertal.de/>

Interviews for the **Irish Itinerary Podcast**: Jan Carson in Conversation with Katharina Rennhak (June 2020 and June 2021), Mary O'Donnell in Conversation with Christoph Reinfandt (Feb. 2021)

Dr. Daniel Becker (University of Münster) is the author of Volume 9 of **Irish Studies in Europe**, entitled *On the Threshold of Memory: National History and Liminal Remembrance in Contemporary Irish Poetry* (wvt, 2021)

Digital Irish Itinerary Events

July 2020: Reading by Jan Carson at the University of Wuppertal

December 2020: Reading by Jan Carson at the University of Siegen

January 2021: Reading by Michael Hughes at the University of Wuppertal

April 2021: Reading and moderated discussion with Jan Carson and Colette Bryce at the University of Würzburg

July 2021: Mary Morrissy at the University of Siegen

New Centres:

Irish Studies at the University of Siegen

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Miscellaneous Information

Travelling **Visiting Professor in Irish Studies** at the University of Wuppertal (BUW), 1 Oct. 2021-31 March 2022 (funded by the Emigrant Support Programme of the DFA, in cooperation with the Irish Embassy in Berlin and BUW)

Various Guest Lectures at **Irish Studies Würzburg (ISWÜ)** by Prof. Susanne Mohr (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) & Katrin Renkwitz (Bonn); Dr. Tara Stubbs (Oxford); Dr. Hiram Morgan, Beatrix Faerber, and Dr. Damian Bracken (UCC);

For more information and upcoming events at ISWÜ see: <https://www.phil.uni-wuerzburg.de/irish-studies/home/>

For **Publications** see IASIL bibliography and AREAS 2020.