



Conference “Discourses of Unity in Ireland and Europe”, Tübingen, 20-22 June 2023

Conference Venue: **Alte Aula (Münzgasse 30)**

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

10:00 – 10:30	Coffee, registration
10:30 – 11:00	Greetings and conference introduction (Maurice Fitzpatrick, Christoph Reinfandt, Raphael Zähringer)
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote 1 (Chair: Christoph Reinfandt): David Donoghue (Former Irish Ambassador to the UN): Towards Irish Unity: Prospects, Scenarios and Strategies
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:45	First conference panel (Chair: Katharina Rennhak): Fergal Lenehan (Jena): Anarcho-Cosmopolitan Imaginings of a Future Ireland and Europe? The Public Intellectual Writings of Richard Kearney and a Europe of Regions Patricia Ronan (Dortmund): Political Disjunctions Between the Provinces of Ireland in the <i>Táin Bó Cualigne</i> (<i>The Cattle Raid of Cooley</i>)
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee
15:15 – 16:15	Keynote 2 (Chair: Maurice Fitzpatrick): Joe Cleary (Yale University): Bordering Nations: Partition Revisited

Wednesday, 21 June 2023

09:30 – 10:30	Keynote 3 (Chair: Maurice Fitzpatrick): Brendan O’Leary (University of Pennsylvania): The Prospects of Irish Reunification within the European Union: Questions of Preparation and Strategy
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Second conference panel (Chair: Joachim Frenk): Alessandra Boller (Siegen): Glimpses of (Comm)Unity: Short Fiction and the Transgression of Borders Ralf Haekel (Leipzig): The Fractured Unity of the Nuclear Family: John McGahern’s <i>Amongst Women</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Third conference panel (Chair: Raphael Zähringer): Jessica Bundschuh (Stuttgart): “All Ireland was a Belsen”: Unifying Representation of the Great Hunger in Cherry Smyth’s Poetic Sequence <i>Famished</i> Gerold Sedlmayr (Dortmund): Reconstituting the Idea of Irish Unity in the Work of the ‘New Irish’ Poets
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee
15:30 – 17:00	Fourth conference panel (Chair: Christoph Reinfandt): Galyna Hartischyn (Leipzig): Crossing the Deep Divide: Narrative Representation of Trauma in Post- and Pre-Agreement Fiction Carolin Steinke (Augsburg): Family Fragments: Discourses of (Dis-)Unity in Anne Enright’s <i>The Green Road</i>
18:00	Conference dinner

Thursday, 22 June 2023

09:30 – 10:30	Keynote 4 (Chair: Raphael Zähringer): Marilynn Richtarik (Georgia State University, Atlanta): Working Models of Wholeness: Writers and the Peace Process
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Fifth conference panel (Chair: Maurice Fitzpatrick): Michal Lachman (Lodz): David Ireland’s Ulster American – Decomposing Irish Identity Richard Kearney (Boston College): Unity Beyond Sovereignty: Some Philosophical Reflections [online]
12.30-13.30	Lunch

The conference will be accompanied by two exhibitions (in German) courtesy of the Irish Embassy:

“Irland und die Geburt Europas” and “Into Europe: Irland und die EU”

Both exhibitions will be accessible at the conference venue during the breaks (Coffee/Lunch).