



**The Economic and Social History Society of Ireland**

**Annual Conference 2016**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Maynooth University, 25 and 26 November 2016

***Material Culture and Consumption in Ireland***

Proposals for papers, or for panels of papers, are solicited for the Annual Conference of the Economic and Social History Society of Ireland, which will be held at Maynooth University on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November 2016. While proposals relating to all aspects of economic and social history will be considered, those relating to the theme of material culture and consumption, broadly defined, will be particularly welcomed.

The study of objects and material culture overlaps significantly with the study of social history and economic history. As noted in a recent *American Historical Review* ‘conversation’, material culture is ‘a field that takes an interest in all conceivable objects and every historical period. Indeed, its subject matter, and especially its concern for everyday life and the material circumstances of ordinary people, place it in close proximity to social and cultural history’. Accordingly, proposals are sought for papers that address any aspect of the study of material culture and the consumption of goods from an Irish perspective.

Potential papers might address the retail, ownership, use and display of goods of any type. Equally, they might address archaeology and material history, construct object biographies or reflect on interior design and art, the material culture of politics or the retail and consumption of the book.

Abstracts of papers and proposals for panels should be sent to Dr Jonathan Wright ([jonathan.wright@nuim.ie](mailto:jonathan.wright@nuim.ie)) and Dr Alison FitzGerald ([alison.fitzgerald@nuim.ie](mailto:alison.fitzgerald@nuim.ie)) by **Friday 30 September 2016**. Abstracts should be between 250 and 300 words, and panel proposals should include a title, contact details for all speakers and abstracts for all papers to be included in the session.

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