



Economic and Social History Society of Ireland 2015 Annual Conference

Friday 27 & Saturday 28 November 2015
Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick

***Call for Papers* 'Exploring Everyday Lives'**

The *Alltagsgeschichte* ('every-day history') which developed in the 1980s has since been challenged as presenting sentimental and simplistic interpretations of the past. Yet the exploration of the routine and *the everyday* in the lives of individuals, families, neighbourhoods and workplaces continues to throw light on the complexities of popular and personal experience and to raise questions about broader and more long-term developments.

This conference considers such mundane but vital matters as (*inter alia*) the shaping of the daily round, work practices inside and outside the home, accommodation arrangements, popular reading, household economies, after-work leisure, daily travel, domestic religious devotion, and everyday domestic health/medicine.

Papers, which can focus on any region and any historical period, will be 20 minutes in length (no more!) and will ideally address two inter-linked issues: (a) How the sources used (documentary, visual, oral) have been interrogated, and (b) How the chosen topic throws light on the wider social realities of the period.

We also encourage submissions on areas of business, economic, financial and social history that fall outside the theme of this conference.

Please send on or before 15 October 2015 an abstract of no more than 300 words, indicating the subject, main research questions and main source(s), to Dr Maura Cronin (maura.cronin@mic.ul.ie), heading your email 'ESHSI Conference Proposal' followed by your surname and first name (e.g. ESHSI Conference Proposal Bloggs Joe).