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Exploring the Everyday

Economic and Social History Society of Ireland Annual Conference

Friday 27 - Saturday 28 November 2015

Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick

Friday 27 November

- 2.00 - 5.00 p.m. Registration (Floor 1, Tara Building)
- 2.45 – 3.00 p.m. Welcome (Professor Michael Hayes, President MIC)
- 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. Panels (Room allocation to be finalised)

Panel 1: **The objects of the everyday**

Anne O'Dowd (Independent Researcher): Straw, hay and rushes in Irish folk tradition.

Maeve Sookram (National College of Art and Design): Carpet and comfort in suburban 1960s Ireland.

Ursula Callaghan (Independent Researcher): 'Food for thought': Culinary changes 1700-1840.

Rosa Meehan (National Museum of Country Life): Beds and sleeping in Irish traditional homes in the late 19th century & early 20th century.

Panel 2: **Everyday birth, health and mortality**

Clodagh Tait (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick): Everyday deaths: illness and mortality in late seventeenth-century Youghal.

Brian Gurrin and Ciara Breathnach (University of Limerick): Mapping infant mortality in Dublin, 1864-1913.

Ciara Breathnach (University of Limerick): Motherhood on the margins and cause of infant death: Dublin, 1900-1910.

Leanne McCormick (University of Ulster): Reproductive knowledge networks, Belfast 1920-1965.

Panel 3: **Occupiers, not owners: tenancy, change and stagnation**

Brian Casey (Independent Researcher): Attempting to construct political consciousness in the west of Ireland: the case of the Ballinasloe Tenant Defence Association, 1876-79.

John O'Donovan (University College Cork): Housing of the rural labourer in County Cork, 1900-1905: a comparison of four rural districts.

Peter Connell (Trinity College Dublin): Housing conditions in Irish provincial towns in the early twentieth century.

Tom Keane (Mary Immaculate College): The Garryowen Housing Crisis of 1922.

5.00 – 5.45 pm. Coffee, during which there is an opportunity to view

- *Manufacturing in a Free State* (Frank Barry and Eileen Leahy's 30-minute film on work and industry in the 1920s) and/or
- Audio-Visual presentation on 'the everyday' from Mary Immaculate's Oral History Archive.

5.45.00 pm. **Connell Lecture:**

Dr. Cornelius Buttimer, Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge, University College Cork.
Irish and the poetics of the everyday.

7.30 pm. Conference Dinner (**€28 payment additional to conference fee**) (Room G.08, Foundation Building, Mary Immaculate College)

Saturday 28 November

9.00 – 11.00 am: **Panels**

Panel 4: **Leisure and daily life**

Cathy Swift (Mary Immaculate College): The everyday *Oireachtas*

Sam Manning (Queen's University Belfast): The social practices of cinema-going in Belfast, c.1945–1962.

Sean Shanagher (Ballyfermot College of Further Education): Recreational Dance and Club Culture in the 1990s.

Panel 5: **Friendship, love and affection**

Páraic Kerrigan (Maynooth University): 'Gay People Must Create Alternative Families' – Exploring the Every Day Life of a Gay Couple in 1980s Ireland_

Paul O'Brien (Mary Immaculate College): Courtship, censorship and conscription: the letters of Charles E. Glynn and Eileen Dorgan 1917-1924.

Panel 6: Lives outside the mainstream

Ciarán McCabe (National University of Ireland Galway): 'Everyday experiences of begging in pre-Famine Ireland.'

Olivia Martin (National University of Ireland Galway): Lesser-gentry woman of East Mayo.

Conor McNamara (NUIG 1916 Scholar in Residence): The Irish Revolution and the mercantile community of east Galway.

11.00 – 11.30 am: Coffee

11.30 - 1.00 pm: Panels

Panel 7: The wider economy: movers and shapers

Frank Barry, (Trinity College Dublin): Leading manufacturers in the 1920s Irish Free State.

Matthew Potter (Limerick Archives): Salt and Pepper Herringbone: The Clothing and Textiles Industry in County Donegal.

Panel 8: From school to work and beyond

Gerard Noonan (Trinity College Dublin): Child Labour and Mass Compulsory School Attendance in Ireland, 1894–1920.

Maighread Tobin (Maynooth University): The Educational Attainment of Recruits in the Irish Defence Forces 1965 – 1975.

Mary McGillicuddy (Independent Researcher): Mackerel Fishing Livelihoods in the Late 19th and early 20th Centuries in Southwest Ireland.

Panel 9: Far from home

Tadhg Moloney (Mary Immaculate College): 'Answer this as quick as possible': Letters home from a Limerick soldier in World War I.

Martin Walsh (UL), 'Protecting our girls', female emigration from Ireland, 1885-1922.

Sinéad Power-Quinn (Mary Immaculate College Limerick): The Reality of Twentieth Century Emigration in Rural Co. Wexford. **[Contd....]**

1.00 – 2.00 pm: Lunch and A.G.M.

2.00 – 3.30 pm: Panels

Panel 10: Forging identity: pen, print and pictures

Ann Wilson (Crawford College of Art and Design/Cork Institute of Technology): Constructions of Irishness in a collection of early 20th century picture postcards.

Bernadette Whelan (University of Limerick): Reading and the family: messages from America 1900-1960.

Panel 11: Devotion, individual and community

Declan O’Keeffe, (Clongowes Wood College): The canon of Irish literature and the obstinate quill: Matthew Russell and Patrick Sheehan.

Síle de Cléir (University of Limerick): The Ritual Family: praying the rosary in twentieth century Limerick city.

Panel 12: Communities seen from within

Chloe O’Reilly (Trinity College Dublin): ‘A Social Looking-glass: An analysis of the constructed community of the Iveagh Trust.’

Patrick Duffy (Maynooth University): Revealing ordinary everyday life: a south Ulster diary from the 1930s and 40s.

Michael Kennedy (Royal Irish Academy): Killing Annie Dean: teenage sex, life and murder in 1930s Dublin.

4.00 pm. Close of conference.