

## PhD-seminar in Irish Studies

“Fins de siècles”:

Developments in Irish Culture, Literature and Society from the 1890s to the 1990s

Leuven, 6-10 September 2010

This is the first of series of two-yearly doctoral seminars which the **Leuven Centre for Irish Studies** of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven will organise in collaboration with **EFACIS** and with the **Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe**.

The aim of this seminar is to give PhD students in Irish Studies from different European countries the opportunity

- to present their research
- to receive feedback from established scholars and other students from a wide variety of backgrounds
- to improve their methodological skills
- to deepen their knowledge of the different aspects of Irish culture, history and society
- to encourage interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and insights within the broad field of Irish Studies.

The programme consists of

- lectures by invited keynote speakers
- theoretical-methodological seminars which discuss the state of a given field or methodological/theoretical approach on the basis of selected texts
- student papers: presentation of participants' research projects followed by discussion
- tutorials: individual discussions of participants' research with participating scholars

The programme is built around a central theme so as to ensure coherence and facilitate the exchange of ideas across the different disciplines. The 2010 theme will be the developments in Irish culture, literature and society from one fin-de-siècle (the 1890s) to the next (1990s). In the course of this 'long' century, Ireland saw considerable changes in terms of politics, religion, economics and social organisation as well as in the different domains of its culture. We therefore invite whose doctoral research investigates an aspect of these developments to participate in this PhDseminar. Keynote speakers for the 2010 seminar include Gerardine Meaney, Margaret Kelleher, John Kelly, and Tina O'Toole among others.

Students can apply by submitting a CV and a description of their research project to the organisers before the 10th of December 2009. The number of participants is limited to 25.

The registration fee for this seminar is 200€. This sum includes participation in the seminars and lectures, accommodation in twin rooms in the beautifully refurbished Irish college in Leuven, registration as K.U.Leuven visiting scholar with access to library and computer facilities, and insurance. Participants have to be a member of EFACIS. PhD students with limited funding can submit a motivated application for a reduction of the registration fee.

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