



Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

Relics in Medieval Ireland. A multidisciplinary symposium

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National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin

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Session 1. **Chair: Emer Purcell** (NUI)

Paul Mullarkey (National Museum of Ireland) 'Irish book shrines: an open or closed case?'

Cormac Bourke 'The shrine of St Brigid's shoe: date, context and significance'

Griffin Murray (UCC) 'Early crosiers as relics in the later Medieval period'

Session 2. **Chair: Dáibhí Ó Cróinín** (NUI Galway)

Neil Xavier O'Donoghue (SPCM, Maynooth) 'Relics and the liturgy in early Medieval Ireland'

Tomás Ó Carragáin (UCC) 'Altars, tombs and cenotaphs. *Leachta* and the cult of saints in early medieval Ireland'

Nike Stam (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies) 'The bilingual nature of relics: "*i scrín Phoil ocus Phetair nobetis istæ reliquie*"'

Session 3. **Chair: Elva Johnston** (UCD)

Charles Doherty (formerly UCD) 'Relations between Leinster and Armagh in the seventh century'

Kate Colbert (UCC) 'Exploring *Relig na n-Aingel*: relics, sculpture and ecclesiastical power at Clonmore'

Ragnall Ó Floinn (formerly National Museum of Ireland) 'Medieval body part relics and reliquaries of Irish saints'

PLENARY LECTURE

Janneke Raaijmakers (Universiteit Utrecht) 'Let us keep in touch: Ascetics, relics and letters in late antiquity and the early middle ages'

Followed by open discussion/meeting moderated by **Niamh Wycherley** (Maynooth University) 'The future of the study of relics in Medieval Ireland'