

The History of the European Family: Continuity and Change

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The University of Limerick will host the first Irish conference devoted exclusively to the history of the European family in June 2007. All family forms, for example, nuclear, joint and stem, have co-existed in the European tradition for many centuries but the concept of family has endured many transitions. For this reason the primary focus of this conference are the themes of continuity and change. The conference will provide a platform for both established and emerging scholars to engage with new ideas and approaches to interdisciplinary research into the History of the European family. Panels are being constituted from the medieval to the contemporary, on the following areas:

- *European and non-European models of family formation*
- *demography*
- *diaspora*
- *childhood histories*
- *changes in family structure*
- *ethnic minorities*
- *marriage*
- *inheritance*
- *kinship*
- *the family and the State*
- *class*
- *family economics, getting and spending*

Papers from Postgraduate students are particularly welcome

Confirmed Keynote speakers include Professor Eleanor Gordon (University of Glasgow), Professor Cormac Ó Grada (University College Dublin), Professor David Fitzpatrick (Trinity College, Dublin) and Professor Catherine Hall (University College London).

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