

The Earliest Strata Place-names of Ireland and Scotland

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School of Languages, Literatures and Performing Arts,
Drama and Film Centre, Auditorium 2,
20 University Square, Belfast

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THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER

- 09.00 **Registration and Welcome**
- 09.30-10.10 **Nollaig Ó Muraíle:** Keynote paper, 'The Earliest Irish Place-names — Status Quaestionis'
- 10.15-10.55 **Catherine Swift :** 'Church names and their significance for the cult of Patrick'
- 11.00-11.15 **BREAK:** Tea and coffee
- 11.15-11.55 Short Reports on Current Onomastic Research: Ireland
- 12.00-12.40 **Kelly Kilpatrick:** 'Place-names in a Hagiographic Tradition of St Brigit of Kildare: Analysis of Vita Prima and Bethu Brigitte'
- 12.45-13.25 **Liam Ó hAisibéil:** 'The Boldly Odd Hills of Northern Roscommon'
- 13.30-14.30 **LUNCH**
- 14.30-15.10 **Thomas Owen Clancy:** Keynote paper, 'The Place-Names of the Earliest Scottish Records'
- 15.15-15.55 **Jacob King:** 'A Lost Aber- Name in Speyside'
- 16.00-16.20 **BREAK:** Tea and coffee

16.20-17.00 **Peter McNiven:** ‘P-Celtic place-names in Menteith: British or Pictish?’

17.05-17.45 **Guto Rhys:** ‘Towards a phonology of “Pictish”’

20:00 Public Lecture **Nollaig Ó Muraíle:** ‘John O Donovan — “most able and judicious Irish scholar and topographer”’
Venue: PFC G06

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

09.30-10.10 **Richard Coates:** ‘Men from the East, names in the West: an approach to some problematic island-names of Ireland and Britain’

10.15-10.55 **Richard Cox:** ‘The Etymology of *Gaoitbheinn*, Isle of Arran’

11.00-11.15 **BREAK:** Tea and coffee

11.15-11.55 ***Short Reports on Current Onomastic Research: Scotland***

12.00-12.40 **Aengus Finnegan:** ‘The Topography of Bruidhean Da Choga or Bryanmore Hill’

12.45-13.25 **Paul Tempan:** ‘Carbad in Irish place-names: chariot or boulder?’

13.30-14.30 **LUNCH**

14.30-15.10 **Richard Warner :** ‘Ptolemy's Ireland - observations from an archaeologist’

15.15-15.55 Grigory Bondarenko: ‘Goidelic hydronyms in Ptolemy’s Geography: Myth behind the name’

16.00-16.20 **BREAK:** Tea and coffee

16.20-17.00 **Emma Nic Cárthaigh:** ‘Difficulties determining early medieval Irish tribal boundaries: Dál, Dealbhna, Déise’

17.05-17.45 **Stephen Digney:** ‘Iudeu and Stirling: a possible example of place name change’

17.50-18.20 **CLOSURE**

Time TBC **Conference Dinner**

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

9.30 Meet at DFC for excursion to Emain Macha / Navan Fort and Armagh City (with optional extension to visit royal site of Clogher after lunch). Guided by Kay Muhr and Richard Warner. Returning to Belfast at 15:30, or 18:00 for those continuing to Clogher.