

## CONFERENCE BRIEF

The Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement is organising a weekend conference on the theme of *Settlement and Landscape in Gaelic Ireland, c. 1350-1600*, which will be held at All Hallows College, Dublin, February 26-28, 1999. This initiative is an important milestone in the study of Irish historic settlement, as for the first time a large group of scholars will come together to discuss the nature of secular settlement within the Gaelic lordships of later medieval Ireland. Fourteen historians, archaeologists and geographers have been invited to present conference papers. The conference and the intended publication of its proceedings will seek to redress a significant absence in the secular settlement history of later medieval Ireland, focusing on neglected topics such as woodland cover and agricultural practices, Gaelic estates, regional studies of tower houses, crannogs, assembly sites in Gaelic lordships, and the exploitation of the coast in this period.

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

- 7.30pm Registration & Reception  
8.30pm Opening Address  
PATRICK DUFFY (MAYNOOTH)

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February

#### Session I: Sources

- 9.15am Native Sources for Gaelic Settlement: the house poems  
KATHARINE SIMMS (TCD)  
9.45am Settlement and Place-names  
NOLLAIG Ó MURAÍLE (QUB)  
10.15am Cataloguing Landscape Features in Early Regional Maps of Ireland  
JOHN ANDREWS  
10.45am Discussion  
11.00am Morning Coffee

#### Session II: Environment and Land Utilisation

- 11.30am Woodland Cover: the documentary evidence  
KENNETH NICHOLLS (UCC)  
12.00 noon Tree-ring Evidence for Environmental Change in the Fourteenth Century  
MIKE BAILLIE (QUB)  
12.30pm Agriculture in Ireland at the Time of the Black Death: the record from lowland raised bogland  
VALERIE HALL (QUB)  
1.00pm Discussion  
1.15pm Lunch

#### Session III: Lordship, Territoriality and Social Organisation

- 2.15pm Gaelic Estates  
TOM MCERLEAN (DOENI)  
2.45pm Settlement Evidence from Elizabethan Records  
KENNETH NICHOLLS (UCC)

- 3.15pm Collaboration without Anglicisation: The Persistence of Gaelic Government in the Lordship of Upper Ossory during the Sixteenth Century  
DAVID EDWARDS (UCC)  
3.45pm Afternoon Tea  
4.15pm Open Forum on Proceedings of the Day  
8.00pm Conference Dinner

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

#### Session IV: The Built Environment

##### Part I: Regional Settlement Studies

- 10.00am The Morphology of Gaelic Lordly Sites in North Connacht  
KIERAN O'CONNOR (DISCOVERY PROGRAMME)  
10.30am The Archaeology of Lordship either side of Lough Foyle  
TOM MACNEILL (QUB)  
11.00am Morning Coffee  
11.30am Tower Houses and Late Medieval Settlement in County Limerick  
COLM DONNELLY  
12.00 noon Gaelicisation and Inauguration: the de Burca assembly sites  
ELIZABETH FITZPATRICK (NUIG)  
12.30pm Discussion  
1.00pm Lunch

##### Part 2: Wetland and Coastal Settlement Studies

- 2.00pm Coastal Transport and Exploitation in Medieval Gaelic Ireland  
COLIN BREEN (MSU, DÚCHAS)  
2.30pm Gaelic Irish Crannogs and their Landscapes 1350-1600  
AIDAN O'SULLIVAN (DISCOVERY PROGRAMME)  
3.00pm Open Forum & Closing Address

**Registration Form**

Conference Fee: IR£30.00  
Students: IR£15.00

This fee includes coffees and admissions.  
It does not include snack lunch.

I will attend the GSIHS Conference in  
All Hallows College, Dublin

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| Conference Dinner   | IR£21.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | IR£21.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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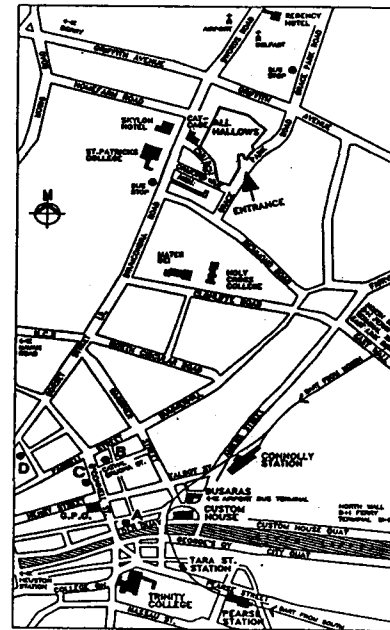
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- 36 from Parnell Square to Drumcondra Road



Group for the Study of  
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Provisional Conference Programme

**SETTLEMENT AND LANDSCAPE IN  
GAELIC IRELAND c. 1350 – c. 1600**

FEBRUARY 26-28, 1999



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