

HIU12022 Early Christian Ireland, 400 – 800 AD

This course is designed to introduce the early medieval world in general and the history of a specific area within this world, Ireland or rather the *regiones Scottorum* ('the regions of the Irish'), in particular. It has often been remarked by scholars of the Middle Ages that Ireland was different—and it was; German scholarship has even coined a specific term for this phenomenon, the Irish *Sonderweg*. This module will chronologically discuss the main developments in Ireland and, to a lesser degree, Irish interaction with its neighbours, from St Patrick to the coming of the Vikings.