INVASION 1169
The National Conference on the occasion of the 850th Anniversary of the Anglo-Norman Invasion of Ireland

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The 3rd Trinity Medieval Ireland Symposium
Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th May 2019
Edmund Burke Theatre (Arts Building), Trinity College Dublin

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Speakers include:
David Bates (East Anglia) * Elizabeth Boyle (Maynooth) * Keith Busby (Wisconsin-Madison) * Bruce Campbell (QUB)
* Denis Casey (Maynooth) * Peter Crooks (Trinity) * Ruairí Cullen * Séan Duffy (Trinity) * Marie Therese Flanagan (QUB)
* Robin Frame (Durham) * Jeremy Hill * Rachel Moss (Trinity) * Ronan Mulhaire (Trinity) * Máire Ní Mhaonaigh (Cambridge)
* Colmán Ó Clabaigh (Glenstal Abbey) * Ruairí Ó hUiginn (DIAS) * Linzi Simpson * Thomas W. Smith (Leeds)
* Michael Staunton (UCD) * Colin Veach (Hull) * Nicholas Vincent (East Anglia) * Caoimhe Whelan (Trinity)

The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife, Daniel Maclise, c. 1854, © National Gallery of Ireland.
The Anglo-Norman Invasion of Ireland: the 850th Anniversary of the First Landing in County Wexford in May 1169

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**Conference Programme**

**Thursday, 2 May 2019**

13.00–14.00 **Official Opening**

14.00–15.00 **Keynote 1**
- Organising invasion and settlement in twelfth-century Ireland
  - Harri Therese Flanagan (Queen’s University Belfast)

15.30–17.30 **Session 1**
- An accident waiting to happen?
  - Intellectual, literary and religious culture on the eve of the invasion
  - Elizabeth Boyle (Maynooth University)
- Kings and kingship in post-Clontarf Ireland
  - Ronan Mulhern (Trinity College Dublin)
- Derbforgall and the expulsion of Diarmait Mac Murchada
  - Denis Casey (Maynooth University)

18.30–20.00 **History Ireland Hedge School**
- "850 Years of Oppression?"

**FRIDAY, 3 MAY 2019**

09.30–10.30 **Keynote 2**
- Ireland and empires of the twelfth-century world
  - David Bates (University of East Anglia)

11.00–13.00 **Session 2**
- 1169 & ALL THAT
  - The first invaders and their aims
  - Colin Vecht (University of Hull)
- The pax and the invasion
  - Ladhaithe Thomas Smith (University of Leeds)
- Refoed of the invasion in Gaelic sources
  - Háire Ó Mhasnáigh (University of Cambridge)

14.00–15.30 **Session 3**
- Narrating the invasion
  - Gradlín’s Eoganacht Hiberniae reconsidered
  - Michael Staunton (University College Dublin)
  - Just who did write the Song of Dermot? and why?
  - Keith Rudy (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

16.00–17.30 **Session 4**
- Colliding cultures
  - The impact of the invasion on the literature of Gaelic Ireland
    - Rusro’S Ó HÍógáin (Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies)
- The emergence of the Hiberno-English literary tradition
  - Caoimhe Whelan (Trinity College Dublin)

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**Saturday, 4 May 2019**

09.30–10.30 **Keynote 3**
- Henry II and Ireland
  - Nicholas Vincent (University of East Anglia)

11.00–13.00 **Session 5**
- Conquest and colonization
  - The Anglo-Norman castellation of Ireland
  - Lital Simpson
- Immigration and plantation
  - Sean Duffy (Trinity College Dublin)

14.00–15.30 **Session 6**
- The church among two nations
  - Building the Anglo-Norman Church
  - Rachel Hess (Trinity College Dublin)

16.00–17.30 **Session 7**
- What did the Normans ever do for us? (from boom to bust)
  - Bruce Campbell (Queen’s University Belfast)
- ‘Pas Normanica’
  - Peter Crooks (Trinity College Dublin)

Trinity College Dublin has a unique connection to the man responsible for the Anglo-Norman invasion in Ireland. Diarmait Mac Murchada, king of Leinster, may traditionally have a unsavoury reputation but he was also a generous patron of the reformed church.

To mark the 850th Anniversary in May 2019 of this foundational event, the invasion of Ireland. Within two years, Henry II would become the King of Ireland. Their arrival marks the start of the Anglo-Norman Invasion. By assembling a platform of world experts, the conference aims to establish the truth of what really happened during this invasion for a twenty-first century audience.
Invasion 1169 Overview

May 2nd, 2019, marks, perhaps to the very day, the 850th anniversary of the first landing in County Meath of 1169 of the Anglo-Norman adventurers led by the king of Leinster, Diarmait Mac Murchada. Their arrival marks the start of the Anglo-Norman Invasion of Ireland. Within two years, Henry II would become the first reigning English monarch to set foot on Irish soil. In what was arguably the single most formative event in Irish history, King Henry formally brought the island under the lordship of the English crown, arguably the single most formative event in Irish history, King Henry formally brought the island under the lordship of the English crown, marking, perhaps to the very day, the 850th birthday of the nation of Ireland.

To mark the 850th Anniversary in May 2019 of this foundational moment in the shared history of Ireland and Britain, Trinity College Dublin will host the national conference on the history of the Invasion. By assembling a platform of world experts, the conference will communicate the latest findings in historical scholarship on the 1169 Invasion and its aftermath to the widest possible audience.

The objective of the Invasion 1169 conference is to establish the truth of what really happened during this invasion for a twenty-first century audience. The methodology is explicitly interdisciplinary. For the first time, all the world’s leading authorities on the subject will come together in one public forum. This will be a unique opportunity to re-evaluate the significance of the invasion and the impact it had on Ireland in the light of the latest cutting-edge research. The conference will also bring the Anglo-Norman invasion into the realm of public discourse, raising public awareness of this important anniversary, dispelling (or perhaps reforming) myths, and shedding new light on the significance of 1169 in Ireland’s historical development.

Further Information:
The conference takes place in the Edmund Burke Lecture Theatre (Arts Building), Trinity College Dublin. Admission to the conference is open to the public free of charge.

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