

INVASION 1169

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



The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife, Daniel Maclise, c.1854, © National Gallery of Ireland.

Speakers include:

David Bates (East Anglia) * Elizabeth Boyle (Maynooth) * Keith Busby (Wisconsin-Madison) * Bruce Campbell (QUB)
* Denis Casey (Maynooth) * Peter Crooks (Trinity) * Ruairí Cullen * Seán 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)

Thursday **2nd** to Saturday **4th** May 2019

Edmund Burke Theatre (Arts Building), Trinity College Dublin

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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
Marie 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 Mulhaire (Trinity College Dublin)
Derbforgaill and the expulsion of Diarmait Mac Murchada
Denis Casey (Maynooth University)

FRIDAY, 3 MAY 2019

- 9.30–10.30 **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 Veach (University of Hull)
The papacy and the invasion: Laudabiliter
Thomas Smith (University of Leeds)
Reflexes of the invasion in Gaelic sources
Máire Ní Mhaonaigh (University of Cambridge)
- 14.00–15.30 **Session 3**
- NARRATING THE INVASION
Giraldus's *Expugnatio Hibernica* reconsidered
Michael Staunton (University College Dublin)
Just who *did* write the *Song of Dermot* - and why?
Keith Busby (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

- 16.00–17.30 **Session 4**
- COLLIDING CULTURES
The impact of the invasion on the literature of Gaelic Ireland
Ruairí Ó hUiginn (Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies)
The emergence of the Hiberno-English literary tradition
Caoimhe Whelan (Trinity College Dublin)
- 18.30–20.00 **HISTORY IRELAND HEDGE SCHOOL**
- '850 Years of Oppression'?

SATURDAY, 4 MAY 2019

- 9.30–10.30 **KEYNOTE 3**
- Henry II and Ireland
Nicholas Vincent (University of East Anglia)
- 11.00–12.30 **Session 5**
- CONQUEST AND COLONIZATION
The Anglo-Norman castellation of Ireland
Linzi Simpson
Immigration and plantation
Seán Duffy (Trinity College Dublin)
- 14.00–15.30 **Session 6**
- THE CHURCH AMONG TWO NATIONS
Between Christ and Caesar: Monasticism and the Invasion
Colmán Ó Clabaigh (Glenstal Abbey)
Building the Anglo-Norman Church
Rachel Moss (Trinity College Dublin)
- 16.00–17.30 **Session 7**
- WHAT DID THE NORMANS EVER DO FOR US?
From boom to bust: the Lordship of Ireland and the European commercial revolution
Bruce Campbell (Queen's University Belfast)
'Pax Normannica'?
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 and, before his expulsion from Ireland in 1166, he founded the Augustinian priory of All Hallows (or All Saints) in a place called 'Hoggen Green' to the east of the Hiberno-Norse town of Dublin. Long after Diarmait's own unlamented demise, All Hallows would continue to thrive, and remained one of the city's most important religious houses until its dissolution in 1538 during the Protestant Reformation. The grounds and buildings of the former monastery were granted to the citizens of Dublin in return for their loyalty to the crown during the rebellion of Silken Thomas and, when Dublin eventually acquired a university in 1592, Trinity College Dublin was created on the former monastic site by royal charter of Queen Elizabeth I.



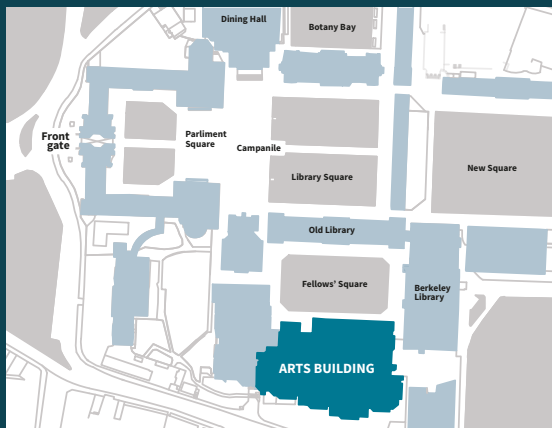
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Overview

May 2nd, 2019, marks, perhaps to the very day, the 850th anniversary of the first landing in County Wexford in 1169 of the Anglo-Norman adventurers enlisted 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, a constitutional relationship that endures to the present day in the case of Northern 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 from the fields of Irish history, Anglo-Norman history, Gaelic, Latin and French literary sources, and archaeology, will be brought 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 reconfirming) 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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