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SILAS Newsletter

Welcome to the second issue of our Newsletter, and thanks to Clíona Murphy who stepped in and edited the very first one!

The whole concept behind this online Newsletter is to keep all of us updated with comparative academic and cultural events, publications and activities relevant to the Irish and Latin-American worlds.

Should you have any **news** you want to share with us that enter under any of these categories, do not hesitate to contact us! And of course we can create more, as years go by.

We hope you will find this informative and we are looking forward to your feedback.

1. Conferences and Seminars

Che do Bheatha , A Celebration of Irish and Latin American Connection, 28-30 September 2012, Kilkee, County Clare, Ireland.

SILAS member Dr. Margaret Brehony spoke about about "Irish connections with Cuba" at *Che do Bheatha , A Celebration of Irish and Latin American Connection* the festival.

For further information, please access:

<http://www.kilkeefestival.com/>

Irish Spanish and Latin American Literary Festival (ISLA), 02 -04 November 2012, Instituto Cervantes, Ireland.

The first Irish Spanish and Latin American Literary Festival (ISLA) took place at the Instituto Cervantes in Dublin. SILAS was represented on the Executive Committee. The festival was launched by the President of Ireland Dr. Michael D. Higgins and was organised in collaboration with Ireland Literature Exchange, Poetry Ireland, Dublin UNESCO City of Literature, Dublin City University (DCU), University College Galway (UCG), Trinity College Dublin (TCD), NUI Maynooth, and the Embassies of Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Spain, Mexico. There were several round tables and readings with Spanish and Latin-American authors, as well as Irish authors and experts from all participating countries.

SILAS member Mr. Jean-Philippe Imbert moderated the opening event named "Poetry and fantastic literature", interviewing Elia Barcelo (Spain), Harry Clifton (Ireland), Maria Negroni (Argentina) and Bernardo Toro (Chile).

For further information, please access:

http://dublin.cervantes.es/FichasCultura/Ficha83292_16_2.htm/

President Michael D. Higgins' State Visit to Latin America

The latest issues of The Southern Cross which covers President Michael D. Higgins' trip to South America can be found here:

<http://tsc.com.ar/wordpress/>

President Michael D. Higgins' State Visit to the University of São Paulo (USP)

During his South American tour, President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, visited the University of São Paulo on 8 October, 2012, delivering the lecture 'The Legacy and Challenge of Irish Studies in New Conditions', in which he highlighted the importance of the cultural bonds between Ireland and Brazil that have been built by USP for more than thirty years. Michael D. Higgins addressed a crowd of around 300 people as part of the Irish Studies programme at the University of Sao Paulo on Monday, where he announced the government's commitment to fund the William Butler Yeats Chair of Irish Studies for the next three years. "At a time of great budgetary difficulties, this commitment is a tribute to (University of Sao Paulo) dedication and drive, the quality of output, and the value the Irish government places on it." SILAS member Professor Laura P. Z. Izarra (President of ABEI) was directly involved with the event.

For further information, please access:

http://www.abei.org.br/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=61%3Avisita-oficial-do-presidente-michael-d-higgins&catid=7%3Anoticias&Itemid=9&lang=en

President Michael D. Higgins' State Visit to Buenos Aires

During the visit of Michael D. Higgins to Buenos Aires, a group from the University del Salvador launched a new Irish Studies Program, in the faculty of Philosophy and Literature, created and co-ordinated by Prof. Juan Jose Delaney.

For further information, please access:

<http://www.usal.edu.ar>

The executive committee of SILAS wishes to extend a very warm welcome to **new members** who joined since our last newsletter in September.

Caragh Barry
Patrick Speight
Liam McGinty
Dermot Keogh
Jorge Talamantes
Vitor Alevato do Amaral
James Heany
Patricia Garcia

2. Publications and Doctoral Theses

Congratulations to new SILAS member Patricia Garcia who completed her Doctoral Thesis at Dublin City University. This co-supervised UAB/DCU work was awarded the highest ranking in Doctoral theses at DCU and was entitled The Architectural Void: Space as Transgression in Postmodern Short Fiction of the Fantastic (1974-2010).

Based on different Latin American and European texts, it serves as a paradigmatic benchmark in geocriticism for many Irish or non-Irish Fantastic texts.

For further information, please access:

http://www.dcu.ie/info/staff_member.php?id_no=3574

3. Calls for Papers and Workshops

Difference and Equality in the Americas: Contemporary and Historical Processes of Inclusion/ Exclusion: An Americas Research Group Postgraduate Conference, 12 March 2013, Newcastle University, UK.

In the recent history of the Americas, and through to the present, multiple discourses of identity have been employed to construct an idea of the region as inclusive, integrated and multicultural, with varying levels of success. Despite these attempts, historical and contemporary exclusions persist based on race, ethnicity, gender, class, generation and religion, as well as intersections of these. This multidisciplinary postgraduate conference will explore manifestations and processes of inclusion and exclusion, and the ways in which these are expressed, addressed and resisted. It will consider the social, political and cultural contexts and implications of these dynamics of difference and equality, in North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean, throughout history and to the present-day.

Please submit abstracts of up to 250 words to: Natalie Hoskin, n.l.hoskin@newcastle.ac.uk

Deadline: 20th January 2013

For further information, please access:

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/niassh/americas/>

Latin America at a Crossroads: Between Globalisation and Regionalisation, 23-24 May 2013, University College Dublin, Ireland.

UCD is delighted to announce the First Latin America Conference Ireland (LACI), entitled "Latin America at a Crossroads: Between Globalisation and Regionalisation". This First LACI Conference will take place in 23-24 May 2013 in Dublin-Ireland, and is organized by scholars of University College Dublin.

For further information, please access:

http://www.ucd.ie/sociology/newsevents/news/title_131158.en.html

SILAS website

As you will have noticed, our website has been updated, both in terms of appearance and content, thanks to **Phillip**

Barron:

pbarron@nicomediadesigns.com

The web address remains the same:

<http://www.irlandeses.org/>

Islands and Continents: (Re)Constructions of Identity 5th REELC-ENCLS International Congress, 26-28 September 2013, University of Madeira, Portugal

The European Network of Comparative Literary Studies is organising the 5th REELC-ENCLS International Congress / 5ème Congrès international (REELC-ENCLS) / 5º Congresso internacional REELC-ENCLS: Islands and Continents: (Re)Constructions of Identity / Îles Et Continents: (Re) Constructions identitaires / Ilhas e continentes: (Re) Construções identitárias. Papers from SILAS, or even a full SILAS panel would be welcome. Registration onto REELC-ENCLS network is free. For further information, please access:

<http://encls.net/?q=event/5th-reelc-encls-international-congress-5eme-congres-international-5o-congresso-internacional>

4. Calls for Contributions

Upcoming IMSLA issue on Archives

A call for papers will shortly appear for an issue of the society's journal on archives pertinent to the Irish Latin American experience and connections. The term archive will be defined broadly and will include a variety of sources in general (actual archives, newspapers, literature, private collections, on line sources, national government collections, oral histories, the SILAS on line archive....). The editor Clíona Murphy, and guest editor, Margaret Brehony, are particularly interested in authors who have worked extensively in archives that have Irish Latin-American content. As well as having articles on archives and sources, it is hoped the issue will have lists of, and links to, collections in a number of different locations. It is hoped to produce an analysis and catalogue of what is available in the SILAS archives, depending upon the availability of a person with the interest and the expertise to put it together (volunteers?). All articles will be subject to peer review.

Brumal: Research Journal on the Fantastic

The GEF (Grupo de Estudios sobre lo Fantástico <http://www.lofantastico.com/>) is based at the Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain. SILAS Members Jean-Philippe Imbert and Patricia Garcia are part of the GEF. Brumal is the Association publication, which is interdisciplinary and multilingual, focusing on the fantastic in literature, theatre, cinema, cartoons, visual arts, photography or videogames of the XIX, XX and XXIst centuries. Call for papers are up on the GEF webpage. SILAS members are welcome to send proposals for publications.

For further information, please access:

<http://revistes.uab.cat/brumal/index>



**The current issue
of Irish Migration
Studies in Latin
America is now
available:**

<http://www.irlandeses.org/journal/current-issue/>

5. SILAS Conference

The Eighth Symposium of Irish Studies in South America (ABEI) and Fourth Conference of the Society for Irish Latin American Studies (SILAS), 14-16 August, 2013, Universidad Nacional de La Pampa, Argentina

Title: "The Art of Movement and Transformation: Ireland and the Americas Looking Forward"

Please note that the abstract submission **deadlines have been extended**:

Abstract Submission : Friday February 15 2013

Acceptance confirmation: Friday 15th March 15th 2013

For further information, please access:

www.silasconference2013.webs.com

6. SILAS Journal and Membership Updates

If you are receiving this email and you are not a member of this society, please consider joining the society. Benefits of membership with SILAS include newsletters, e-letters with updates on events, calls for papers, new publications, news on grants/fellowships and new resources, free subscription to the journal, as well as access to a wide range of databases of information on individual Irish migrants in different Latin American countries (such as passenger lists, census information, newspaper reports and more).

Become part of a wide network of scholars, researchers and a diverse multi-lingual community of people interested in the subject of Irish connections with Latin America, Iberia, the Caribbean and Spanish-speaking North America. Join the society at <http://www.irlandeses.org/joinnow.htm> and encourage others to join.

Student Membership: EUR 10.00 per year (equivalent: USD \$15.00 or GBP £10.00)

Senior Membership: EUR 20.00 per year (equivalent: USD \$30.00 or GBP £20.00)

Institutional Membership: EUR 300.00 per year (equivalent: USD \$380.00 or GBP £240.00)

We would like to revive the travel and research grant program at some stage in the future. For that we need funds and more members. We also need funds to maintain our web site and promote our conferences. If you have any opinions about raising the fees, fundraising or outreach for new members, please respond to this newsletter.

7. New Comparative Programs and Associations

BA Connect with Latin American Studies, NUI Galway

The BA Connect with Latin American Studies at NUI Galway is a four-year programme which provides the opportunity to study and gain an in-depth knowledge of Latin American Studies including Latin American literature, visual arts and culture, history, society and politics, while studying an arts degree in NUI Galway. The co-ordinator of the programme is Dr. Kate Quinn, Lecturer in Spanish, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures NUI Galway kate.quinn@nuigalway.ie. SILAS member Dr. Margaret Brehony lectures on this programme.

For further information, please access:

http://www.nuigalway.ie/spanish/undergraduate_courses/ba_connect.html

CLAI, Comparative Literature Association of Ireland

SILAS Member Jean-Philippe Imbert is on the Executive of CLAI (Comparative Literature Association of Ireland) which is part of REELC-ENCLS. The **2015** EELC-ENCLS conference, hosted by CLAI, will take place in between Dublin City University and NUI Galway. SILAS Papers and/or Panels will also be welcome. Registration to CLAI is free.

For further information, please access:

<http://www.complit.org/>

8. Proposals for Research Projects & Competitions

EROSS (Expressions, Research, Orientations: Sexuality Studies)

EROSS colleagues at DCU welcome any Sexuality Studies related Research-related activities that would involve SILAS-type research.

For further information, please access:

<http://www.dcu.ie/eross/>

ACIS book prize competition

2013. The ACIS is like an older sister of SILAS and its members are particularly interested in Irish studies, the Irish diaspora in the United States, and promoting scholarship in the field. Its members come from different countries but particularly the United States, Ireland and Canada. It has four regional conferences every year and one national conferences (which at times takes place in Ireland). The ACIS has around 800 members. If SILAS could achieve half of that, we could revive our grants program. However, ACIS membership is almost double that of SILAS and still very inexpensive (\$40).

The American Conference for Irish Studies sponsors five book prizes annually for scholarship on Irish subjects, open to books published worldwide. It also sponsors a sixth prize for the year's outstanding dissertation on a subject related to Irish Studies. SILAS members are encourage to submit their scholarly publications, ranging under any category.

For further information, please access:

<http://www.acisweb.com/prizes.php?id=Home>

SILAS welcomes a new academic society is currently being generated, focusing on **Mexican Studies in Ireland**, bringing together all Universities of the Island interested in Mexican-related matters. The President is Dr Nuala Finnegan, Centre of Mexcian Studies at NUI Cork. Update on website follows!

9. Funding Alerts

Marie Curie Actions

Marie Curie Fellowships are European research grants available to researchers regardless of their nationality and field of research. In addition to generous fellowships, researchers have the possibility to gain experience abroad and in the private sector, and to complete their training with competences or disciplines useful for their careers. In this website you will learn more about those grants that promote excellence and innovation in Europe.

For further information, please access:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

IRC

The Irish Research Council was formally launched by the Minister for Research and Innovation, Seán Sherlock TD, on 29 March 2012. A sub-board of the Higher Education Authority, the Council was established through a merger of the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS) and the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET). Building on the solid foundations laid down by the former Councils, the Irish Research Council delivers enhanced opportunities and benefits to Irish-based researchers. The Council will thus enable the Irish research community to contribute to the body of global knowledge across a range of disciplines, recognising the importance of research and scholarship for all aspects of social, cultural and economic development.

For further information, please access:

<http://www.research.ie/>

10. Book Reviews

Dublin Review of Books

The latest issue of the Dublin Review of Books can be found at <http://mailshot.amweb.ie/t/ViewEmail/r/B288767AE63C6DB0/6CB41C1D0CE77313C68C6A341B5D209E>

Particularly interesting is Tom Hennigan's review of *The Islands* by Carlos Gamerro. The book focuses on the veterans of the Malvinas War. Hennigan is the *Irish Times* South American correspondent and is based in Brazil.

For further information, please access:

<http://drb.ie/essays/island-sickness>



11. *Irish Migration Studies in Latin America's Who's Who*

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12. Erratum

In the previous issue, on the editorial board list Dr Edmundo Murray was incorrectly named as founding president of the Society. While indeed Edmundo was the important founding member of the society and the journal, the actual first president was Dr. David Barnwell of National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

We have a new password to access our online database/archives, which is located at <http://www.irlandeses.org/archives/>. This webpage contains valuable historical manuscripts, monograms, photographs, etc. For more information, we encourage you to contact Andres Romera andres.romera@irlandeses.org

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