

11th Limerick Conference in Irish-German Studies

The Irish Palatines in Context

**A symposium to mark the tercentenary of the arrival of a group of
Palatine settlers in Ireland**

**Friday, 4 September 2009 - Saturday, 5 September
University of Limerick**

Organized by the Centre for Irish-German Studies in cooperation with the Eighteenth Century Research Group, the Ralahine Centre for Utopian Studies and the Irish Palatine Association.

Friday, 4 September 2009

Venue: Palatine Museum, Rathkeale

6.00 Welcome reception

8.00 Patrick O'Connor (University of Limerick), Keynote lecture: The Palatines in Ireland

Saturday, 5 September 2009

Venue: University of Limerick

9.30 Welcome

9.40 *Tour of UL campus for visitors from Rathkeale*

10.45 *Coffee*

11.00 Opening of symposium

11.10 Session I: 1709 – Historical contexts
Chair: Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh (NUI Galway)

Liam Irwin (Mary Immaculate College), Land, religion and society in early
18th century Ireland

Liam Chambers (Mary Immaculate College), Ireland and Europe in the early
18th century

Roland Paul (Institute for Palatine History and Folklore), The Palatinate
between the Thirty Years War and 1710: Politics and Society

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 Session II: Emigration / Immigration
Chair: Geraldine Sheridan (University of Limerick)

William O'Reilly (University of Cambridge), German migration in the
later 17th and early 18th centuries

Barbara Schuttpelz (Institute for Palatine History and Folklore), Emigration
out of the Palatinate from the 17th to 19th century with particular
reference to the role of women

Carolyn Heald (York University, Toronto), The Irish Palatines in Ontario,
Canada

15.45 *Coffee*

16.00 Session III: Irish-German-Swiss connections
Chair: Gisela Holfter (Centre for Irish-German Studies)

Joachim Fischer (University of Limerick), Irish-German connections in the
18th century: A Survey

Michael J. Griffin (University of Limerick), Another 18th century settlement
project: New Geneva

Hermann Rasche (NUI Galway), Paul Heyse's drama *Die Pfälzer in Irland*
(1855)

18.00 Reception in Millstream Common Room
incl. scenic reading of selected scenes from Paul Heyse, *Die Pfälzer in
Irland* in English translation

Speakers:

Dr Patrick O'Connor is lecturer in Geography at the University of Limerick; *Prof. Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh* is Professor of History at NUI Galway; *Liam Irwin* is Senior Lecturer and Head of History at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick; *Dr Liam Chambers* is Lecturer in History at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick; *Roland Paul* is Deputy Director of the Institute for Palatine History and Folklore in Kaiserslautern, Germany; *Prof. Geraldine Sheridan* is Associate Professor of French at the University of Limerick; *Dr William O'Reilly* is Associate Director of the Centre for History and Economics at the Dept of History, University of Cambridge; *Barbara Schuttpelz* is a Research Fellow at the Institute for Palatine History and Folklore in Kaiserslautern; *Carolyn Heald* is Director of Records and Information Management at York University, Toronto, Canada; *Dr Gisela Holfter* is Senior Lecturer in German and Joint Director of the Centre for Irish-German Studies at the University of Limerick; *Dr Joachim Fischer* is Senior Lecturer in German and Joint Director of the Centre for Irish-German Studies at the University of Limerick; *Dr Michael J. Griffin* is Lecturer in English at the University of Limerick; *Dr Hermann Rasche* was Senior Lecturer in German at NUI Galway until his retirement in 2008.

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Registration Fee: €50

The fee includes lunch, coffees and the reception on Saturday.

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