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15th Limerick Conference in Irish-German Studies

25 Jahre Mauerfall –

Reflections on GDR literature, its legacy and connections between the GDR and Ireland

DAAD Alumni Conference

Organised by the University of Limerick and NUI Galway

University of Limerick, 7/8 November 2014

Organised by Dr Deirdre Byrnes (NUI Galway), Dr Jean Conacher and Dr Gisela Holfter (University of Limerick)

Friday, 7 November 2014

Venue: Wood Room, Plassey House, University of Limerick

2pm Welcome MC Dr Gisela Holfter, University of Limerick

Vice-President, University of Limerick (or representative)

German Ambassador to Ireland (or representative)

Dr Georg Krawietz, Director DAAD London

2.30pm – 3.45pm Session I Chair: Dr Jean Conacher, University of Limerick

Dr Deirdre Byrnes, NUI Galway – „Erinnerungen haben ihre Zeit“: Memory and postmemory in autobiographical writing after 1989

Dr Marieke Krajenbrink, University of Limerick – Botho Strauss' *Schlusschor* Revisited

3.45 – 4.15pm Coffee/tea

4.15 – 5.30pm Session II Chair: Dr Deirdre Byrnes, NUI Galway

Dr Therese Hörnigk, Berlin – „Wer keinen Ärger macht, wird auch keinen haben“: Stefan Heyms Poetik des Engagements

Prof Frank Hörnigk, Berlin – Literatur ohne Land?: Über die Aktualität alter Texte

5.30 – 7.00pm Readings and discussion Chair: Prof Ian Wallace, Emeritus, Bath University

Katja Lange-Müller, Berlin & Kathrin Schmidt, Berlin

7.30pm Dinner in honour of Prof Em. Eda Sagarra, Trinity College Dublin, East Room Plassey House (Prof Jürgen Barkhoff, TCD; Prof Em. Eoin Bourke, NUI Galway and Prof Em. Hugh Ridley, UCD)



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Saturday, 8 November 2014

Venue: GEMS 0029 (Madden lecture theatre) UL North Campus

9.30am – 10.45am Session III Chair: Dr Veronica O'Regan, University of Limerick

Dr Jean Conacher, University of Limerick – “Our Berlin Wall”: From global event to domestic metonym

Dr Sabine Egger, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick – Radio waves transcending boundaries: “The Wireless” in poems by Lutz Seiler and Seamus Heaney

10.45am – 11.15am coffee/tea

11.15am – 12.30pm Session IV Chair: Prof Hans-Walter Schmidt-Hannisa, NUI Galway

Dr Jerome aan de Wiel, University College Cork/University of Limerick – The trouble with Frank Ryan: “Corpse diplomacy” between Ireland and the GDR, 1966-1980s

Derek Scally, *Irish Times*, Berlin – From Nylon to Dederon: The fabric of the Irish-GDR past

12.30pm – 2pm Lunch and Book Launch

Launch of Jerome aan de Wiel's *East German Intelligence and Ireland, 1949-1990: Espionage, Terrorism and Diplomacy* (Manchester University Press, 2014) by Derek Scally

2.00pm – 3.15pm Session V Chair: Prof Pól Ó Dochartaigh, NUI Galway

Dr Joachim Fischer, University of Limerick – The GDR through Irish eyes: An ideology-critical reading of two recent Irish novels

Dr Michaela Schrage-Früh, University of Limerick – Reflections of the GDR in Hugo Hamilton's work

3.30pm – 4.45pm Session VI Chair: Dr Joachim Fischer, University of Limerick

Dr Fergal Lenehan, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena – Elizabeth Shaw: A Belfast woman at the centre of GDR children's culture

Dr Gisela Holfter, University of Limerick – Some aspects of the reception of Ireland in the GDR – and vice versa