Monastic Europe: Landscape & Settlement

Ennis, Co. Clare
22nd to 25th August, 2015

Conference Information Pack
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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce the programme for the Monastic Europe: landscape and settlement conference that will be held in Ennis, Co. Clare, 22nd to 25th August 2015. The range of speakers, the variety of the topics and the field trips to stunning sites will make for an entertaining and engaging conference.

The medieval town of Ennis is a fitting venue for our conference, having enjoyed the patronage of the powerful O’Brien kings of Thomond during the medieval period and later becoming an important regional town from the seventeenth century onwards. The Franciscan community have had a presence in the region since the thirteenth century and the friars will be in evidence during the conference.

The conference venue is the Temple Gate Hotel, located a short distance from the old Franciscan friary on Abbey St. and very close to the present friary.
Conference registration costs €75 for the full conference.

The conference dinner costs €50 (incl. wine)

The conference trips cost €7.50 per day or €20 for all three trips.

All can be paid for using the following bank a/c details:

**Monastic Ireland**

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A secure online method of payment will shortly be available [monasticeurope.wordpress.com](http://monasticeurope.wordpress.com)

Details of a bursary scheme will also be announced shortly.

Getting to Ennis

Ennis, Co. Clare is accessible via train, bus and car and is located only 25km from Shannon Airport.

**52.846038, -8.981770**

Driving:

- Shannon Airport to Ennis via the M18 takes 20 minutes (25km)
- Dublin to Ennis via the M7/M18 takes about 2 and a half hours (240km)
- Cork to Ennis via the N20/M18 takes about 2 hours (135km)

Bus:

- Shannon Airport to Ennis takes 30 minutes ([Bus Eireann](http://www.buseireann.com))
- Dublin Airport to Ennis takes between 4 and 5 hours with one change of bus ([Bus Eireann](http://www.buseireann.com))
- Dublin City Centre to Ennis takes about 4 hours ([Dublin Coach](http://www.dublincoach.ie))
- Cork Airport to Ennis takes a little under 4 hours and requires one change of bus ([Bus Eireann](http://www.buseireann.com))

Train:

- Dublin (Heuston Station) to Ennis takes between 3 to 4 hours and requires one change of train ([Irish Rail](http://www.irishrail.ie))
- Cork (Kent Station) to Ennis takes between 2 and a half to 3 hours and requires one or two changes of train ([Irish Rail](http://www.irishrail.ie))

Taxi:

- A taxi from Shannon Airport to Ennis takes between 20 and 40 minutes and costs €30 to €40
Our conference will be held in the **Temple Gate Hotel** in the centre of Ennis.

The **Temple Gate Hotel** sits on the site of a 19th century Convent of Mercy with a fascinating and eventful history. Prior to its conversion to a convent, the original houses, Row House and Lifford House, were the property of Charles O'Connell, cousin of Daniel O'Connell. He was a frequent visitor to the area particularly in the years 1827 - 1829 when planning his election campaign. The Sisters of Mercy moved from the Ennis Convent in 1995 to new premises nearby.

They have offered us special rates:

- Single Room €115 per night (bed & breakfast)
- Double Room €135 per night (bed & breakfast)

The **Temple Gate Hotel** can be contacted for reservations at [info@templegatehotel.com](mailto:info@templegatehotel.com) or +353 65 682 3300
Other accommodation alternatives include:

**The West County Hotel**

The West County Hotel and Leisure Centre is located on the Limerick Road, Ennis and boasts 152 recently refurbished en suite bedrooms, with complimentary Wi-Fi and access to the Leisure Club. 30 minutes walk to conference venue.

- Twin Double €99 per night (bed & breakfast)
- Family Room (2 + 2) €119 per night (bed & breakfast)

Reservations can be made by contacting Julieanne at julieanne.carrigg@treacyswestcounty.com or +353 65 6869600

**The Old Ground Hotel**

*Built in the early part of the 18th Century as a private dwelling and a hotel since 1895 the Old Ground Hotel has a long tradition and connection to the people of County Clare. Indeed the Old Ground has played its part in the Republics tumultuous beginnings and the now Town Hall once incorporated a jail. 5 minutes walk to conference venue.*

- Single rooms €120 per room (bed & breakfast)
- Double/ twin rooms €140 per room (bed & breakfast)

Reservations can be made by contacting Maria at reservations@oldgroundhotel.ie
The Rowan Tree Hostel

The Rowan Tree hostel is located in a 1740’s fully restored and extended former gentleman’s club overlooking Ennis friary. It was voted Best Hostel in Ireland in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and was a Hoscar Awards Winner and 2014 Nominee for Best Hostel in the World. 5 minute walk to conference venue.

Private Rooms (per room)

- Single en suite €59 midweek or €69 weekend
- Double en suite €59 midweek or €69 weekend

Dormitories (per person)

- 6/8 en suite €25 midweek or €29 weekend

This includes a light breakfast, bed linen, free Wi-Fi access and free international phone calls.

Reservations can be made directly via info@rowantreehostel.ie or +353 65 686 8687
Field Trips

The cost of each field trip is €7.50
If you book all three trips, it will only cost €20

23rd August, 2015 (Day 2)

14:00 – 18:00  Trip to Adare

Adare, Co. Limerick is a nineteenth-century estate village built around a medieval castle and monastic landscape. We will visit the medieval Franciscan and the Augustinian friaries, and the parish church, formerly a Trinitarian Abbey.
24<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (Day 3)

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<td>The field trip to Corcomroe, Co. Clare and Kilmacduagh will bring our visitors through the Burren, one of the most spectacular landscapes in Ireland. Corcomroe 12&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;-century Cistercian Abbey represents a fine example of the work of 12&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; &amp; 13&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;-century craftsmen whose style has become known as the ‘School of the West’. The extensive monastic landscape of Kilmacduagh, Co. Galway characterizes Irish monastic architecture from the pre-Norman period (round tower, cathedral, satellite churches) to its late medieval form on one site (episcopal hall, Augustinian foundation).</td>
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<td>The 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;-century Franciscan friary of Quin is one of the most intact examples among medieval Irish monastic foundations. Originally built within the parameters of an Anglo-Norman fortress, the cloister, chapter room, kitchen and refectory stand almost as they did at the time of the friars’ dispersal in the 17&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; century. Killone Abbey, Co. Clare is one of the few medieval Augustinian nunneries to have been founded in Ireland. It was endowed by an O’Brien king in the late 12&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; century and was governed on several occasions by formidable O’Brien abbesses.</td>
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Note: The Killone visit will consist of a 20 minute walk on rough ground. Boots or walking shoes will be needed!
The conference dinner will be held in the Cloister Restaurant beside the ruins of the Franciscan friary in Ennis.

The three course dinner including wine will cost €50.

Places are limited so please book early.
Monastic Ireland will announce shortly details of a bursary scheme to assist those in need of financial support to attend the conference.

Please keep an eye on our webpage (https://monasticeurope.wordpress.com/)

or

our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/monasticireland) for updates.
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Templegate Hotel, The Square, Ennis, Co. Clare

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| 14.30-15.00 | Colman Ó Clabaigh OSB  
*Glenstal Abbey, Co. Limerick, Ireland* | Monasticism after dark: the dormitory and associated features in late medieval Irish monasteries |
| 15.00-15.30 | Elizabeth Valdez del Alamo  
*Montclair State University, New Jersey, U.S.A.* | The cloister, heart of monastic life |
| 15.30-16.00 | Christoph Keller  
*LVR - Amt für Bodendenkmalpflege im Rheinland* | New light on Caesarius’ Abbey – Recent excavations at the Cistercian Monastery of Heisterbach (Germany) |
| 16.00-16.30 | Break |

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Textual Sources and the Monastic Environment

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| 16.30-17.00 | Karen Stöber,  
*Universitat de Lleida* | Some comments on sources for medieval monastic history in Catalonia |
| 17.00-17.30 | Richard Oram  
*University of Stirling* | Recovering ‘Lost’ Cartularies and Rebuilding Monastic Property Portfolios: the Example of Three Scottish Premonstratensian Houses |
| 17.30-18.00 | John McCafferty,  
*University College, Dublin* | Organic friars: 17th Century Irish Franciscans reading their landscape' |
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| Dany Sandron,  
*Université Paris Sorbonne* | Benedictine abbeys: Exemption from Episcopal power |
| 10.00-10.30 | |  
| Gergely Kiss  
*University of Pécs, Hungary* | The religious orders, the landscape and the settlement in the diocese of Pécs: regional and urban context in medieval Hungary |
| 10.30-11.00 | |  
| Tajana Pleše  
*Croatian Conservation Institute* | *Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae* Monasteries and the shaping of Late Medieval Slavonian Landscape prior to the Battle of Mohács (1526) |
| 11.00-11.30 | Break |

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| Johnny Grandjean Gøgsig Jakobsen,  
*University of Copenhagen* | At Blackfriars Priory: Topography of Dominican priories within urban geography in medieval Scandinavia |
| 12.30-13.00 | |  
| Nere Jone Intxaustegi Jauregi,  
*University of the Basque Country*  
(Spain) | Convents: The image of the Basque patronage network power |
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**Orders and Borders**

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<td>Visa Immonen, Turku Institute for Advanced Studies University of Turku</td>
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<td>Oana Toda, University of Alba Iulia, Romania</td>
<td>The river island monastery: long distance connections and micro-regional isolation in the case of Bizere Abbey (Romania)?</td>
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| 12.30-13.00| Alf Tore Hommedal<br>
*University of Bergen, Norway*<br>St. Alban’s Abbey. The Benedictines and the Sanctuary at Selja, Norway |
| 13.00-14.00| Lunch                                                                            |
| 14.00-18.00| Trip to Corcomroe & Kilmacduagh                                                   |

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| 9.30-10.00 | Tracy Collins,<br>
*University College Cork and Aegis Archaeology Limited*<br>Transforming Women Religious? Church reform and the archaeology of female monasticism in medieval Ireland |
| 10.00-10.30| Victoria Hodgson<br>
*University of Stirling*<br>The Cistercians of Coupar Angus: Landscape, Economy, and Hunting in Glenisla, Scotland |
| 10.30-11.00| Eva Schlotheuber<br>
*Institut für Geschichtswissenschaften*<br>Female Dominican convents in Europe |
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