

Project Four: Irish Landed Estates

Project background

The project will expand an IRCHSS-funded database project on the landed estates of Connaught from the 18th - 20th centuries by producing a similar online database of the estates of Munster, thus facilitating access to valuable information that has hitherto been dispersed and disorganised. Researchers on this project will also produce analyses of the economic, social and cultural impacts of Irish landed estates.

PhD 1: Role of the Irish landed estate agent (ref. TCCNUIG09)

The PhD candidate will examine the role of the estate land agent as a drastic force in the socio-cultural, no less than the economic life of rural communities in 19th century Ireland. Grounded in case-studies, the thesis will also address issues of popular perception and representation (literary and folkloric) of the Irish land agent.

Supervisor: Dr. John Cunningham, Department of History, National University of Ireland, Galway

PhD 2: Role of the Irish landed estate in the construction of social and cultural order (ref. TCCNUIG10)

The PhD candidate will examine the role of the Irish landed estate in the construction of 'order' within its hinterland. Grounded in the empirical evidence of case-studies, the thesis will engage with theoretical and historiographical issues in the literature relating to economic development, political economy and social order in 19th century Ireland.

Supervisor: Professor Thomas Boylan, Department of Economics, National University of Ireland, Galway.

PhD 3: Elite views on cultural revival: the correspondence of revivalist landed families in the West (ref. TCCNUIG11)

Applications are invited for a doctoral fellowship, supervised by Professor Adrian Frazier, to carry out a study of networks of correspondence among Irish 'cultural elites' during the period 1880 to 1930. These would include epistolary exchanges between Yeats, Moore, Martyn, Gregory, Hyde, Somerville & Ross, Plunkett, Shaw, Russell, etc.

Supervisor: Professor Adrian Frazier, Department of English, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Funding: €16,000 in addition to fees and some travel expenses



Application Procedure: Applicants should specify the title of the PhD they wish to apply for, and submit the following materials:

- a full CV including all degree and diploma results
- writing sample up to 4000 words. This may be take the form of one long piece (e.g. a minor dissertation for a taught MA course) or two shorter essays (at least one of which should be a graded essay submitted as part of an academic programme)
- the names and addresses of at least two academic referees

Please post or email applications to:

Development Manager, Moore Institute, National University of Ireland, Galway
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Closing date for receipt of applications is 14 March 2008.

Further information about these scholarships is available from **Prof. Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh**, Dept of History, NUI Galway (gearoid.otuathaigh@nuigalway.ie) and from the websites www.nuigalway.ie/mooreinstitute and www.textscontextsandcultures.ie