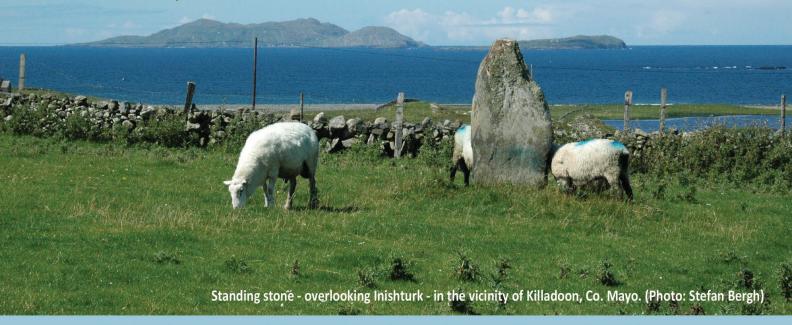
Natural & Human Heritages

Spring Lunchtime Lecture Series, 2017



Venue: The Studio, Town Hall Theatre, Woodguay, Galway. Time: 1.10 -1.50pm

Programme Introduction: Dr. Terry Morley

January 20th

Climate change, prehistoric farming, soil loss and the development of a karst landscape in western Ireland

This talk looks at whether prehistoric farming practices 4,000 years ago may be related to karst development on the Burren, and also whether contemporary climatic shifts may have played a role.

Speaker: Dr. Carleton Jones

Friday

Low Carbon Energy Communities in Irish Islands: A Transdisciplinary Approach

January 27th

Island life affects perceptions of energy and energy practices. This research developed understandings of how place and social networks influence energy knowledge through a case study of Inis Oírr.

Speaker: Eimear Heaslip

Friday

Back from the Stone Age: The place of Céide Fields in Irish prehistory

February 3rd

Céide Fields has long been assigned to the Stone Age. This lecture will explain how the age of the field

walls has been overestimated by as much as 2,500 years.

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Whitefield

Friday

Fishing for consensus on Ireland's salmon farms

February 10th

Irish salmon farms face environmental and socioeconomic challenges. This research examines stakeholder consensus and conflict to identify how development, innovation, and policy reform for salmon

aquaculture might best be pursued.

Speaker: Dr. Liam M. Carr

Friday

Nature and Culture: the symbolisation of a primordial interdependence

February 17th

This paper will examine how past societies negotiated their relationship with nature, and how the interdependence between nature and culture was understood and symbolised in religion, art and ceremony.

Speaker: Dr. Fiona Gavin

Friday

Irish Winter Climates: From storms to frost and back again

February 24th

There is increasing evidence that the rapid warming in the Arctic results in extreme climates at mid-latitudes causing extreme winters, flooding, and summer heat waves in Ireland. This talk examines the evidence, mechanisms, and processes that support this hypothesis.

Speaker: Dr. Audrey Morley

Friday

Perspectives on vallation: Multi-functionality in the morphology of the Gaelic ráth

March 3rd Concurrent with their protective functions, the earthen banks and ditches of Gaelic settlement enclosures (ringforts) were spaces where expressions of identity and status were presented. This paper examines

how some of those spaces may have been presented visually and experientially.

Speaker: Peter Casby

Friday March 10th

What on Earth are Novel Ecosystems?

Humans have changed or influenced almost every part of the planet, such that the epoch we are now living in will forever be identified as human - the Anthropocene. Novel ecosystems arise from human

development and we know very little about them. So, what are they and what do they mean in an

increasingly urbanised society? Speaker: Dr. Marcus J. Collier

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