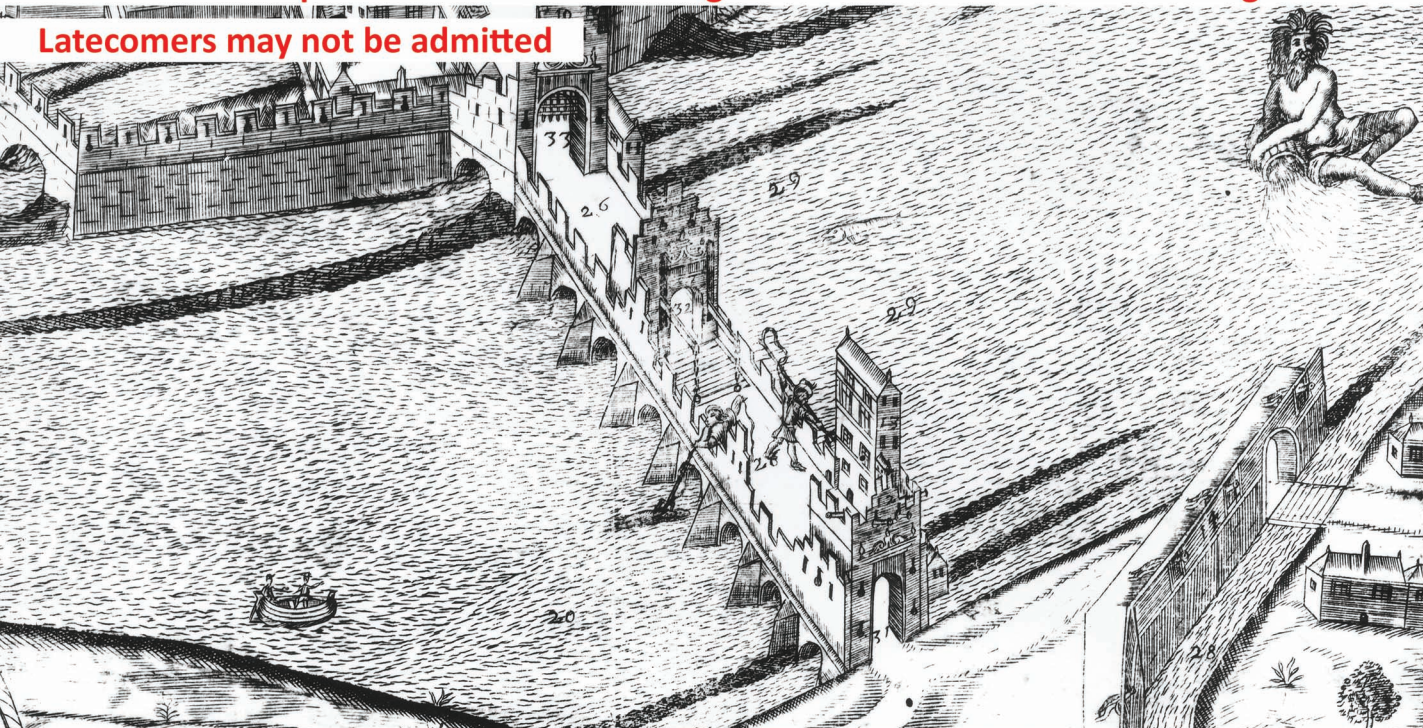


Spring Lunchtime Lecture Series 2020

Event is free but please book a ticket through the Town Hall Theatre as seating is limited

Latecomers may not be admitted



Venue: Town Hall Theatre, Woodquay, Galway.

Time: 1.10 -1.50pm

Thursday
January 23rd **Programme Introduction: Dr. Aaron Potito**

G is for gold, G is for Galway - the story of ancient goldwork in Galway

This lecture will look at what we know of ancient goldworking in County Galway and surrounding area over a period of 2500 years from the Early Bronze Age to the Iron Age. It will also cover the sources for gold, the techniques used by goldsmiths and discuss the cultural significance of gold as a symbol of power and wealth in ancient societies.

Speaker: Prof. Mary Cahill

Thursday
January 30th ***Bog-deal, in Irish giúis: what is it? what does it tell us about past environments?***

Bog-deal (*giúis*) is invariably associated with bogs. Most Irish people are aware of its existence and realise that its presence is of significance but there can be uncertainty as to what precisely bog-deal signifies. In this talk, the rich information on past environments that bog-deal gives us will be discussed.

Speaker: Prof. Michael O'Connell

Thursday
February 6th ***The Dillon Family of Ahascragh, County Galway: Irish Identities and the Clonbrock Photographic Collection (1860s-1930s)***

This lecture explores how the Dillon family of the Clonbrock Estate, Co. Galway, used the medium of photography to articulate their Anglo-Irish identity dating from 1865 to 1910.

Speaker: Úna Kavanagh

Thursday
February 13th ***Back to the future: Renaissance Galway in the mid-seventeenth century***

Galway is unique in possessing a large-scale pictorial map of the mid-seventeenth century city. Commonly known as the '1651 map of Galway', this talk will highlight its origins, design and content.

Speaker: Paul Walsh

Thursday
February 20th ***Landscape and environmental history of Galway: prehistoric woodlands to Medieval city***

Fossil pollen provides a window on past landscapes. This lecture presents evidence of landscape change in Galway, through the millennia, as revealed by analysis of sediments from within Galway city.

Speaker: Dr. Karen Molloy

Thursday
February 27th ***Genealogies of Irish dance in Galway, 1922 to 1992***

This talk will trace the genealogies of Irish dance and its teachers in 20th century Galway, from the first decade of the new state until the early 1990s.

Speaker: Dr. Méabh Ní Fhuartháin

Detail of the West Bridge area (1651 Pictorial Map of Galway)

Thursday
March 5th ***Archives, a valuable cultural resource***

Archives are integral to the history of our nation. Patria discusses what archives are, and their value to society, with a particular focus on local authority archives and a glimpse at some of Galway County Council Archives' treasures.

Speaker: Patria McWalter (Archivist, Galway County Council Archives)

Thursday
March 12th ***Shaped by shock: How abrupt climate change helped mould Galway's landscapes***

The temperate façade of modern-day Galway hides a turbulent history of climatic upheaval and environmental calamity. We explore the events and processes that shaped our landscapes, from shoreline to summit.

Speaker: Dr. Gordon Bromley

Thursday
March 19th ***Speculative Imaginaries: Rethinking our Relationship to the Natural World***

Nessa Cronin brings the Irish experience to bear on the current debate on climate change, focusing on the need for new ways of being in this Age of Extinction.

Speaker: Dr. Nessa Cronin

Thursday
March 26th ***Some student days from UCG, 1920***

A photographic journey illustrating Larkin's parents' undergraduate days during the Revolutionary Decade; how they met, their shared experiences, good, bad and momentous during their university years.

Speaker: Patrick Larkin (Vice-President of the Galway Archaeological and Historical Society)

Thursday
April 2nd ***Do we worry about climate change? Understanding climate change perceptions in the North West region of Ireland***

A survey was conducted in five communities situated in the North-West of Ireland to explore relationships between climate change perceptions, trust, information/communication, willingness to participate, sense of community, and place attachment.

Speaker: Axel Leahy

Thursday
April 16th ***From Medieval Galway map to 3D model - a window into the past***

This talk takes place on the 200th anniversary of the first seminal analysis of the 1651 map of Galway published by James Hardiman. Here we discuss the process of digitizing the map in to an interactive 3d model, and the role the city museum has played in making this 21st century version accessible to a modern audience.

Speaker: Gavin Duffy

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