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Anfänge und Entwicklungen: Beiträge zur Fachgeschichte der Germanistik und darüber hinaus

5-6 June 2025, Centre for Irish-German Studies, University of Limerick

This conference is part of the activities of the Movens network of German scholars where UL has been a founding member (see <https://www.movensnetwork.org/>). As is tradition at Movens conferences, there will also be one-to-one Masterclasses for PhD students with experienced international academics in German Studies participating in the network. This DAAD-supported conference will be a starting point to build a network of researchers in Europe working on the history of German Studies and draw lessons for the future of the field. This will (hopefully) inform our awareness of what is special about German Studies in Europe, contribute to the knowledge of the discipline in Germany and Europe and show unusual as well as converging developments at different points in time.

Thursday, 5 June – UL Glucksman Library, Appellate Court, 3rd floor

2pm Opening – Prof Shane Kilcommins (Acting President UL), Dr Sandra Joyce (Dean FAHSS) and Prof Gisela Holfter (CIGS, UL)

2.15-3.45 Session 1 – Chair: Prof. Astrid Köhler (Queen Mary University of London)

Prof. Monika Unzeitig (Greifswald): Komparatistische Anfänge des Fachs

Prof. Phyllis Gaffney (UCD): The Victorian Heyday: Educational Links between Ireland and Germany

Prof. Nicola McLelland (Nottingham): The history of German in Higher Education in these islands

3.45-4.15pm Break Coffee/Tea

4.15-5.15 Session 2 – Chair: Dr Anita Barmettler (UL)

Prof. Robert Gillett (Queen Mary University of London): Mangelhaft bis ungenügend: "Geschichten des deutschen Dramas" im Test

Dr Hermann Rasche (Galway): Rückblicke auf German Studies in Irland seit den 1960er Jahren bis heute

5.15-6.00 Masterclasses for PhD students

Friday, 6 June – UL Glucksman Library, Appellate Court, 3rd floor

9.15-10.45am Session 3 – Chair: Associate Prof Michaela Schrage-Frueh (UL)

Prof. Elisabeth Wåghäll Nivre (Stockholm): Die Stockholmer Germanistik im Kontext der schwedischen Hochschullandschaft

Dr Linda Hammarfelt (Göteborg) & Dr Corina Löwe (Växjö): Die schwedische Germanistik des 21. Jahrhunderts im Spiegel ihrer Dissertationen.

Prof. Thomas Grub (Uppsala): Deutsch/Tyska: Zur Geschichte der Germanistik an der Universität Uppsala

10.45-11.15am Coffee/Tea Break

11.15-12.45 Session 4 – Chair: Prof Elisabeth Wåghäll Nivre (Stockholm)

Dr Florian Schmid (Greifswald): Materialitäten und Medialitäten - Grundlagen altgermanistischer Forschung

Birte Jensen (Greifswald): Vom Messkatalog zur Datenbank - Eine kleine Geschichte der Buchhandelsforschung & Entwicklungen und Potenziale zwischen Germanistik und Buchwissenschaft

Dr Sophia Buck (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford): German Studies in Russia (with entanglements to Germany and UK)

Lunch Break

1.30-3.00 Session 5 – Chair: Associate Prof Marieke Krajenbrink (UL)

Prof. Irena Samide (Ljubljana): Zwischen Zentrum und Peripherie: Zur Genese und Entwicklung der slowenischen Germanistik

Prof. Gudrun Heidemann (Łódź): Germanistik in Polen. Grenzgänge und Synergien zwischen area und cultural studies

Prof. Kristýna Solomon (Olomouc) - Die tschechische Germanistik im Reformprozess? Herausforderungen und Perspektiven unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Reform des Doktorstudiums

Short break

Final Roundtable - Towards a network of researchers in Europe working on the history of German Studies: Methods, key point of comparison, things to keep in mind and a potential timeline

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