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**ACSI 18th Biennial Conference  
Maynooth University  
Renehan Hall, South Campus  
13-14 May 2016**

**IMAGI/NATION: CANADA PAST AND FUTURE  
IMAGI/NATION: CANADA, SON PASSÉ ET SON AVENIR**

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**FRIDAY 13 MAY**

**9.00-10.00: REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

**Friday 13 May 10.00-11.00 First Keynote Lecture  
Chair: Charles Ivar McGrath, University College Dublin**

**Helen O'Neill, Emeritus Professor of Economics,  
University College Dublin**

***Can Justin Trudeau Restore Canada's International Reputation?***

**11.00-13.00:**

**a) Imagining Identity, Building Citizenry in Transnational North America  
Chair: Marnie Hay, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra**

\* Nick Baxter-Moore, Brock University, St. Catharines / Munroe Eagles, SUNY, Buffalo. Immigration, Pluralism and Identity among Canadians and Americans.

\* Raymond Blake, University of Regina, Saskatchewan. Imagining Citizenship: Notions of Canadian Citizenship since 1867.

\* David Leahy, Université de Sherbrooke. The Neo-Liberal "Fracking" of the Canadian Middle Class.

\* Frank Towers, Mary Ball Washington Visiting Professor of American History, University College Dublin. Confederation as Part of the Continental Crisis: Transnational Perspectives on the Transnational History of Canada in the 1860s.

**13.00-14.00: LUNCH**

**14.00-15.30:**

**b) Charter Rights, Charter Challenges/Les droits et les défis de la Charte  
Chair : David Parris, Trinity College Dublin**

\* Benjamin Authers, University of Canberra, A Culture of Rights: The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the Constitution of National Values.

\* Wilfrid B. Denis, St. Thomas More College, Université de la Saskatchewan. Le choc des paradigmes dans la jurisprudence de l'article 23 de la *Charte canadienne des droits et libertés*.

\* Dustin J. McNichol, Université de la Saskatchewan. La nation néocoloniale contestée: la jurisprudence de l'article 23 de la *Charte canadienne des droits et libertés*, 1982-2014.

**15.30-17.00:**

**c) Imagining/Managing the Eco-nation  
Chair: Helen O'Neill, University College Dublin**

\* Diane Dupont, Brock University, St. Catharines. The Importance of Natural Resources to Nations: Canadian and Irish Experiences with Water Valuation.

\* Steven Renzetti, Brock University, St. Catharines. Water Pricing Reforms: the Canadian Experience and Potential Lessons for the Republic of Ireland.

\* Niall Marjury, Queen's University Belfast. Calculating Nature's Worth: Insights from Mapping the Canadian Resource Economy.

**Friday 13 May 2016 17.00-18.00: ACSI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**18.15-19.00 CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION**

**19.00 CONFERENCE DINNER**

**SATURDAY 14 MAY**

**9.00-11.00:**

**d) Staging and Translating Identity/Mettre en scène et traduire l'identité  
Chair : Dr Dervila Cooke, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra**

\* J. Paul Halferty, University College Dublin. A Queer Return: John Herbert's *Fortune and Men's Eyes* at Toronto's Central Library Theatre.

\* Jane Koustas, Craig Dobbin Professor of Canadian Studies, University College Dublin. Robert Lepage : Language, Identity, Nation.

\* Denise Merkle, Université de Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick. La traduction "officielle" simulacre d'une communauté canadienne bilingue.

\* Gillian Lane-Mercier, McGill University, Montreal. Branding Anglo-Québec Literature in Québec, in Canada and Abroad: Self-representations versus Institutional Processes.

**11.00-11.30      COFFEE**

**Saturday 14 May 11.30-12.30    Second Keynote Lecture  
Chair: Julie Rodgers, Maynooth University**

**Rachel Killick, Emeritus Professor of Quebec Studies & Nineteenth-Century French Studies, University of Leeds  
*Commemoration and its Dis/Contents***

**12.30-13.30:      LUNCH**

**13.30-15.30:**

**e) Commemorating, Mapping and Imagining Nation  
Chair: Riana O' Dwyer, NUI Galway**

\* Phyllis E. Leblanc, Université de Moncton, New Brunswick. The Acadian Experience of National Commemoration: Whose Memory?.

\* Michèle Lacombe, Trent University, Ontario. Mapping the Nation: Re-imagining Community in Nicolas Dickner's *Nikolski*

\* Nicole Birch-Bayley, University of Toronto. Mapping Haptic Anxieties and Embodiments of Nationhood in Hugh MacLennan's *Two Solitudes* and Timothy Findley's *The Wars*.

\* Kate Smyth, Trinity College Dublin. Redefining Home and Identity through Mavis Gallant's Linnet Muir Stories.

**15.30-16.15 POETRY READING**

**Chair: Jane Koustas, Craig Dobbin Professor of Canadian Studies, University College Dublin**

**KATHLEEN MCCRACKEN, JULIE MORRISSEY, CONNIE VOISINE, DIMITRA XIDOUS**

**16.15-16.30 BREAK**

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**f) Manifestations culturelles de l'identité autochtone**

**Chair : Maeve Conrick, University College Dublin**

\* Karine Bertrand, Queen's University, Ontario. Ré-imaginer la nation: communautés autochtones québécoises, arts médiatiques et souveraineté visuelle.

\* Mohamed Mahiout, Université de Cergy-Pontoise. De la constitution individuelle à la pluralité culturelle: une dynamique initiatique chez Robert Lalonde.

**Saturday 14 May 17.30-18.30: Third Keynote Lecture**

**Chair: Michael Brophy, President, ACSI**

**Susan Hodgett, President, International Council for Canadian Studies**

***Flourishing Policy Learning: Searching for the Good Life in Canada and the UK***

**18.30 PRESENTATION OF PRIX DU QUÉBEC**

**19.30 CLOSING DINNER**

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