

Early Medieval Settlements in North-West Europe, AD 400-1100

International Conference, University College Dublin, 26-28 November 2010

Final Conference Programme

Organised by INSTAR Early Medieval Archaeology Project (EMAP), UCD School of Archaeology & School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Queens University Belfast and partners, supported by INSTAR & OPW

A conference exploring how the peoples of early medieval north-west Europe, AD 400-1100, organized their dwellings, settlements and landscapes, so as to constitute and represent their social identities of household, community, religion, ethnicity, status, kinship and gender. Speakers will investigate the subject at scales of household, dwellings, localities and regions and will present papers describing recent exciting archaeological discoveries and the stories that they enable us to tell about how people lived together in the past.

International speakers include Helena Hamerow (University of Oxford); Chris Loveluck (University of Nottingham); Martin Carver (University of York, editor *Antiquity*); Gabor Thomas (University of Reading); Mark Redknap (National Museum of Wales); Chris Lowe (Headland Archaeology); Simon Gilmour (Society of Antiquaries of Scotland); Sally Foster (University of Glasgow, editor *Medieval Archaeology*); John Barber and Anne Crone (AOC Scotland); David Griffiths (University of Oxford); Aidan O'Sullivan, Jonathan Kinsella and Lorcan Harney (EMAP/University College Dublin); Finbar McCormick and Thomas Kerr (EMAP/Queens University Belfast); Michelle Comber (NUI Galway); Paul Stevens (Valerie J. Keeley Ltd); Tomás Ó Carraigáin (University College Cork); Linzi Simpson (Margaret Gowen & Co Ltd); Robert O'Hara (Archer Heritage Ltd), Gareth Davies (University of Nottingham); Mícheál Ó Droma (Freelance Archaeologist) and Matt Seaver (UCD/EMAP).

Day One: Friday 26th November

Pre-conference museum visits: EMAP recommends that conference attendees visit these excellent exhibitions exploring the materiality of early medieval/Viking Age Ireland

- *Viking Age Ireland, Medieval Ireland* and *Treasures of Ireland* exhibitions at National Museum of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2
- *Viking and Medieval Dublin* exhibition at *Dublinia*, beside Christchurch Cathedral
- *Irish High Crosses* exhibition, Collins Barracks, National Museum of Ireland

6.00pm: UCD Conference Begins: Welcome by Prof. Gabriel Cooney, Head of School

Early medieval north-west Europe: settlements, behavioural settings and social identity, AD 600-1100

Conference Keynote Lecture by

Dr Chris Loveluck, University of Nottingham

6.30-7.30pm: Room A109, Newman (Arts) Building, UCD, followed by wine reception and finger food, Staff Common Room, Newman Building, UCD

Day Two: Saturday 27th November

8.45am	Registration Global Irish Institute, UCD, Dublin	
9.15am	Welcome	
9.30-10.00	INSTAR Early Medieval Archaeology Project (EMAP): exploring early medieval dwellings and settlements in Ireland.	Dr Finbar McCormick, Queens University Belfast & Dr Aidan O'Sullivan, UCD &
10.00-10.30	Early medieval settlement across the Atlantic Seaways: contacts, development and change in Scotland, AD 400-900	Dr Simon Gilmour, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
10.30-11.00	House and home in early medieval Wales: an archaeological perspective	Dr Mark Redknap, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff
11.00-11.15	<i>Discussion</i>	
11.15-11.45	<i>Tea/coffee</i>	
11.45-12.15	The landscape of early medieval settlement as preserved in the Burren region of western Ireland	Dr Michelle Comber, NUI Galway
12.15-12.45	Early medieval ringforts and enclosures in Ireland: a case study of the evolution of two enclosure sites in Co. Tipperary.	Mícheál Ó Droma & Jonathan Kinsella (EMAP)
12.45-1pm	<i>Discussion</i>	
1.00-2.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
2.00-2.30	Revisiting the residence of Pictish power in early medieval Scotland	Dr Sally Foster, University of Glasgow & <i>Medieval Archaeology</i>
2.30-3.00	Early medieval settlement morphologies and material culture: the changing rural elites of Anglo-Saxon Norfolk	Gareth Davies, University of Nottingham
3.00-3.15	<i>Discussion</i>	
3.15-3.45pm	<i>Tea/coffee</i>	
3.45-4.15pm	Early medieval architecture and engineering: the construction of secular and sacred wooden structures	Dr John Barber & Anne Crone, AOC Scotland
4.15-4.45	The Anglo-Saxon house: form, function and life-cycle	Prof Helena Hamerow, University of Oxford
4.45-5.15pm	Viking Age buildings, landscape and status – from Orkney to the Irish Sea	Dr David Griffiths, University of Oxford
5.15-5.30pm	<i>General Discussion and close of Day 2</i>	

Day Three: Sunday 28th November

9.00-9.15	Welcome	
9.30-10.00	Living and working with God: crafts and economy on early medieval church settlements and archaeological excavations in Ireland	Lorcan Harney (UCD/EMAP) & Dr Thom Kerr, (QUB/EMAP)
10.00-10.30	Living with the dead in early medieval Ireland: settlement enclosures with human burials, AD 400-1100	Matt Seaver, UCD/EMAP
10.30-11.00	Early medieval settlement on ecclesiastical estates: <i>the Making Christian Landscapes Project</i>	Dr Tomás Ó Carragáin, Dept of Archaeology, UCC
11.00-11.15	<i>Discussion</i>	
11.15-11.45	<i>Tea/coffee</i>	
11.45-12.15	Early insular monasteries and prehistory - some tentative relationships	Prof Martin Carver, <i>Antiquity</i> & University of York
12.15-12.45	Early historic monastic settlements and their use of space: case studies from Hoddom and Inchmarnock	Dr Chris Lowe, Headland Archaeology
12.45-1pm	<i>Discussion</i>	
1.00-2.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
2.00-2.30	Settlement dynamics and monastic foundation in pre-Viking England: New perspectives from excavations at Lyminge, Kent	Dr Gabor Thomas, University of Reading
2.30-3.00	Excavation and experimental archaeology at an early medieval monastic site at Clonfad, Co. Westmeath	Paul Stevens, Valerie J. Keeley Ltd
3.00-3.15	<i>Discussion</i>	
3.15-3.45pm	<i>Tea/coffee</i>	
3.45-4.15	Digging through the Celtic Tiger boom: Archaeological excavations of early medieval settlements in Co. Meath, Ireland	Rob O'Hara, Archer Heritage Ltd/EMAP
4.15-4.45pm	Viking longphorts in Ireland and the recent discovery and archaeological excavation of the longphort of <i>Linn Duachaill</i> at Annagassan, Co. Louth	Eamonn P. Kelly, National Museum of Ireland
4.45-5.15pm	The Viking longphort and town at Dublin: insights from new discoveries	Linzi Simpson, Margaret Gowen and Co. Ltd
5.15-5.30pm	Early Medieval dwellings and settlements in North-west Europe, AD 400-1100: Some Concluding thoughts and discussion	Aidan O'Sullivan, EMAP/UCD School of Archaeology
5.30pm	Conference Closes	