

# Irish Towns as Shared European Heritage

## Irish Historic Towns Atlas Seminar

22 May 2015

This is the first in a new set of annual Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) seminars that will explore Irish towns and cities within the European context.

Speakers have been asked to base their papers on the publications of the European Historic Towns Atlas project. This year the focus is on mainland Europe. Irish towns will be compared with counterparts in Austria, Finland, France, Poland and Ukraine. The plenary paper will be presented by Professor Michael Conzen, University of Chicago who will look at the challenges of comparative urban history.



# All welcome

Venue: Royal Irish Academy,  
19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

Booking: There is no registration fee  
for this seminar but please RSVP by  
20 May 2015 to secure your place.

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# Programme

9.45–10.15

## Registration and coffee

10.15–10.30

## Welcome and introduction

**Mary Daly** (President, Royal Irish Academy) and  
**Sarah Gearty** (Cartographic editor, IHTA)

10.30–12.30

## Medieval towns, colonisation and legacy

Chairperson: **Peter Johanek** (Institut für vergleichende  
Städtegeschichte and der Universität Münster, Germany)

- Naming of and in towns — a comparison between diverse regions, Ireland and Austria: **Ferdinand Oppl** (Historic Towns Atlas, Austria)
- Spatial development of Irish and Polish towns in the pre-industrial era: **Roman Czaja** (Nicolas-Copernicus-University, Torún, Poland)
- Kilkenny and Lviv: comparative perspectives:

**Mark Hennessy** (Trinity College, Dublin)

12.30–2.00

**Lunch** (several restaurants and cafés within walking distance)

2.00–4.00

## Transformation in 18th and 19th century towns

Chairperson: **Raymond Gillespie** (Editor, IHTA/  
Maynooth University)

- 18th century Limerick compared with 18th century Bordeaux: **Eamon O'Flaherty** (University College Dublin)
- Early 19th century Dublin compared with early 19th century Helsinki: **Marjaana Niemi**, (University of Tampere, Finland)
- Galway and Sopron—modernisation within historical townscapes: **Jacinta Prunty**, (Editor, IHTA/Maynooth University)

4.00–4.30

## Coffee break

4.30–5.30

## Plenary session

Chairperson: **Howard Clarke** (Editor, IHTA)

- The Challenge of Comparative Urban History in the context of thematic cartography: **Michael Conzen** (University of Chicago)
- Response: **Anngret Simms** (Editor, IHTA)
- General discussion

5.30

**Launch** by Professor Emeritus, **William J. Smyth**, University College Cork of Irish Historic Towns Atlas, no. 27, **Youghal** by David Kelly and Tadhg O'Keeffe