

SAILING TO BYZANTIUM
CLASSICISM AND ANTIQUITY IN MODERN IRISH LITERATURE

Saint Patrick's Day Symposium

Organized by

IRISH STUDIES RESEARCH GROUP AT PÁZMÁNY PÉTER CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (PPCU),
GYULA MORAVCSIK INSTITUTE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR HUMANITIES (ELKH), AND
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY PPCU

Monday, March 20, 2023, 10.00-17.30
Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Mikszáth tér 1, Sophianum 108.

10.00-10.30: Opening Remarks –

NÁNDOR BIRHER, The Dean of Faculty of Humanities, PPCU

RONAN GARGAN, Irish Ambassador

GYULA MAYER, vice-director, Gyula Moravcsik Institute

10.30-11.30: Keynote Address

Irish Mythology and Comparisons with Ancient Greece in Standish O'Grady's *History of Ireland*

MICHAEL MCATEER (PPCU)

11.30 – 11.45: coffee break

11.45-12.45: Panel 1 – Classical Greek influences in Modern Ulster Drama

Chair: MÁRTA PELLÉRDI

'The Sphere of Relevance: 'beyond the pale': Reflection upon Seamus Heaney's adaptation of Sophocles's Antigone in *The Burial at Thebes*

BENEDEK TÓTA (BTK PPKE)

Ancient Conflict and the Troubles: Frank McGuinness's *Carthaginians*

EGLANTINA REMPOR (BTK ELTE)

12.45-14.00: lunch break

14.00-15.30: Panel 2 – Myth and Antiquity in Modern Irish Literature

Chair: BENEDEK TÓTA

Antiquity and the Medieval in George Moore's *The Untilled Field*

MÁRTA PELLÉRDI (PPCU)

Female Masculinity: Classical Tropes in Modern Irish Language Literature

SORCHA DE BRÚN (University of Limerick)

Variations on katabasis in Eavan Boland's mythical poetry

ELVIRA PATAKI (PPCU)

15.30-15.45: coffee break

15.45-16.45: Panel 3 – Classicism in Contemporary Irish-American and Irish Writing

Chair: MICHAEL MCATEER

„If You Had Started Building The Parthenon” Billy Collins – A Poet Laureate and Antiquity

IMRE KŐRIZS (University of Miskolc)

Sebastian Barry's Epic Cycle

LÁSZLÓ TAKÁCS (PPCU)

16.50-17.10: Book Presentation - Recent Publications

from the Irish Studies Research Group, Pázmány Péter Catholic University

Ms. ORSOLYA SZŰCS (PPCU)

17.10-17.30: Irish Dancing Solo Performance

PÉTER SOMFAI

(former dancer of the Irish dance shows *Gaelforce Dance* and *Dance Masters – Best of Irish Dance*)

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