Relics in Medieval Ireland.
A multidisciplinary symposium

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Session 1. **Chair: Emer Purcell** (NUI)

**Paul Mullarkey** (National Museum of Ireland) ‘Irish book shrines: an open or closed case?’

**Cormac Bourke** ‘The shrine of St Brigid’s shoe: date, context and significance’

**Griffin Murray** (UCC) ‘Early crosiers as relics in the later Medieval period’

Session 2. **Chair: Dáibhí Ó Cróinín** (NUI Galway)

**Neil Xavier O’Donoghue** (SPCM, Maynooth) ‘Relics and the liturgy in early Medieval Ireland’

**Tomás Ó Carragáin** (UCC) ‘Altars, tombs and cenotaphs. *Leachta* and the cult of saints in early medieval Ireland’

**Nike Stam** (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies) ‘The bilingual nature of relics: “i scrín Phoil ocus Phetair nobetis istæ reliquie”’

Session 3. **Chair: Elva Johnston** (UCD)

**Charles Doherty** (formerly UCD) ‘Relations between Leinster and Armagh in the seventh century’

**Kate Colbert** (UCC) ‘Exploring *Relig na n-Aingel*: relics, sculpture and ecclesiastical power at Clonmore’

**Raghnall Ó Floinn** (formerly National Museum of Ireland) ‘Medieval body part relics and reliquaries of Irish saints’

PLENARY LECTURE

**Janneke Raaijmakers** (Universiteit Utrecht) ‘Let us keep in touch: Ascetics, relics and letters in late antiquity and the early middle ages’

Followed by open discussion/meeting moderated by **Niamh Wycherley** (Maynooth University) ‘The future of the study of relics in Medieval Ireland’