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Fifth Galway Conference on Colonialism:
In Conjunction with Society for Irish Latin American Studies (SILAS)

SETTLER COLONIALISM

27-30 June 2007

Call for Papers

Settler colonisers come to stay. They seek to replace native peoples on – or, at least, displace them from – their land. Characteristically, the outcome is a conflictual coexistence through which indigenous and invasive societies historically transform one another. In addition to the classic sites of European settler colonialism (Ireland, the Americas, Africa, Australasia), settler colonialism structures relationships as historically and culturally diverse as those between Israelis and Palestinians, Japanese and Ainu, Chinese and Tibetans, Indonesians and Papuans, ‘Americans’ and Hawaiians, Tswana and Khoi-san.

We invite conceptual, comparative, transnational, or locally focused contributions to a wide-ranging interdisciplinary discussion of settler colonialism and indigenous alternatives, past and present. Thematically, papers might address issues such as: native resistance and survival; cultural adaptation and renaissance; invasions and frontiers; sovereignties (titles, treaties, *terra nullius*, etc.); middle grounds, interludes, spaces of mutuality; internal colonisation; assimilation; race and place (the Pale, reservations, urban zoning, segregation, etc.); settler colonialism and the question of genocide; reparation and reconciliation; diaspora/exile; indigenous people and multiculturalism; settler and indigenous literature; gender; social class; religion; political economy, economics, and colonisation.

A central part of the Conference will be devoted to Ireland which was unusually both a site and a source of settler colonialism. Issues addressed might include: Ireland as settler colony; the ‘Plantations’; Ireland as ‘mother country’; the Irish as random emigrants or systematic colonisers; missions and Ireland’s ‘spiritual empire’.

Papers should be no longer than 20 minutes. Please send an abstract, of not more than 300 words, to: irishstudies@nuigalway.ie before **1 February 2007**.



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