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## CALL FOR PAPERS

# 'Into the heartland of the ordinary'

## Second Galway Conference of Irish Studies 2009

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10-13 June, 2009

Aspects of popular culture frequently remain outside the realm of academic discourse. To redress this imbalance, the Second Galway Conference of Irish Studies will examine concepts of the everyday in Irish culture and society. Papers are invited from all disciplines of Irish Studies that explore what Séamus Heaney describes as a journey 'into the heartland of the ordinary'. Papers that explore the ways in which the everyday intersects with issues such as class, gender, family and community are especially welcome.

Other questions that might be addressed include the following:

How are distinctions of folk/fine, traditional/classical and rural/urban relevant in ordinary life?  
How do patterns of sport, leisure and recreation alter and inform popular cultural practice?  
How is the changing position of the Irish language reflected in everyday culture?  
What is the relationship between visual culture and ordinary life? Where are the intersections between music, performance and the everyday?

This conference will offer an opportunity for established and emerging scholars to examine the culture of the ordinary both in Ireland and among the Irish diaspora. A number of presentations will be selected for a publication derived from the conference proceedings.

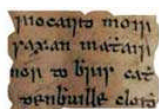
The Galway Conference of Irish Studies will provide a simultaneous translation facility for those who wish to present their work in Irish.

### **Abstract Submission:**

Submissions are invited from Irish Studies and all cognate disciplines. Proposals of 200-300 words may be submitted, in English or Irish, to David Doyle and Méabh Ní Fhuartháin at [gcis09@nuigalway.ie](mailto:gcis09@nuigalway.ie) on or before February 1, 2009

**Conference Website:** [www.nuigalway.ie/cis](http://www.nuigalway.ie/cis)

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