



**THE TURNS OF THE CENTURIES:  
IRISH AND LATIN AMERICAN  
LITERATURE AND CULTURE**  
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## **PROGRAMME**



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## Wednesday, 17 September

<b>9:00</b>	<b>Registration opens</b>	<b>Main door</b>
<b>10:00–10:30</b>	<b>Welcome/Fáilte</b>  H.E. Ruairí de Búrca Ambassador of Ireland to Mexico (And members of the Organising Committee)	<b>Vestíbulo (Foyer)</b>
<b>10:30–11:30</b>	<b>Keynote Lecture 1</b>  Dr Claire Connolly, University College Cork, Ireland “Irish Women’s Writing from Maria Edgeworth to Sally Rooney: a Motherless History?” <b>Chair:</b> Aurora Piñeiro	<b>Vestíbulo (Foyer)</b>
<b>11:30–12:00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	<b>Terrace</b>
<b>12:00–13:30</b>	<b>Panels 1, 2, 3</b>	
	<b>Panel Session 1.</b> Joyce, Modernism and Transatlantic Dialogues  • Samantha Kotta, Yale University, USA “Transnational Modernism: James Joyce, José Carlos Mariátegui, and the Politics of Resistance” (online) • Vitor Alevato do Amaral, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil “Graphic Aspects of Joyce’s <i>Ulysses</i> in Brazilian Translations” • James Ramey, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana–Unidad Cuajimalpa, Mexico “Vampiric Textuality at the Fin de Siècle: Joyce’s Parasitic Modernism and the Gothic Turn” <b>Chair:</b> Laura Izarra	<b>Vestíbulo (Foyer)</b>
	<b>Panel Session 2.</b> Who Writes a Nation? Contemporary Literature in Ireland and other Diasporic Communities  • Thiago M. Moyano, Universidade de Brasília (TEL/UnB), Brazil “Ebbs and Flows: Landscape and Belonging in Shani Mootoo’s Queer Diasporic Fiction” • Victor Pacheco, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil “Paradigm and Exceptionalism in the Green Atlantic”	<b>Salón Lídice (Upper level)</b>



- Esther Gazzola Borges, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil  
“I thought this was an Irish show’: National Belonging and Media Representation in *The Do’s and Donuts of Love* by Adiba Jaigirdar”  
**Chair:** Thiago M. Moyano

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**Panel Session 3.** El tejido cultural entre Irlanda y América Latina

**Sala de videoconferencias (Upper level)**

- Susana Báez Ayala, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Mexico  
“Notas para vivir en equidad desde la otredad. El libro álbum infantil de Oliver Jeffers” (en línea)
- Diana Andrea Vera Rivera y Luz Amelia Hoyos Cuartas, Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, Colombia  
“Desarrollo del *Hurling* y el fútbol gaélico (deportes irlandeses) en América Latina, un análisis comparativo”
- Edwar Ortiz Valencia, Universidad del Valle, Colombia  
“Marx y la colonialidad: puentes entre América Latina e Irlanda”  
**Moderadora:** Lola Horner

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**13:30–15:00 Lunch**

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**15:00–16:30 Panels 4, 5, 6**

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**Panel Session 4.** Climate Action – Ireland and Mexico – shared challenges in building capacity for sustainable tourism

**Vestíbulo (Foyer)**

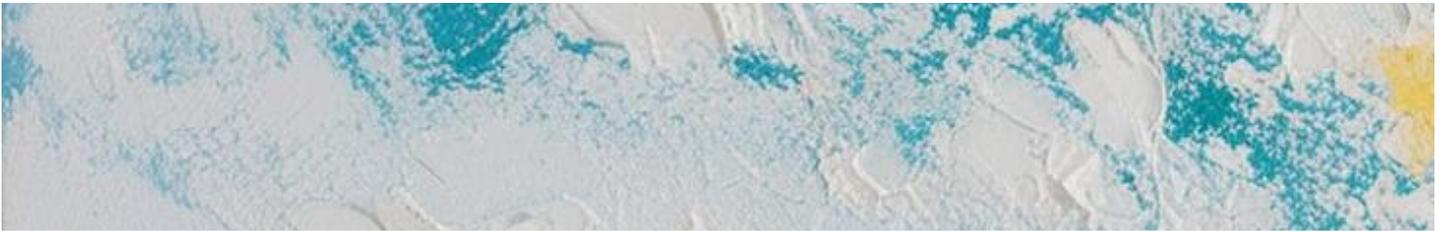
- Cliona Maher, University College Cork, Ireland
- Carlos Welsh, Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico
- Bonnie Campos, Universidad de Quintana Roo, Mexico
- Rosa López, Universidad Autónoma de Oaxaca, Mexico  
**Chair:** Cliona Maher, UCC and SILAS

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**Panel Session 5.** (Post) Colonial Politics/Políticas (pos)coloniales

**Sala de videoconferencias (Upper level)**

- Mariana Bolfarine, Universidade Federal de Rondonópolis, Brazil  
“Examining Colonial Politics in *Some Poems of Roger Casement*”
- Camila Batista, Universidade Federal de Rondonópolis, Brazil  
“Voice and Silence in Itamar Vieira Junior’s *Crooked Plow* and Liam O’Flaherty’s *Famine*: Postcolonial Memory, Trauma, and the Politics of Storytelling”



- Gabriela McEvoy, Lebanon Valley College, USA  
“Ficción y testimonio en la Amazonía: la voz de Roger Casement y la construcción de la memoria colectiva”  
**Chair:** Esther Borges

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**Panel Session 6.** Puentes teatrales entre Irlanda y México/  
Bridging Stages Between Ireland and Mexico

**Salón Lídice  
(Upper level)**

- Enrique Saavedra Zúñiga, independent journalist, Mexico  
“Celebrar con Ulises, fracasar por Godot: *Riñón de cerdo para el desconsuelo* de Alejandro Ricaño, obra teatral mexicana que rinde homenaje a Joyce y a Beckett”
- Marielle Corral, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“*La niña en el altar*, by Marina Carr, Translated by Alfredo Michel Modenessi:  
Theatrical Bridges Between Contemporary Ireland and Mexico”
- Nelya Babynets, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“Nothing Like a Funeral to Bring the Strays Back”: heridas del exilio en *Come on Home* de Phillip McMahon’  
**Moderador:** Pablo López

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**16:30–17:00 Tea/Coffee Break**

**Terrace**

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**17:00–18:00 Reading 1**

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

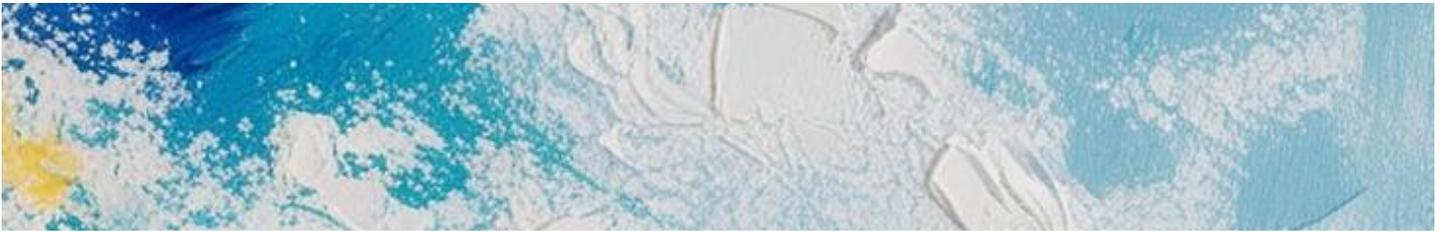
Emilie Pine  
University College Dublin, Ireland  
**Chair:** Paige Reynolds

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**18:00–19:00 Welcome Reception/Fáilteú**

**Foyer**





## Thursday, 18 September

**8:30**      **Registration opens**

**Main door**

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**9:00–10:30**    **Panels 7, 8, 9, 10**

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**Panel Session 7.** *The Southern Cross*: un legado irlandés y argentino

**Salón Lídice  
(Upper level)**

- María Medina, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland  
“El periódico *The Southern Cross* y la construcción de puentes digitales: acceso, colaboración e investigación interdisciplinaria en el marco de su 150 aniversario (1875 – 2025)”
- Verónica Repetti, Universidad del Salvador/AEIS, Argentina  
“Ecos de los irlando-argentinos de fines del siglo XIX”
- María Eugenia Cruset, Universidad del Salvador/AEIS, Argentina  
“El aporte de la inmigración irlandesa al sistema jurídico argentino” (en línea)
- Justin Harman, Universidad del Salvador/AEIS, Argentina  
“Digitalization of the Archives of *The Southern Cross*: Progress to Date and Lessons learned” (online)

**Moderador:** Alejandro de las Fuentes

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**Panel Session 8.** ¿Por qué Irlanda? Diálogos sobre la migración latinoamericana en la isla Esmeralda/Why Ireland? A Conversation on Latin American Migrants in the Emerald Isle

**Sala de  
videoconferencias  
(Upper level)**

**Online session in Spanish**

Proyección de un documental (30 minutos) producido por LASC (Latin America Solidarity Centre) y seguido de los comentarios de:

- Bianca dos Santos Bueno, LASC
- Cecilia Gámez, LASC
- Chris O’Connell, LASC

**Moderadores:** Gorge Morán, LASC (en línea) y Marielle Corral (presencial)

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**Panel Session 9.** The Scorched Earth and the Eco-poetic Turn in Ireland and Latin America

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

- Sarah McKibben, University of Notre Dame, USA  
“Beached, Deluged, Quarried, Lost: Ecofeminism and Recent Irish Poetry”
- Sara Helin-Long, University College Cork, Ireland  
“In the Aftermath of Scorched Earth: Regina José Galindo and the *Weathering of Bodies*”

**Chair:** Tony Alcalá



**Panel Session 10.** Diálogos intercontinentales: Irlanda y Argentina

**Sala de lectura  
(Downstairs)**

- Viviana P. Keegan, Universidad del Salvador/AEIS, Argentina  
“Las Sisters of Mercy de Argentina y la tradición de la educación católica para mujeres en lengua inglesa: del Bar Convent, York (s. XVII) y de Loreto Abbey, Dublín (s. XIX) al Río de la Plata (1856-1880)” (en línea)
- Daniela Matsumoto, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“Entre la Isla Esmeralda y el Río de la Plata: conversaciones transatlánticas en la colección de cuentos *Tréboles del sur*, de Juan José Delaney”
- Juan Fernando Mondragón, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, Mexico  
“Visiones literarias de Irlanda y de Yeats en Jorge Luis Borges”

**Moderadora:** María Graciela Eliggi

**10:30–11:00 Tea/Coffee Break**

**Terrace**

**11:00–12:00 Keynote Lecture 2**

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

**Paige Reynolds**, College of the Holy Cross, USA

“Surprisingly Stubborn Scripts: Gender and Sexuality in the Contemporary Irish Novel”

**Chair:** Karolina Ulloa

**12:00–13:30 Panels 11, 12, 13**

**Panel Session 11.** Territorio, naturaleza y animalidad en la obra de Samuel Beckett

**Sala de videoconferencias  
(Upper level)**

- Sofía Falomir, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“Hojas, tubérculos y palabras: la poética vegetal del lenguaje en la trilogía de Beckett”
- Lucas Margarit, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina  
“El Dublín melancólico de Samuel Beckett: primeras representaciones” (en línea)
- Gabriela García Hubard, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“El animal que luego Beckett está si(gui)endo”

**Moderadora:** Gabriela García Hubard



**Panel Session 12.** Contemporary Women Writers from Ireland

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

- José Carregal Romero, Universidad de Huelva, Spain  
“Relational Ethics in Contemporary Irish Fiction: The Case of Sally Rooney”
- Lorrain Ledwith and Ma. Eugenia Rigane, Universidad de Belgrano, Argentina  
“Spatial Thirdspace in Sally Rooney’s *Intermezzo*: Negotiating Contemporary Irish Identity” (online)
- Karolína Ulloa, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“The Girl Changes Her Face: the (De)composition of Eimear McBride’s *Eily*”
- **Chair:** Alejandro de las Fuentes

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**Panel Session 13.** Las traducciones de la poesía irlandesa en México

**Salón Lídice  
(Upper level)**

- Martha Celis Mendoza, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente/ Asociación Mexicana de Traductores Literarios, Mexico  
“Presencia irlandesa en las antologías mexicanas de poesía estadounidense en traducción”
- Mario Murgia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“‘Capullos y flores por doquier’. Antologías y estudios de poesía irlandesa en México”
- Eva Cruz, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“Traducir lo intraducible: dos poetisas irlandesas”

**Moderadora:** Cliona Maher

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**13:30–15:00 Lunch**

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**15:00–16:15 Plenary Panel.** Mexico, Ireland, Poetry and Art: A Conversation with Jan Hendrix

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

**Jan Hendrix**, featured artist

Hilary Morgan V. Leathem, Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland

Sacha White, Seamus Heaney Centre, Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland

**Chair:** Nicholas Allen, Director of the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia, USA

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**16:15–16:45 Tea/Coffee Break**

**Terrace**

**16:45–17:45 Reading 2**

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

Belinda McKeon

**Chair:** Mariana Bolfarine

**17:45–19:30 Documentary: *That Small Island***

**Sala de  
videoconferencias  
(Upper level)**

Q&A

Jane Ohlmeyer

**Chair:** Laura Izarra



## Friday, 19 September

**8:30 Registration opens**

**Main door**

**8:50–10:20 Panels 14, 15, 16, 17**

**Panel Session 14.** Transnational Experiences: Ireland and The New World

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

- David Conlon, Maynooth University, Ireland  
“Legacies of Rodolfo Walsh: Transnational Solidarity and Internationalist Aesthetics”
- Maxwell Samuel Woods, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile  
“Ena Dargan, the Indigenous Andes, and Post-Partition Irish Identity” (online)
- Julio María Fernández, Colegio de México/Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“In Search of the Unicorn: Intersections in Two Novels by Iris Murdoch and Angelina Muñiz-Huberman”
- Christian Poblano, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“Hunger, Fleas, and Blisters: The Body in Irish and Mexican Migration Narratives”

**Chair:** Michelle Alvarenga



**Panel Session 15.** Insularities: Ireland, Cuba and Barbados

**Sala de  
videoconferencias  
(Upper level)**

- Bob Jackson, Munster Technological University /University College Cork, Ireland  
“*Below the Cliff: Irish, Scottish, English or Welsh? A Unique Community in the East Coast of Barbados*” (online)
- Margaret Brehony, University of Galway, Ireland  
“Cuba-Ireland Digital Archive and Website by the Irish Embassy in Mexico”

**Chair:** Giannella Ysasi

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**Panel Session 16.** Migración irlandesa en Argentina y Colombia

**Sala de lectura  
(Downstairs)**

- Mónica Beatriz Cuello, Universidad Nacional de Lanús/AEIS, Argentina  
“Lazos de unión: cartas de mujeres migrantes al Río de la Plata”
- Andrea Fuanna, Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Argentina  
“Narrando travesías: estudio de las cartas de la abuela Agnes”
- Pablo Montoya, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia and University College Cork, Ireland  
“Irlanda y Colombia: la figura de Daniel O’Leary”
- Alejandro Patricio Clancy, AEIS, Argentina  
“Cuando los irlandeses encontraron a los gauchos”

**Moderadora:** Verónica Repetti

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**Panel Session 17.** La literatura irlandesa y sus traducciones en América Latina/Translating Irish Literature in Latin America

**Salón Lídice  
(Upper level)**

- Ana Carolina Carvalho Monaco, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil  
“From Private Letter to Public Tale: Retranslations of James Joyce’s *The Cat and the Devil* in Latin America”
- María Graciela Eliggi, Cátedra Gratuita Extracurricular de Estudios Irlandeses y de la Diáspora Irlandesa: Edna O’Brien y Colum McCann (UNLPam)/AEIS/SILAS, Argentina  
“Del manuscrito a la publicación: traducir historia vs. traducir literatura en el contexto argentino”
- Juan Díaz Victoria, independent translator, Mexico  
“Lecturas cruzadas de ‘Anna Livia Plurabelle’”

**Moderador:** Mario Murgia

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**10:20–11:10 Keynote Lecture 3**

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

**Laura Izarra**, W.B. Yeats Chair of Irish Studies, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

“Liminal Spaces in Irish Studies – Decolonizing the Colonial Matrix”

**Chair:** Victor Pacheco

**11:10–12:00 Keynote Lecture 4**

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

**James Chandler**, University of Chicago, USA

“The Discovery of Character: Reimagining Literature and Science ca. 1800”

**Chair:** Mario Murgia

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**12:00–12:30 Tea/Coffee Break**

**Terrace**

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**12:30–13:30 Reading 3**

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**

**Simultaneous translation services**

Ave Barrera

Jazmina Barrera

**Chair:** Aurora Piñeiro

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**13:30–15:00 Lunch**

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**15:00–16:30 Panels 18, 19, 20**

**Panel Session 18.** Oscar Wilde and *Fin de Siécle* Irish Writing

**Salón Lídice  
(Upper level)**

- Ana Carolina Vilalta Caetano, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil  
“That passage from Wilde’s *Salome*: Oscar Wilde and the Work of Richard Bruce Nugent”
- Raúl Ariza, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“The Wildean Medieval in *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*”
- Sonia Vidrio, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“*Dracula*: de la perspectiva individual a la verdad colectiva”

**Chair:** Christian Poblano

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**Panel Session 19.** Representations of Motherhood in Contemporary Irish Writings

**Vestíbulo  
(Foyer)**



- Alejandro de las Fuentes, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“Among the images of my mother’: Photography and Memory in Anne Enright’s *Actress*”
- Aurora Piñeiro, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“What’s in a Chirp? The Language of Birds in *The Wren, the Wren* by Anne Enright”
- Pablo López, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“A Troubled and Deceiving Mother: Motherhood in Paul Murray’s *The Bee Sting* (2024)”

**Chair:** Camila Batista

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**Panel Session 20.** Representations of Violence in Irish Literature: Drama and Fiction

**Sala de videoconferencias (Upper level)**

- Michelle Alvarenga, Universidade de Brasília, Brazil  
“A Violent Play Without Stage Violence: The Unexplored Enigma of Martin McDonagh’s *A Behanding in Spokane*”
- Lola Horner, Universidad Iberoamericana León, Mexico  
“There are several chambers in the heart”: Body and Violence in Silvina Ocampo’s “Jardín de infierno” and Deidre Sullivan’s “The Tender Weight”
- Andrés Tlalpachicatl, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico  
“Depictions of Death, Body Horror and the Supernatural in John Connolly’s 1999 Novel *Every Dead Thing*”
- Nini Johanna Sánchez Ávila, Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, Colombia  
“Expansiones y apropiaciones de las tradiciones góticas en las narrativas fantásticas transmedia y el gótico tropical” (en línea)

**Chair:** Marielle Corral

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**16:30–17:00 Tea/Coffee Break**

**Terrace**

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**17:00–18:00 Keynote Lecture 5**

**Vestíbulo (Foyer)**

**Nuala Finnegan**, University College Cork, Ireland

“Interstitial Sparks in Research Encounters Between Ireland and Mexico”

**Chair:** Mario Murgia

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**18:00–19:00 Reading 4**

**Vestíbulo (Foyer)**

Dylan Brennan

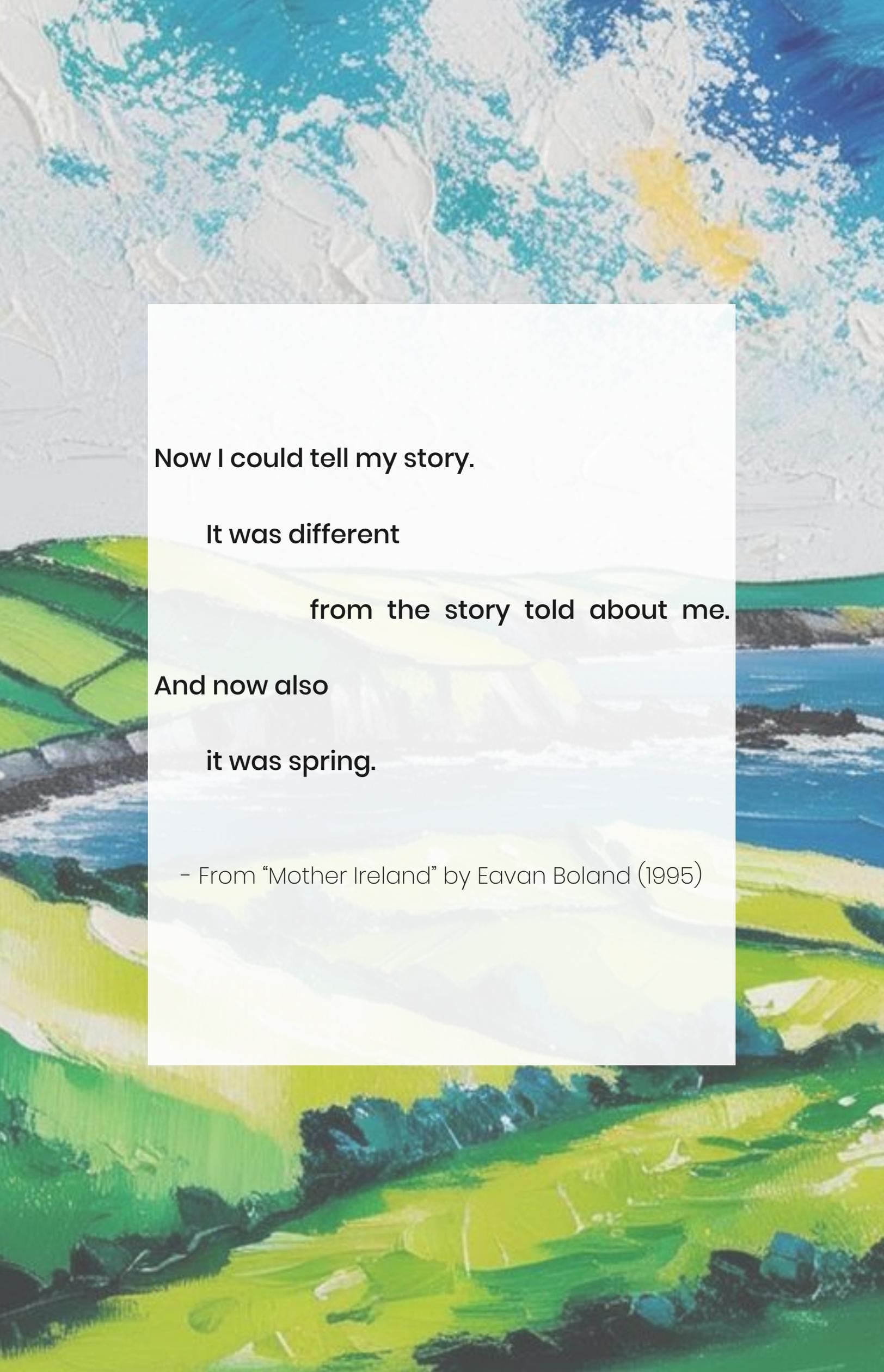
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**Chair:** Nuala Finnegan

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**19:00 Closing Remarks**

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**Now I could tell my story.**

**It was different**

**from the story told about me.**

**And now also**

**it was spring.**

- From "Mother Ireland" by Eavan Boland (1995)