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Transitions and Transformations in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside
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By Bus:
Scheduled departures every 2 or 3 hours, Dublin Airport to the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, costing €15 per person one way, and taking 2 to 2.5 hours depending on traffic. See http://jjkavanagh.ie/

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Kilkenny train station is a 5-minute car journey from the Hotel
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**Monday 21th Sept.**

Arrival

**Tuesday 22th Sept.**

2.00: Committee Meeting

09:00: Breakfast

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19.00: Departure

**Wednesday 23th Sept.**

20:30: Committee Meeting

2.00: Lunch

03:00: Workshop Presentation

**Thursday 24th Sept.**

2.00: Lunch

04:00: Workshop Presentation

**Friday 25th Sept.**

02:00: Lunch

03:00: Workshop Presentation

**Saturday 26th Sept.**

01:00: Lunch

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**Sunday 27th Sept.**

01:00: Lunch

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**Saturday 26th Sept.**

02:00: Lunch

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**Sunday 27th Sept.**

01:00: Lunch

02:00: Workshop Presentation
MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER

Morning
Arrival and registration (12.00)
& Lunch

Afternoon
15.00–15.30 Welcome (Representatives of the City of Kilkenny, the Heritage Council, the President of RURALIA, the Head of the Organising Committee)

Panel 1:
15.30–17.00 Transitions and transformation after the Roman Empire
Chair: Niall Brady

Rotili, Marcello (Italy)
Transformations of settlements for agricultural production between Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages in Italy

Groenewoudt, Bert and Van Lanen, Rowin (The Netherlands)
Post-Roman demographic dynamics in the Rhine-Meuse delta (The Netherlands). Towards evidence-based reconstructions

Auf der Maur, Christian (Switzerland)
Settlement development of an early medieval habitat at Sursee (Canton of Lucerne, Switzerland); exogene and endogene characteristics of an early elite?

Late Afternoon
17.30–19.00 Walking tour of Medieval Kilkenny

Evening
19.00 Heritage Council Reception, Bishop’s Palace, Kilkenny

TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER

Morning

Panel 2:
08.30–10.30 Transitions and transformations in southern Europe from the Early Medieval Period to the High Middle Ages
Chair: Rainer Schreg

Carboni, Francesca and Vermeulen, Frank (Belgium)
Deciphering transformations of rural settlement and land-use patterns in central Adriatic Italy between the 6th and the 12th century AD
Corsi, Cristina (Italy)
Beyond the borders: transformations, acculturation and adaptation between Latium and Campania during the Lombard Period (6th–10th c.)

Algería Tejedor, Walter and Soler Sala María and Sancho I Planas, Marta (Spain)
Mountain communities in the Catalan Pyrenees: 25 years of archaeological research

Bolòs, Jordi (Spain)
Not so dark centuries: changes and continuities in the Catalan landscape (6th–12th centuries)

Coffee Break
10.30–11.00

Panel 3:

11.00–12.00 Colonisation and further development
Chair: Christiane Bis-Worch

von Doesburg, Jan (The Netherlands)
The winds of change: settlement decline in the coastal landscapes of the Northern Netherlands

Legut-Pintal, Maria (Poland)
Late medieval transformation of rural landscape. Case study from terra Nizensis, Silesia, Poland

Lunch
12.00–13.00

Poster Presentation (Alphabetic Sequence)

13.00–14.30 Beres, Mária (Hungary)
Some characteristic features of the rural towns of the Hungarian Plain during the 16th–18th centuries

Bosino, Nicola (Italy)
Rural settlement and economy in Campania (South Italy) between Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages

Cordero Ruiz, Tomás (Portugal)
Change and continuity in rural Early Medieval Hispania. Comparative multidisciplinary approach to the countryside’s of Egitania (Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal) and Emerita (Mérida, Spain)

Holata, Lukáš (Great Britain)
Settlement abandonment in Dartmoor (England): New appraisal in light of land-use transformations and the wider context of settlement evolution
Lafaye, Annejulie (Ireland)
Mendicant friaries and settlement development in Ireland: the foundations of the Augustinian Hermits in Cos Mayo and Sligo

Newman, Caron (Great Britain)
The Anglo-Scottish Western March. A landscape in transition, 14th–17th century

Newman Richard (Great Britain)
Understanding earthworks and building form in Northern England: shedding new light on post medieval transformations of the medieval rural landscape

Prata, Sara (Portugal)
Transition and change in the early medieval countryside in central Portugal (Castelo de Vides’s territory c. 500–800 A.D.)

López, Esteban and Díaz, Ignacio and Retamero, Félix (Spain)
One land, two peasantry: Moriscos and Christians in the upper Genal Valley, Malaga (16th–18th centuries)

Sárosi, Edit and Wilhelm, Gábor (Hungary)
Settlements, authority and commerce during the Ottoman rule in the central part of Hungary

Theune, Claudia (Austria)
Climate change and economic development in the Alps in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period

Vargha, Mária (Hungary)
The Christianisation of Medieval Hungary: the transformation of the Countryside

Verspay, Johan (Netherlands)
Brabant in Late Middle Ages: the transformation of a rural landscape

Virgili, Antoni and Kirchner, Helena (Spain)
The impact of the Catalan conquest of Tortosa on the agrarian landscape: new channels and watermills (Tortosa, Spain)

Welinder, Stig (Sweden)
The long-term history of a deserted farm
Afternoon

Panel 4:

14.30–16.00 Transitions and transformations due to political, social and economic structures in the Middle Ages, Part 1
Chair: Eva Svensson

Nowotny, Elisabeth (Austria)
Change in rural settlement in eastern Central Europe from the Early to the Later Middle Ages

Janeš, Andrej and Hirschler-Maric, Ivana (Croatia)
The transformation of settlements in eastern Slavonia in the period from the 12th to the 15th century

Klír, Tomáš (Czech Republic)
Rural settlements in Bohemia in the “Age of Transition” (14th to 16th century)

Coffee break
16.00–16.30

16.30–18.00 Transitions and transformations due to political, social and economic structures in the Middle Ages, Part 2
Chair: Frode Iversen

Schreg, Rainer (Germany)
Late medieval deserted settlements in Southern Germany as a consequence of long-term landscape transformations

Takács, Miklós and Rácz, Tibor Ákos (Hungary)
Interpreting the landscape in the middle parts of the Carpathian Basin in the 8–13th c. AD: The effects of the political events on contemporary settlement structures

Ødegaard, Marie (Norway)
Assembling in times of transitions – the case of cooking pit sites

Evening

19.00–20.00 Dinner at Newpark Hotel

20.30–22.00 Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER

Morning

Panel 4:

9.00–10.00  Transitions and transformations due to political, social and economic structures in the Middle Ages, Part 3
Chair: Mark Gardiner

Makarov, Nikolaj (Russia)
Suzdal, the core area of North-Eastern Rus’: the rise and transformation of rural settlement network from 900 – 1350 AD

Svensson, Eva (Sweden)
Crisis or transition? An environmental justice perspective on Scandinavian outland use in the Viking Age and Middle Ages

Coffee break
10.00–10.30

Panel 5:

10.30–12.30  Transitions and transformations from Medieval to Modern Times from a longue durée perspective
Chair: Miklós Takacs

Hansen, Jesper (Denmark)
Land organizational changes on Funen, Denmark, from 500-1200 AD

Zatykó, Csilla (Hungary)
Causes and effects in human landscape interaction in medieval Hungary

Duma, Paweł and Piekalski, Jerzy and Łuczak, Anna (Poland)
Kopaniec in Izera Mountains. An example of unusual transformation of villages after the period of the Thirty Year’s War (1618–1648) in Silesia

Franzén, Adel V. (Sweden)
Resources, relations and rights. Conflicting views on the small farm Bollarp

Lunch
12.30–13.30

Afternoon

14.00–18.00  Excursion to Newtown Jerpoint, Jerpoint Abbey

Evening

19.00  Mayor’s Reception, Council Chamber, City Hall, High Street, Kikenny
THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

All-day
8.30–18.00  Excursion to Co. Wexford: Tintern Abbey, Clonmines, Harrylock Millstone Quarry, Baginbun and Slade Castle

Evening
19.00  Conference Dinner

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER

Morning
Panel 6:
9.00–10.00  Transitions and transformations in Modern Times
Chair: Tomáš Klír

Kühtreiber, Thomas and Tarcsey, Gábor and Zorko, Michaela (Austria)
From tilling to stock farming: indoor breeding as promoter for the development of multi-wing farmsteads in Eastern Austria?

Campbell, Eve (Ireland)
Disappearing villages: post-famine landscape reorganisation at Keem, Achill Island

Coffee break
10.00–10.30

Panel 7:
10.30–12.00  The impact of religious institutions on land-use and settlement patterns
Chair: Piers Dixon

Stevens, Paul (Ireland)
The Role of the church in the expansion of the economy in Ireland, AD 400–1100

Tente, Catarina (Portugal)
No smoke without fire. Burning and changing settlements in 10th–century central-northern Portugal

López Quiroga, Jorge (Spain)
The making of the early medieval rural landscape in Galicia (Northwest of the Iberian Peninsula, 500–1000 A.D.)

Lunch
12.00–13.00
Panel 8: Settlement development after catastrophes  
13.00–14.30  
Chair: Claudia Theune

Lewis, Carenza (Great Britain)  
New evidence for the impact of the Black Death on rural settlements in England from archaeological test-pit excavation

Iversen, Frode (Norway)  
The event of AD 536 and its impact on rural settlements in Scandinavia

Claudia Theune (on behalf of the organizing committee)  
Final remarks and discussion

Main conference close

Afternoon

15.00  Departure to post-conference field excursion to Co. Roscommon via Clonmacnoise

SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER

All-day  Excursion in Co. Roscommon: Rathcroghan, Carns, Tulsk, Ballintober

Lunchbreak  13.00  Rathcroghan Heritage Centre with Cathairloch for Roscommon

SUNDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER

Morning  Excursion in Co. Roscommon: Roscommon Town, Abbey and Castle

Lunchbreak  13.00  Roscommon

Afternoon  14.00  End of conference and departure

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