



Call for Papers: “Globalizing Irish Studies— The Idea of a Nation and Narratives of Independence”

Sunday evening, 9 December 2018 through Wednesday, 12 December.

On the campus of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)

The bicentenary of the Declaration of Chilean independence, promulgated by Bernardo O’Higgins in 1818, provides a welcome opportunity to explore Irish links with Latin America and themes related to colonialism, independence, nationhood, and democracy in Chile and in the region as a whole. In a conference entitled “Globalizing Irish Studies: The Idea of a Nation and Narratives of Independence,” we plan to gather together scholars and cultural critics to both explore the “worlding” of Irish studies in national and international contexts and to interrogate historical and contemporary relationships between Chile, Latin America, and Ireland—from a multitude of perspectives and disciplines, and at different points of time.

The conference will explore three broad areas:

- Themes related to the history of Irish influence in Latin America and vice versa, particularly regarding the theme of independence;
- Narratives (whether literary, cultural, cinematic, musical, or taking other forms) related to the history of revolutions and independence; and
- Contemporary issues.

These themes will be addressed in keynotes, roundtables, and paper sessions.

We are inviting proposals for papers that touch on these themes. We are particularly interested in the work of junior scholars. The organizers envision allotting 20 minutes for each speaker.

The conference is organized through a partnership that includes several Latin American, American, and Irish universities as well as various Irish Studies associations. It is expected that the event will be supported by the Chilean and Irish Governments. Organizers include:

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) / Universidad de Santiago de Chile / Notre Dame Global Centre, Santiago / Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, University of Notre Dame / Universidad Del Salvador, Buenos Aires / ABEI- Associação Brasileira de Estudos Irlandeses / AEIS- Asociación de Estudios Irlandeses del Sur

Proposals should include:

- One-page abstract
- CV no longer than 2 pages in length

Proposals should be uploaded into the conference website at the Submittables tab. (www.ialc-2018.org)

Please direct any questions to: info@ialc-2018.org

The deadline for submissions is 31 August 2018.