

EUF Centre for Irish Studies Newsletter January 2024

It's been two months since the EUF Centre for Irish Studies opened, so we thought a progress report — looking backwards at some highlights from 2023 and forwards at future delights in January, February and March — would be a nice way to start 2024!

~ Milestones for 2023 ~

In the past year, there was plenty of activity leading up to the opening of the Centre, including the end of the co-hosted lecture series with CAU-Kiel, “21st-Century Joyce: *Ulysses* 100 Years On” (Jan-Feb 2023), Prof Hans Walter Gabler’s “James Joyce Birthday Lecture” as the finale of lecture series (Feb 2023), the hosting of “Ireland and the Birth of Europe: An Exhibition” curated by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs as part of the EUF’s Europe Week (May 2023), the 2nd EUF Bloomsday (June 2023), the co-hosting of the Irish Studies and Cultural Theory Summer School in Vienna (July 2023), and the *Finnegans Wake* Reading Group (April-Dec 2023). See more information [here](#) on our website!



Our members participated in and lectured at the James Joyce Summer School in Trieste, the Irish Studies and Cultural Theory Summer School in Vienna, the EFACIS International Conference, the Anglistentag, the Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of British Cultures (Britcult), the Akademie Sankelmarkt’s “Die ‘grüne Insel’ nach dem Brexit,” and the DACH Victorianists Workshop. They also organized author visits, such as Catherine Prasifka to CAU-Kiel, produced a number of publications, and offered courses at their respective universities touching on Irish literature, culture, and history. The full list of their research accomplishments can be found [here](#).

For us, one of the highlights of 2023 was our Inauguration Event: we were thrilled to welcome the Irish Ambassador to Germany, H. E. Dr. Nicholas O'Brien, whose eloquence was harmonized by wonderful speeches by Prof Dr Ulrich Glassmann (VP-International, EUF) and Prof Dr Monika Eigmüller (Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies, EUF). We were enlightened about Irish language by Prof Dr Raymond Hickey (Essen) and the Irish Gothic by Prof Christina Morin (Limerick); and Prof Dr Katharina Rennhak, Prof Dr Dieter Fuchs, and Dr Anne-Claire Michoux dazzled us with a Round Table on Irish Studies in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The evening was capped off with Irish-inspired catering by “Anna und Meehr” and the rousing tunes of Drumchapel Mist. The ground floor of the Helsinki building was transformed into an evening of festive dancing, music, and feasting!!

Don't believe us? We have photographic evidence! Birte Klöcking, our photographer for the evening, has curated a tremendous record of the event, which you can view [here](#). We were also featured in the *Irish Times*, in the local *Wirkung*, and in the EUF's [press release](#)!

To cap off the year, we moved into our new, designated office in OSL 342, shared with two other centres: KURS (Zentrum für kleine und regionale Sprachen) and CaNoFF (Campus Nord für Frankreich & Frankophonie). One of our big purchases at the end of 2023 was a swanky coffee machine. Those of you following us on social media will have already seen the promotion for this!

~ Upcoming EUF Centre for Irish Studies Events ~ (Jan, Feb, March 2024)

The official opening is just the beginning! What can you anticipate in 2024? We have a few events on the horizon for which we sincerely hope you'll join us!

EUFC CENTRE FOR IRISH STUDIES	
8 NOV 2023	
INAUGURATION EVENT!	
TALLINN BUILDING	WELCOME SPEECHES "DACH" IRISH STUDIES ROUND TABLE DIETER FUCHS - KATHARINA RENNHAKE - ANNE-CLAIRE MICHOUX
13:15	SPOTLIGHT LECTURES TONY CONNELLY - RAYMOND HICKEY - CHRISTINA MORIN
HELSINKI BUILDING	GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND EXHIBITION: "INTO EUROPE: IRELAND & THE EU"
16:30	IRISH MUSIC, DRINKS & NIBBLES DRUMCHAPEL MIST
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BRIGID MEETS JOYCE
AN EVENING WITH JAN CARSON

Feb 2, 19:00

at Carl-von-Ossietzky-Buchhandlung in Flensburg

Come celebrate St Brigid's Day and James Joyce's birthday with us!
Join us with Jan Carson for readings and discussion, followed by a signing session.
This event will be held in English, with German translations.

This event is part of the EFACIS Irish Itinerary and it's free!
(donations for drinks welcome)

Please register by January 25.

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- **“Brigid Meets Joyce”: An Evening with Jan Carson, Feb 2, 19:00, Carl-von-Ossietzky-Buchhandlung (part of the EFACIS Northern German Irish Itinerary)**

Many of you might remember the James Joyce Birthday Lecture delivered by the brilliant Gabler on 2 Feb 2023. This year, on **2 Feb 2024 at 19:00** in the **Carl-von-Ossietzky-Buchhandlung**, (Große Straße 34, Flensburg) we will host our second (and therefore annual!) Joyce Birthday Lecture... but this time with a twist!

Combining St Brigid's Day* with the Joyce Birthday Lecture, hence “Brigid meets Joyce,” we are offering a special feminist twist on Joyce. **Jan Carson** — Northern Irish author of *The Firestarter* (2019), *The Last Resort* (2021), *The Raptures* (2023), and many more! — will be joining us for an evening of reading and discussion, using the focal points of legacy, place, and, most importantly, the role of women relative to her work and Joyce's.

This event is free, but donations are welcome for the drinks. It is also part of the EFACIS Northern German Irish Itinerary (see below for details of her talks in Hamburg and Kiel).

If you would like to attend, please register [online](#). You can also find more information on our website: www.uni-flensburg.de/irishstudies

* ps - Don't know who St Brigid is? See our social media post about her [here](#)



The poster features a green four-leaf clover on a dark blue background with a repeating pattern of rainbows, horseshoes, and beer mugs. The text on the poster includes: 'ST PATRICK'S DAY BREW', 'March 16 17:30', 'Where: Norder 147', 'What: Cultural lecture and a guided Irish beer tasting by Peter Marhöfer', 'Cost: 35 euros for the tasting', and 'Please register online by March 5. Places are limited!!' with a QR code.

- “St Patrick’s Day Brew” (lecture, beer tasting), March 16, 17:30, Norder 147

Here at the EUF, we’re celebrating St Patrick’s Day one day early with a cultural event.

Join us on **March 16 at 17:30** in the **Norder 147** (Norderstraße 147, Flensburg) as **Peter Marhöfer** expertly guides us through a series of Irish beers, “hopping” us through a brewed odyssey. The **lecture** will be followed (and/or accompanied) by a **beer-tasting** of a variety special **Irish beers**.

The cost for the beer tasting is 35 euros per person (to be paid in cash at the door or via Paypal/bank details) and **registration is a must!**

Places are limited, so [register](#) asap to avoid disappointment!

~ Upcoming Irish Studies Events Organized by our Members ~ Jan 2024

Spoiling you for choice, here are some other events being organized by our members. Coincidentally, all of these are happening in and around Schleswig Holstein.

- **What:** Reading by Frances Macken
- **When:** 23 January 2024, 18:15 – 19:45
- **Where:** Leibnitzstraße 10, R. 225, CAU-Kiel
- **Contact:** Dilâra Yilmaz (yilmaz@anglistik.uni-kiel.de)



The poster features a portrait of Frances Macken. Text includes: 'CAU Kiel University Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel Institute of English Studies', 'LIVE READING', 'Frances Macken', 'followed by a Q&A and book signing session', 'Tuesday, 23 January 2024', '18:15 - 19:45', 'Leibnizstr. 10, R. 225', 'Contact: Dilâra Yilmaz yilmaz@anglistik.uni-kiel.de', and 'you have to make your own fun around here frances macken' with a small illustration of people reading.

The other two parts of the EFACIS Northern Germany Irish Itinerary will place in Hamburg and in Kiel. See details below:

- **What:** Reading by Jan Carson (as part of the seminar, “Hotels in Anglophone Literature and Culture”)
- **When:** 30 January 2024, 8:15 – 9:45am
- **Where:** Philosophy Tower, University of Hamburg, Room Phil A 11005
- **Contact:** Sandra Dinter (sandra.dinter@uni-hamburg.de)



- **What:** Reading by Jan Carson (as part of the seminar “Troubling Times: Representation in Northern Irish Cultural Media and Memory”)
- **When:** 31 January 2024, 12:15 – 13:45
- **Where:** LS1 Leibnizstraße 1 Room 106a, 24118 Kiel
- **Contact:** Victoria Allen (allen@anglistik.uni-kiel.de)



Thank you for reading this newsletter! It’s wonderful to have so many of you interested in our activities and we’re hoping to see many of you at many!

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- Twitter (X): <https://twitter.com/irishstudiesEUF>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/irishstudieseuf>

From now on, we will write a monthly email (generally around the middle of the month) advertising upcoming events and accomplishments of our members. If you have anything you’d like to add, please don’t hesitate to write to irish.studies@uni-flensburg.de. We will happily include news items from our members! 🐑