



XVI International Conference of the Spanish Association for Irish Studies (AEDEI)  
**“Fe/male Challenges in Irish Studies from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries”**

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**Call for Papers**

To mark International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, *The Irish Times* invited more than 40 Irish writers, critics and academics to nominate their favourite Irish woman writer and explain why in 180 words or less. The series culminated with on one side a poster of 12 of the finest Irish women writers. As Martin Doyle (2014) argues, “a deliberate pastiche of the various familiar Irish Writers posters, which do not have even a token woman among their 12 featured writers (echoing the famous *Field Day Anthology of Irish Writing* affair in 1990, which was so bereft of female writers that an extra volume had to be commissioned to atone)”.

Within such panorama, the organisers of the XVI Conference seek to engage prospective contributors in the discussion of challenging fe/male figures from a variety of disciplines and fields of knowledge, such as History, Politics, Economics, Religion, Art, Music, Film, Literature, Theatre, Poetry, ... etc. whom delegates working on Irish Studies are interested in.

We invite papers that will assess the important role played by all these challenging fe/male figures from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries in the construction of Irish identities. Papers may address topics such as:

- Female and male challenges: joining forces
- Fe/male experimentation and tradition: challenges in art, literature, performance, music and dance.
- Political discursive strategies dealing with fe/male challenges at large
- Fe/male challenges in religion, history, economics and society.
- (Post-)colonial fe/male challenging voices
- Female figures taking up challenges explicit in male projects/works and making them their own.
- Northern/Southern Irish fe/male challenges
- Irish fe/male challenges in Europe and the world: Brexit
- Fe/male challenges, Irish studies and wine
- Challenging fe/male figures behind well-known fe/male personages
- Fe/male challenges and diaspora
- Cinematic discourse and fe/male challenges
- Fe/male challenges and power
- Immigrant fe/male challenges
- Fe/male challenges and memory
- Fe/male coteries and challenge
- Fe/male challenges and Ecocriticism

Post-graduate Seminar in Irish Studies

A special panel will be dedicated to post-graduate students who deal with Irish studies in Spain. Thus, M.A. and PhD candidates who are starting or well into their research on Irish Studies at large will be able to present their research in our conference. This will provide ample space for debate, discussion and advice.



**Submission requirements and deadline:**

Abstracts of no more than 250 words for twenty-minute papers should be sent to [AEDEI2017@unirioja.es](mailto:AEDEI2017@unirioja.es) by **28 February 2017 (Extended deadline)**. Please, write "Abstract AEDEI 2017" under the subject heading in your e-mail. Proposals for panels, roundtables and workshops will also be welcome. Author/s information is to be provided on a separate sheet, including name, affiliation, contact address, paper title and author's bio-note. Again, please, name the documents as follows: "Surname\_Name\_Abstract\_AEDEI2017.doc" and "Surname\_Name\_AuthorInfo\_AEDEI2017.doc". A selection of the papers presented at the conference will be published in book form.

**Confirmed Plenary Speakers include:**

Evelyn Conlon (writer)  
Rob Doyle (writer)  
Monica McWilliams (Ulster University in Northern Ireland)  
Fintan Vallely (University College Dublin and musician)

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