



The Irish Institute For Catholic Studies

Call for Papers for Online  
Conference taking place on 22  
and 23 July 2021

Deadline for proposals: 19th  
March 2021

Abstracts of 300 words along  
with a brief bio and contact  
details should be sent to  
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# INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON CATHOLICISM IN IRELAND AND BEYOND

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## Overview:

The inaugural 2021 'Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Catholicism in Ireland and Beyond' conference, organised by the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies in Mary Immaculate College, will facilitate an interdisciplinary discussion of Catholicism across the Humanities and Education. The aim of this conference is to bring together scholars, writers, educators, artists and musicians across a wide range of disciplines and perspectives to discuss Catholicism in Ireland and beyond, both past and present. Conference participants are invited to explore diverse aspects of Catholicism and its impact on culture and tradition both nationally and internationally. As an interdisciplinary organisation, the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies welcomes papers from scholars / writers working in, amongst others, art, architecture, cultural studies, education, gender, history, law, literature, sociology, media, musicology, politics, philosophy, theology and the visual arts.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic we also welcome papers that address new angles and visions in terms of Catholicism and the contemporary world. The conference is open to presentations from early career and established scholars and writers in Ireland and internationally. As well as a selection of interdisciplinary keynotes by internationally established experts in the field, there will be three categories of presentation:

- Digital Poster Presentation summarising work pre-recorded with voiceover (3 minute max).
- Short pre-recorded video presenting a key aspect of research (5 minute).
- 15 minute paper presented on Microsoft Teams followed by a 5 minute live Q&A\*.

A bursary of 100 euro will be presented to three outstanding posters / 5-minute presentations / papers by postgraduate students. The deadline for proposals is 19 March 2021. Abstracts of 300 words along with a brief bio and contact details should be sent to [ian.hickey@mic.ul.ie](mailto:ian.hickey@mic.ul.ie)

Submissions are welcomed on themes and topics including but not limited to:

- Catholic Aesthetics
- Catholicism and Architecture
- Catholicism and Culture
- Catholic Education
- Catholic Ethics
- Catholicism and the Environment
- Catholicism and Literature
- Catholic Media and Social Media
- Catholicism and Music
- Catholicism and Non-religious Belief
- Catholicism and Social Justice
- Catholicism and Sport
- Catholicism and Society
- Ecumenism and Inter-religious relationships
- New Directions in Catholic Theology
- History of Catholicism
- Legacy of Catholicism
- Political Engagement
- Women and Catholicism

