**Sailing to Byzantium**

**Classicism and Antiquity in Modern Irish Literature**

Saint Patrick’s Day Symposium

Organized by

Irish Studies Research Group at Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPCU),

Gyula Moravcsik Institute Research Centre for Humanities (ELKH), and

Department of Classical Philology PPCU

**Monday, March 20, 2023, 10.00-17.30**

**Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Mikszáth tér 1, Sophianum 108.**

10.00-10.30: **Opening Remarks** –

Nándor Birher, The Dean of Faculty of Humanities, PPCU

Ronan Gargan, Irish Ambassador

Gyula Mayer, vice-director, Gyula Moravcsik Institute

10.30-11.30: **Keynote Address**

Irish Mythology and Comparisons with Ancient Greece in Standish O’Grady’s *History of Ireland*

Michael McAteer (PPCU)

11.30 – 11.45: *coffee break*

11.45-12.45: **Panel 1 – Classical Greek influences in Modern Ulster Drama**

Chair: Márta Pellérdi

‘The Sphere of Relevance: ‘beyond the pale’: Reflection upon Seamus Heaney's adaptation of Sophocles's Antigone in *The Burial at Thebes*

Benedek Tóta (BTK PPKE)

Ancient Conflict and the Troubles: Frank McGuinness’s *Carthaginians*

Eglantina Remport (BTK ELTE)

12.45-14.00: *lunch break*

14.00-15.30: **Panel 2 – Myth and Antiquity in Modern Irish Literature**

Chair: Benedek Tóta

Antiquity and the Medieval in George Moore’s *The Untilled Field*

Márta Pellérdi (PPCU)

Female Masculinity: Classical Tropes in Modern Irish Language Literature

Sorcha De Brún (University of Limerick)

Variations on katabasis in Eavan Boland’s mythical poetry

Elvira Pataki (PPCU)

15.30-15.45: *coffee break*

15.45-16.45: **Panel 3 – Classicism in Contemporary Irish-American and Irish Writing**

Chair: Michael McAteer

„If You Had Started Building The Parthenon” Billy Collins – A Poet Laureate and Antiquity

Imre Kőrizs (University of Miskolc)

Sebastian Barry’s Epic Cycle

László Takács (PPCU)

16.50-17.10: **Book Presentation - Recent Publications**

**from the Irish Studies Research Group, Pázmány Péter Catholic University**

Ms. Orsolya Szűcs (PPCU)

17.10-17.30: **Irish Dancing Solo Performance**

Péter Somfai

(former dancer of the Irish dance shows *Gaelforce Dance* and *Dance Masters –*

*Best of Irish Dance*)

Please confirm attendance with Dr. Michael McAteer or Dr. László Takács:

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