

# THE RURALIA XII CONFERENCE

Transitions and Transformations in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside  
Wandel und Transformation im mittelalterlichen und frühneuzeitlichen ländlichen Raum  
Transitions et Transformations des Campagnes Médiévales et Modernes



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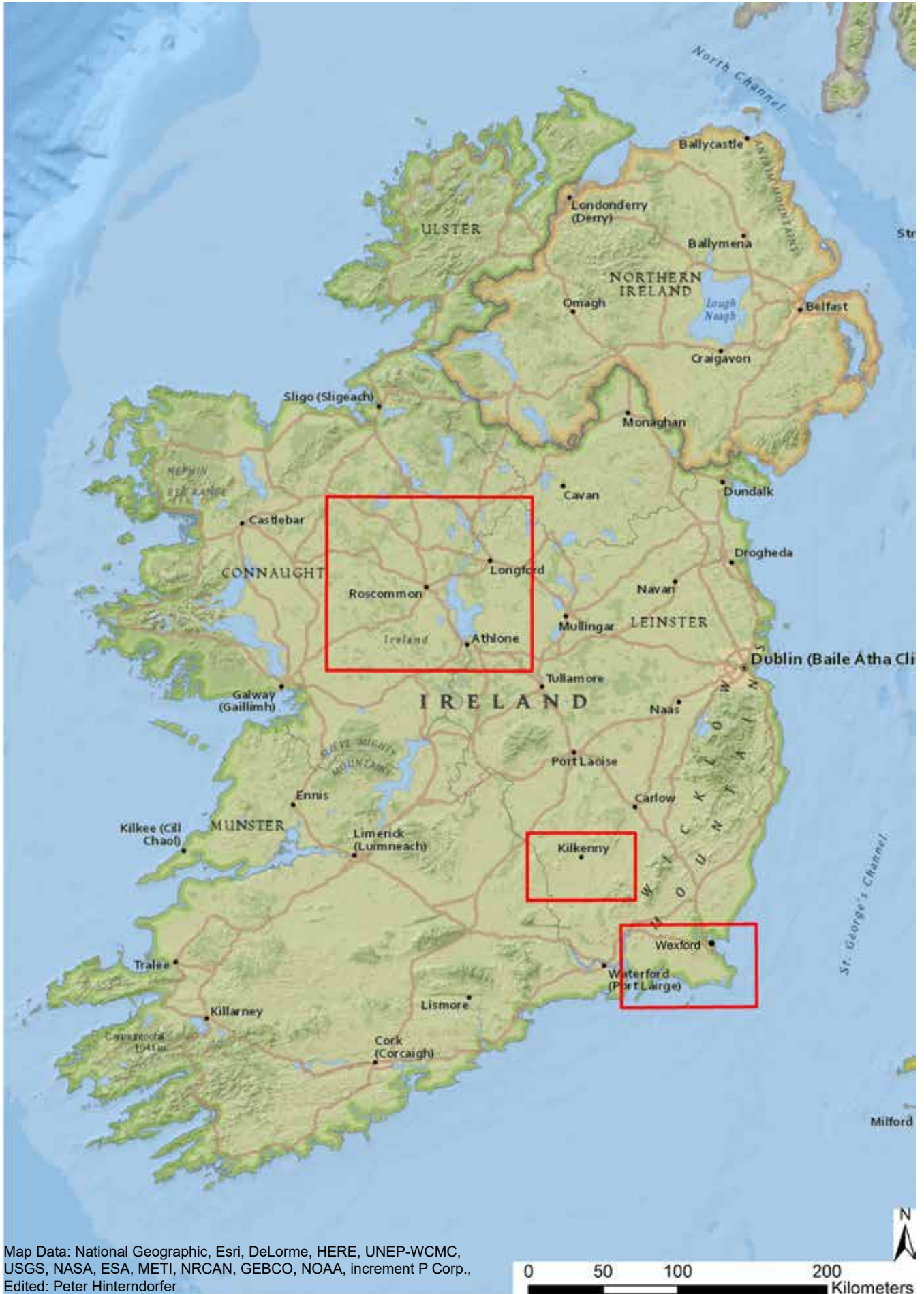
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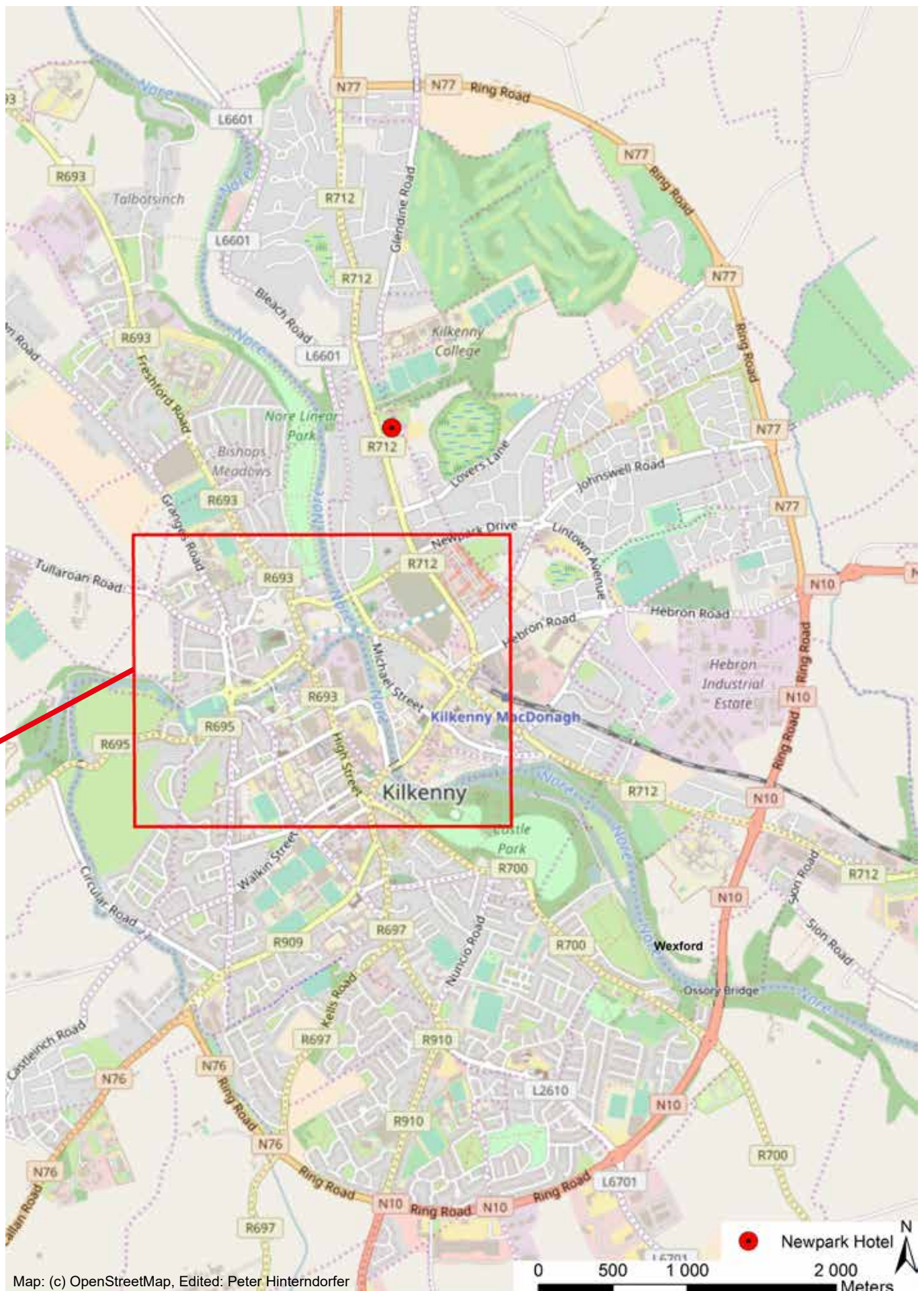
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Kilkenny train station is a 5-minute car journey from the Hotel







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	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Monday 11th Sept.</b>	Arrival	12:00: Registration, arrival	15.00: Welcome 15.30: Lectures 17.30: Walking tour in Medieval Kilkenny	19.00: Heritage Council Reception Bishops Palace
<b>Tuesday 12th Sept</b>	8.30: Lectures	12.00: Lunch	13.00: Poster Presentation 14.30: Lectures	19.00: Dinner Newport Hotel 20.30: Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday 13th Sept</b>	9.00: Lectures	12.30: Lunch	14.00: Excursion Newtown Jerpoint Jerpoint Abbey	19.00: Mayor's Reception Council Chamber, City Hall, High Street
<b>Thursday 14th Sept</b>	8.30:Excursion Co. Wexford Tintern Abbey, Clonmines	12.30: Lunch	14:00: Excursion Co. Wexford Harrylock Millstone Quarry; Baginbun; Slade Castle	19.00: Conference Dinner Newpark Hotel
<b>Friday 15th Sept</b>	9.00: Lectures	12.00: Lunch	13.00: Lectures Final remarks 14.30: Main conference close 15.00: Departure to Roscommon	18.00: Clonmacnoise 21.00: Arrival Clonalis
<b>Saturday 16th Sept</b>	10.00: Excursion Co. Roscommon Rathcroghan, Carns, Tulsk	13.00: Lunch: Mayor's Reception at Tulks, Rathcroghan Heritage Center	14.30: Excursion Co. Roscommon Ballintober	Dinner: Clonalis
<b>Sunday 17th Sept</b>	10.00: Excursion Co. Roscommon Roscommon Abbey Roscommon Castle	13.00: Lunch Roscommon 14.00: Departure		



**MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER**Morning  
& Lunch**Arrival and registration (12.00)**

Afternoon

15.00–15.30

**Welcome (Representatives of the City of Kilkenny, the Heritage Council, the President of RURALIA, the Head of the Organising Committee)****Panel 1:**

15.30–17.00

**Transitions and transformation after the Roman Empire**  
**Chair: *Niall Brady****Rotili, Marcello (Italy)*

Transformations of settlements for agricultural production between Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages in Italy

*Groenewoudt, Bert and Van Lanen, Rowin (The Netherlands)*

Post-Roman demographic dynamics in the Rhine-Meuse delta (The Netherlands). Towards evidence-based reconstructions

*Auf der Maur, Christian (Switzerland)*

Settlement development of an early medieval habitat at Sursee (Canton of Lucerne, Switzerland); exogene and endogene characteristics of an early elite?

Late Afternoon

17.30–19.00

**Walking tour of Medieval Kilkenny**

Evening

19.00

**Heritage Council Reception, Bishop's Palace, Kilkenny****TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER**

Morning

**Panel 2:**

08.30–10.30

**Transitions and transformations in southern Europe from the Early Medieval Period to the High Middle Ages**  
**Chair: *Rainer Schreg****Carboni, Francesca and Vermeulen, Frank (Belgium)*

Deciphering transformations of rural settlement and land-use patterns in central Adriatic Italy between the 6th and the 12th century AD

*Corsi, Cristina (Italy)*

Beyond the borders: transformations, acculturation and adaptation between Latium and Campania during the Lombard Period (6th–10th c.)

*Algería Tejedor, Walter and Soler Sala Maria and Sancho I Planas, Marta (Spain)*

Mountain communities in the Catalan Pyrenees: 25 years of archaeological research

*Bolòs, Jordi (Spain)*

Not so dark centuries: changes and continuities in the Catalan landscape (6th–12th centuries)

Coffee Break  
10.30–11.00

**Panel 3:**

11.00–12.00 **Colonisation and further development**  
**Chair: *Christiane Bis-Worch***

*von Doesburg, Jan (The Netherlands)*

The winds of change: settlement decline in the coastal landscapes of the Northern Netherlands

*Legut-Pintal, Maria (Poland)*

Late medieval transformation of rural landscape. Case study from terra Nizensis, Silesia, Poland

Lunch  
12.00–13.00

**Poster Presentation (Alphabetic Sequence)**

13.00–14.30 *Beres, Mária (Hungary)*

Some characteristic features of the rural towns of the Hungarian Plain during the 16th–18th centuries

*Bosino, Nicola (Italy)*

Rural settlement and economy in Campania (South Italy) between Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages

*Cordero Ruiz, Tomás (Portugal)*

Change and continuity in rural Early Medieval Hispania. Comparative multidisciplinary approach to the countryside's of Egitania (Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal) and Emerita (Mérida, Spain)

*Holata, Lukáš (Great Britain)*

Settlement abandonment in Dartmoor (England): New appraisal in light of land-use transformations and the wider context of settlement evolution



*Lafaye, Annejulie (Ireland)*

Mendicant friaries and settlement development in Ireland: the foundations of the Augustinian Hermits in Cos Mayo and Sligo

*Newman, Caron (Great Britain)*

The Anglo-Scottish Western March. A landscape in transition, 14th–17th century

*Newman Richard (Great Britain)*

Understanding earthworks and building form in Northern England: shedding new light on post medieval transformations of the medieval rural landscape

*Prata, Sara (Portugal)*

Transition and change in the early medieval countryside in central Portugal (Castelo de Vides's territory c. 500–800 A.D.)

*López, Esteban and Díaz, Ignacio and Retamero, Félix (Spain)*

One land, two peasantries: Moriscos and Christians in the upper Genal Valley, Malaga (16th–18th centuries)

*Sárosi, Edit and Wilhelm, Gábor (Hungary)*

Settlements, authority and commerce during the Ottoman rule in the central part of Hungary

*Theune, Claudia (Austria)*

Climate change and economic development in the Alps in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period

*Vargha, Mária (Hungary)*

The Christianisation of Medieval Hungary: the transformation of the Countryside

*Verspay, Johan (Netherlands)*

Brabant in Late Middle Ages: the transformation of a rural landscape

*Virgili, Antoni and Kirchner, Helena (Spain)*

The impact of the Catalan conquest of Tortosa on the agrarian landscape: new channels and watermills (Tortosa, Spain)

*Welinder, Stig (Sweden)*

The long-term history of a deserted farm

Afternoon

**Panel 4:**

14.30–16.00 **Transitions and transformations due to political, social and economic structures in the Middle Ages, Part 1**

**Chair: *Eva Svensson***

*Nowotny, Elisabeth (Austria)*

Change in rural settlement in eastern Central Europe from the Early to the Later Middle Ages

*Janeš, Andrej and Hirschler-Maric, Ivana (Croatia)*

The transformation of settlements in eastern Slavonia in the period from the 12th to the 15th century

*Klír, Tomáš (Czech Republic)*

Rural settlements in Bohemia in the “Age of Transition” (14th to 16th century)

Coffee break

16.00–16.30

16.30–18.00 **Transitions and transformations due to political, social and economic structures in the Middle Ages, Part 2**

**Chair: *Frode Iversen***

*Schreg, Rainer (Germany)*

Late medieval deserted settlements in Southern Germany as a consequence of long-term landscape transformations

*Takács, Miklós and Rácz, Tibor Ákos (Hungary)*

Interpreting the landscape in the middle parts of the Carpathian Basin in the 8–13th c. AD: The effects of the political events on contemporary settlement structures

*Ødegaard, Marie (Norway)*

Assembling in times of transitions – the case of cooking pit sites

Evening

19.00–20.00 **Dinner at Newpark Hotel**

20.30–22.00 **Committee Meeting**



**WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER**

Morning

**Panel 4:**

9.00–10.00 **Transitions and transformations due to political, social and economic structures in the Middle Ages, Part 3**  
**Chair: Mark Gardiner**

*Makarov, Nikolaj (Russia)*

Suzdal, the core area of North-Eastern Rus': the rise and transformation of rural settlement network from 900 – 1350 AD

*Svensson, Eva (Sweden)*

Crisis or transition? An environmental justice perspective on Scandinavian outland use in the Viking Age and Middle Ages

Coffee break

10.00–10.30

**Panel 5:**

10.30–12.30 **Transitions and transformations from Medieval to Modern Times from a longue durée perspective**  
**Chair: Miklós Takacs**

*Hansen, Jesper (Denmark)*

Land organizational changes on Funen, Denmark, from 500-1200 AD

*Zatykó, Csilla (Hungary)*

Causes and effects in human landscape interaction in medieval Hungary

*Duma, Paweł and Piekalski, Jerzy and Łuczak, Anna (Poland)*

Kopaniec in Izera Mountains. An example of unusual transformation of villages after the period of the Thirty Year's War (1618–1648) in Silesia

*Franzén, Ådel V. (Sweden)*

Resources, relations and rights. Conflicting views on the small farm Bollarp

Lunch

12.30–13.30

Afternoon

14.00–18.00 **Excursion to Newtown Jerpoint, Jerpoint Abbey**

Evening

19.00 **Mayor's Reception, Council Chamber, City Hall, High Street, Kikenny**

**THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER**

All-day

8.30–18.00 **Excursion to Co. Wexford: Tintern Abbey, Clonmines, Harrylock Millstone Quarry, Baginbun and Slade Castle**

Evening

19.00 **Conference Dinner**

**FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER**

Morning

**Panel 6:**

9.00–10.00 **Transitions and transformations in Modern Times**  
**Chair: *Tomáš Klír***

*Kühtreiber, Thomas and Tarcsay, Gábor and Zorko, Michaela (Austria)*

From tilling to stock farming: indoor breeding as promoter for the development of multi-wing farmsteads in Eastern Austria?

*Campbell, Eve (Ireland)*

Disappearing villages: post-famine landscape reorganisation at Keem, Achill Island

Coffee break  
10.00–10.30

**Panel 7:**

10.30–12.00 **The impact of religious institutions on land-use and settlement patterns**  
**Chair: *Piers Dixon***

*Stevens, Paul (Ireland)*

The Role of the church in the expansion of the economy in Ireland, AD 400–1100

*Tente, Catarina (Portugal)*

No smoke without fire. Burning and changing settlements in 10th-century central-northern Portugal

*López Quiroga, Jorge (Spain)*

The making of the early medieval rural landscape in Galicia (Northwest of the Iberian Peninsula, 500–1000 A.D.)

Lunch  
12.00–13.00



**Panel 8:**

13.00–14.30 **Settlement development after catastrophes**  
**Chair: Claudia Theune**

*Lewis, Carena (Great Britain)*

New evidence for the impact of the Black Death on rural settlements in England from archaeological test-pit excavation

*Iversen, Frode (Norway)*

The event of AD 536 and its impact on rural settlements in Scandinavia

*Claudia Theune* (on behalf of the organizing committee)

Final remarks and discussion

**Main conference close**

Afternoon

15.00 **Departure to post-conference field excursion to Co. Roscommon via Clonmacnoise**

**SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER**

All-day **Excursion in Co. Roscommon: Rathcroghan, Carns, Tulsk, Ballintober**

Lunchbreak

13.00 **Rathcroghan Heritage Centre with Cathairloch for Roscommon**

**SUNDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER**

Morning **Excursion in Co. Roscommon: Roscommon Town, Abbey and Castle**

Lunchbreak

13.00 **Roscommon**

Afternoon

14.00 **End of conference and departure**