

DOX ON AIR: Museum of Literature Ireland

The CUFA Centre for Irish Studies introduces a new Dublin literary museum for the 21st century. In a live stream from Prague and Dublin, curators from MoLI – Museum of Literature Ireland and the DOX Centre for Contemporary Art will be discussing the presentation of literature in an art space. The event will showcase a recently launched digital platform focused on contemporary Irish writing, and will feature readings by four celebrated authors and their Czech translators.

“Our intention is to show our academic community and the Czech readers what an attractive museum of literature may look like, one that operates not only in the conventional space of a building but has also cultivated a confident presence in the digital world. We have teamed up with one of the most dynamic Czech galleries, the DOX Centre, for the occasion, as apart from the visual arts, the DOX focuses also on the presentation of writing, and generally on opening new worlds to its audiences.

We have prepared a tasting from the extremely rich scene that is contemporary Irish literature, focused on celebrated authors who are relatively unknown in the Czech Republic yet, and we would also like to introduce a unique online source of information about one hundred books by contemporary writers, poets and playwrights that MoLI has launched in partnership with University College Dublin, which is intended for students and Irish and international readers alike. Since the event cannot take place with the participants and audience being present face to face, it will be broadcast from the appropriately named Gulliver airship at the DOX,” says the event coordinator, Professor Ondřej Pilný.

Guests:

Simon O'Connor, Director (MoLI)

Benedict Schlepper-Connolly, Digital Curator (MoLI)

Margaret Kelleher – Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama
(University College Dublin)

Featured authors:

Doireann Ní Ghríofa

Sara Baume

Mike McCormack

Caitríona O'Reilly

Translators:

Alice Hyrmanová McElveen

Daniela Theinová

Ondřej Pilný

Hosted by:

Michaela Šilpochová, Artistic Director (DOX Centre for Contemporary Art)

Ondřej Pilný, Director (Centre for Irish Studies, Charles University Prague)

The event has been supported from a Government of Ireland (ESP Programme) grant awarded for the development of Irish Studies at CU FA.

The language of the programme will be English.

Time and venue: Wednesday 19 May 2021, 19:00 (CET), 19:00, online on the DOX facebook page

Invitation