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of contacts between Ireland and the German-speaking countries; to create a forum of discussion for interested parties, in the form of seminars, guest lectures and conferences; to co-ordinate and encourage the compilation of Irish material on Austria, Germany and Switzerland and German language material on Ireland as a resource base for researchers; to increase knowledge about German-speaking countries, their societies and cultures as well as Irish-German relations in the region, and further promote mutual understanding. So far the Centre has organised two major international conferences in 1997 and 1999 in coordination with the German Academic Exchange Service, the German Ireland Fund, the Goethe Institute and the German Embassy.

The 3rd Limerick Conference in Irish-German Studies will focus on Irish-Austrian and Irish-Swiss relations and on questions of identity in Austria and in Switzerland.

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### 04.04.2002 THURSDAY / DONNERSTAG

- 3 pm Conference Registration\*
- 4 pm Opening of Exhibitions & Wine Reception  
René Böll  
Abroad in Austria  
Ruth Lockhart
- 5 pm Official opening of the conference  
Dr. Roger Downer, President of the University of Limerick

5.15 Prof. Dr. Joep Leerssen (Amsterdam)  
-6 pm *Questions of Cultural Identity*

#### 6 – 7 pm \*\* SESSION I \*\*\*

Dr. Ulrike Spring  
(IFK Wien)  
Dúchas / Kulturerbe –  
nationale Interpretationen  
eines globalen Phänomens

Nicola Drücker (Cork)  
Irish and Alpine  
encounters – Tours and  
travels in 1877 and 1902

Catherine Spencer  
(Dublin)  
The Discursive  
Construction of Austrian  
Identity from 1945  
onwards

Dr. Declan Downey  
(Dublin)  
Assimilation and Identity:  
Irish emigres in the  
Austrian Habsburg  
Hausmacht

7.30 pm Dinner

9 pm Maya Homburger & Barry Guy  
*Baroque Music and Contemporary  
Improvisations*

### 05.04.2002 FRIDAY / FREITAG

9.15 Prof. Dr. Werner Welzig (Wien)  
-10 am *Woran ist Österreich erkennbar?*

#### 10-11 am \*\* SESSION II \*\*\*

Dr. Hermann Rasche  
(Galway)  
Joyce unterwegs:  
Austria / Helvetia

Audrey Hartford  
(Oxford)

Concepts of Austrian  
identity in Hermann  
Bahr's work

Victoria Martin  
(Oxford)

Language and Identity  
in Austria and Ireland

Prof. Ingrid Kurz &  
Dr. B. Stolz (Wien)

Österreichisches  
Deutsch –  
Linguistische Fragen

11-11.30 am Coffee/Tea

11.30 Dr. Beatrice von Matt (Zürich)  
-12.15 am *Nationale Identität als poetisches Projekt*

#### 12.15-1.15 pm \*\* SESSION III \*\*\*

Prof. Ernest W.B. Hess-  
Lüttich (Bern)  
Vaterländer? Mutter-  
sprachen? Alpine  
Identitäten am Rande:  
Frank, Geiser, Schwab  
& Winkler

Oliver Spitz (Exeter)  
Rot, Weiß, Rot – der  
Dramatiker Werner  
Schwab als  
österreichischer  
Provokateur?

Annemarie Lysaght  
(Maynooth)  
(Stereotypical)  
Representations of Austria  
and Switzerland in  
textbooks for second-level  
learners of German  
in Ireland

Dr. Veronica O'Regan  
(Limerick)  
Northern Ireland in the  
Swiss media



1.15-2.15 pm Lunch

2.15-3 pm Dr. Rudolf Agstner (Wien)  
*History of Consular and Diplomatic  
Relations between Ireland and Austria*

3-4 pm \*\* SESSION IV \*\*\*

<u>Dr. Petra Bagley</u> (Lancashire) Exposing our fathers: Alcoholism and Alzheimer's in an Austrian setting	<u>Dr. Pól Ó Dochartaigh</u> (Coleraíne) Julius Pokorny and Celtic Studies in Switzerland, 1943-1970
<u>Helen Hauser (Limerick)</u> Irland in der Schweizer Gegenwartsliteratur	<u>Annika Stephan and Paul Gosling (Galway)</u> The archeological career of Dr. Adolf Mahr

4-4.30pm Coffee/Tea

4.30-5.15 Dr. Tobias Theiler (Dublin)  
*German-Swiss Identity & Debates on the  
Participation in European Integration.*

5.15-5.45pm \*\* SESSION V \*\*\*

<u>Dr. Marcus Hanke</u> (Salzburg) Austria's neutrality	<u>Mary Keating, Dr Gillian Martin (Dublin), Erna Szabo (Linz)</u> Managers and Students Share the Same Perceptions of Societal Culture?
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6.30pm Buffet with Swiss cheese & Austrian wine

7.30pm Readings: Josef Winkler, Erica Pedretti

9 pm Ceili All three events are taking  
place in Kilmurry Village Hall

### 06.04.2002 SATURDAY / SAMSTAG

9.30-10.30 am \*\* SESSION VI \*\*\*

Dr. Michael Eggers  
(Saarbrücken)

“Sprachen, die sich nie  
ganz begegnen ..”  
I. Bachmanns *Simultan*  
und Joyces *Dubliners*

Rebecca Beard (Oxford)  
Speaking the language of  
culture – Jelinek and  
Joyce writing the  
homeland

Dr. Diether Schlinke  
(Wien)

Die Geschichte der  
Österreichisch-Irischen  
Gesellschaft

Dr. Peter Moser (Bern) &  
Dr. Tony Varley (Galway)  
Zwischen Integration und  
Ausgrenzung. Strategien  
zur Vergesellschaftung der  
bäuerlichen Landwirtschaft  
in Irland und der Schweiz  
im 19./20. Jahrhundert

10.30-11.00am Coffee/Tea

11.00-12.30pm The Austrian and the Swiss Presences  
in Ireland  
Yves Moradh, Deputy head of Presence  
Switzerland  
Dr. Paul Leifer, Austrian Ambassador &  
Dr. Herbert Herzmann, Dublin  
*followed by discussion*

- End of conference -

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