

# Public Reading

## Writing the World, Writing the Island: Irish Writers in Conversation

**Wed 18 Mar 2026**

18:00-20:00 hours

Senatssaal

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**with the authors**

**Christine Dwyer Hickey,  
Paul Lynch, Martin Doyle, Rónán  
Hession, and Tadhg Mac Dhonnágain**

What is the current state of Irish literature? Five Irish writers discuss their work to help mark St Patrick's Day celebrations in Berlin. What are the ideas, styles and settings that concern Irish writers today? What are the themes that resonate with audiences? Does being Irish make a difference?

Christine Dwyer Hickey and Paul Lynch will be interviewed about their writing practices by Dr Gesa Stedman, Professor of British Culture and Literature.

Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin, Martin Doyle and Rónán Hession will be interviewed about their work by Kate Ferguson, journalist and anchor at Deutsche Welle.

An event presented in partnership by the Embassy of Ireland, Germany, the Centre for British Studies at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and Literature Ireland.



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