



**Chinese Studies**

School of Modern Languages,  
Literatures and Cultures

## **2021 Annual Conference of MU Chinese Studies**

### **Chinese Language and Culture in Ireland: New Developments and Challenges**

Saturday 30 October 2021

Venue: JHL5, John Hume Building, North Campus, Maynooth University

### **Schedule**

#### **10:30-10:45 Opening of the Conference**

Prof. Valerie Heffernan, Head of the Maynooth University School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Mr. Dawei Zheng, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ireland

#### **10:45-11:15 Keynote Presentation**

Language, Diversity and “Cultural Ownership”: a Story From the Beginnings of University-level Chinese Language Instruction in Europe

Prof. Kiri Paramore, Asian Studies, UCC

11:15-11:25 Q&A

#### **11:25-12:45 Session One: Mandarin Chinese as A New Leaving Certificate Subject**

11:25-11:45 Language Policy and Practice in Irish post-primary education:

the context for Chinese

Ms. Mary Ruane, Ireland China Institute

11:45-12:05 Continuing Professional Development of Mandarin Chinese Teachers

Dr. Chang Zhang, Post Primary Languages Ireland

12:05-12:25 Journey of Running a Chinese Language School in Ireland

Ms. Weihong Jiang, Lucan Chinese School

12:25-12:45 Q&A

#### **12:45-13:40 Lunch, Pugin Hall**

**13:40-16:00 Session Two: Language Pedagogy and Linguistics**

13:40-14:00 How the Horse (馬) and Chariot (車) Came to China

Prof. Nathan Hill, Trinity Centre for Asian Studies, TCD

14:00-14:20 Chinese Character Learning in Irish Higher Education

Dr. Ning Jiang, Trinity Centre for Asian Studies, TCD

14:20-14:40 Facilitative and detrimental transfer in English-Cantonese bilinguals' L3

Mandarin grammar

Dr. Yanyu Guo, Asian Studies, UCC

14:40-15:00 Teaching Chinese Characters: Challenges and Innovation

Dr. Jun Ni, School of Languages, Law & Social Sciences, TU Dublin

15:00-15:20 Online Gamified Education: A Future Direction in Chinese Language

Teaching and Learning

Dr. Meishan Zhang, Chinese Studies, Maynooth University

15:20-16:00 Q&A

**16:15 Dinner, The Roost Maynooth**