Dr ANIA SZOLUCHA will be speaking on her research on direct democracy in the Occupy movement in Ireland and the United States, its social relevance in the context of the history of democracy, and her new project about grassroots renewable energy initiatives.

Dr TERRY DUNNE will be speaking on his research on collective agency and economic change in early-nineteenth-century Ireland, the impact of social conflict within the agricultural sector on social structure, and the associated cultural formation of a sense of agency.