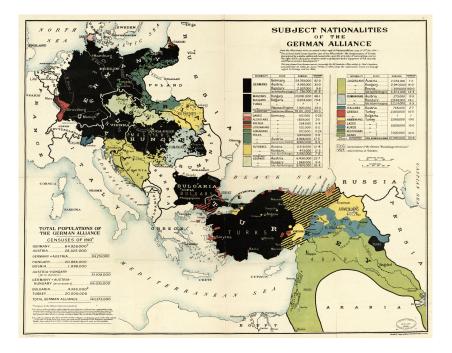# Irish Studies Guest Lecture Series 2022

Dr. Lili Zách (Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary)

'Imagining Ireland Abroad, 1904-45: Conceiving the Nation, Identity, and Borders in Central Europe'

Thursday, 8 December 2022, 12.30-13.30, F-801, Filozofski fakultet u Rijeci.

This talk offers an alternative account of identity formation in Ireland and Central Europe, as it challenges the image of an isolated Irish nation that defined itself internationally mainly through its relationship with the British Empire in the first half of the twentieth century. In particular, the traffic of different types of transfers and comparisons that occurred between Ireland and the small successor states of the Austro-Hungarian Empire are explored. By adopting this transnational approach, this talk documents the outward-looking attitude of Irish nationalists to show the complexity and fluidity of Irish images of Central Europe. In doing this, it highlights the significance of rethinking the question of borders and identities in these regions.

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