

Offre de thèse avec contrat doctoral. Université de Caen Normandie

Violence and the memory of past violence in Conquest Ireland

(late 12th-early 13th centuries)

Job information		
	Organisation / Entreprise	Université de Caen Normandie
	Research Field	Humanities and social sciences
	Researcher Profile	First Stage Researcher (R1)
	Country	France
	Application Deadline	10/05/2026
	Type of Contract	Temporary (3 years), from october 2026
	Job Status	Full time
	Is the Job funded through the UE Research Framework Programme ?	NO
	Is the Job related to staff position within a Research Infrastructure ?	NO
Offer description		
	Doctoral project description	<p>The aim of this project is to study violence in Ireland during the period of the Norman conquest (c. 1169–1210), placing it in the context of other studies on violence and norms of conflict in medieval Norman societies. Indeed, Anglo-Norman and Cambro-Norman sources describe the Irish as bloodthirsty and cruel</p>

		<p>barbarians, which may seem surprising given that this judgement concerns a people who were not only neighbours but just as Christian as the authors themselves, and with whom there was abundant diplomatic, cultural and commercial exchange. Similarly, the second half of the 12th century saw Irish monastic circles producing rewritings of accounts of invasion or war, such as <i>Lebor Gabála Érenn</i> or <i>Cogad Gáedel Re Gallaib</i>. Several lives of saints were also rewritten within this same context. It is interesting to observe how these <i>vitae</i> and their depiction of violence in pre-Christian Ireland and at the time of conversion to Christianity engaged with their own times.</p> <p>To bring these various strands together, the aim of this research is to study the violence of the Norman invasion of Ireland, but also the way in which the memory of past violence is invoked to justify or understand the violence experienced. The thesis will place particular emphasis on the representation of violence during two pivotal periods: that of the Christianisation of the island (5th-6th centuries) and that of Scandinavian raids and settlements (9th-11th centuries)</p>
	Salary placement	2300 € / month
Requirements		
	Admission requirements	Holding a Master's Degree
	Eligibility	Subject to the acceptance of the head of the institution, on the proposal of the ED director after consultation with the director of the research team and the thesis supervisor
Application		
		<p>A complete application must contain :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A personal letter with a brief description of your research interests and motivation (2) A curriculum vitae (CV) (3) Certified copies of grades, diplomas, and documentation of completed academic courses (4) Contact information for two references

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