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Third International Political Anthropology Workshop

EK-STASIS: Ecstasy in Politics

19-20 February, 2010

Location: C005, College Street Campus

Waterford Institute of Technology

Organised by the Department of Applied Arts, Waterford Institute of Technology, the journal *International Political Anthropology*, and the School of Sociology & Philosophy, University College Cork

Conveners: Tom Boland (Sociology, WIT, tboland@wit.ie), and

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Conference Schedule

Friday, 19th February 2010:

4:00pm -5:30pm Introductory Session: Ex-stasis and the Contemporary scene

*Introduction; Contemporary Ireland
and Political Anthropology*

John O'Brien (WIT)
& Tom Boland (WIT)

Love as Radiant Force

Kieran Keohane (UCC)

The American Hierophany

John MacNamarra (UCC)

Coffee

6:30pm -7:30pm Transformations and Ex-stasis

Ecstasy and Revolution

Harald Wydra (Cambridge)

The Alchemy of Ecstasy

Agnese Horvath (Milan)

Conference Dinner (tbc)

Saturday, 20th February:

10.00am -11.00am Opening Session:

On the Anthropology of Ecstasy Bjorn Thomassen (Rome)

Cool: Individualising Ecstasy Tom Boland (WIT)

11:30am -1.00pm Ecstasy and Poetics

Song Poets, Liminality and Political

Thought in 18th and 19th Century Gaelic Ireland Triona Ní Shíochain (UL)

Ecstatic Visions, Dream Quests and Esoteric Knowledge Jill O' Mahony (WIT)

McGahern's Anthropology of Community Paddy O' Carroll (UCC)

Lunch

2.00pm – 4.00pm Problems of Ex-stasis

Drinking and Crashing: Excess and Ecstasy in Ireland John O'Brien (WIT)

Fun Workplaces Ray Griffin (WIT)

Management, Control and Ecstasy James Fairhead (UCC)

Luther and the Gift Relationship Julian Davies (UCC)

Coffee

4:30am – 6.00pm: Closing Plenary and Final Thoughts

Ecstasy, Liminality and Modern Revolution Arpad Szakolczai (UCC)