

I SEMINAR SEAMUS HEANEY
UNIVERSIDADE DA CORUÑA
April 23rd, 2020

Organized by the University Institute for Irish Studies, *Amergin*

In the year 2000, Irish poet and Nobel Prize Seamus Heaney was awarded an *Honoris Causa Doctorate* (honorary doctorate) at the University of A Coruña (UDC), following the nomination proposed by Antonio R. de Toro Santos, former Director of the University Institute for Irish Studies, *Amergin*. The celebration of this award represented a high point in the study of the close relations between Ireland and Galicia, and gathered relevant figures of both cultural environments, including artists, writers and musicians (Liam O' Flynn and Carlos Núñez among others).

Twenty years after this significant event, and supported by its strong academic activity in Irish Studies during this period, the *Amergin* Institute wants to renew/honour the strong connection between Ireland and Galicia by organizing the I Seminar Seamus Heaney, to celebrate the present influence of this Irish poet's work, particularly in Galicia.

The seminar will host Irish poet Paddy Bushe, also with strong links to Galicia and who will travel from Waterville, Co. Cork. Mr Bushe will share with local researchers his profound knowledge of Heaney's poetry. He will also recite several poems composed by Heaney, and other poems authored by himself.

Manuel Rivas and Suso de Toro, probably two of the most influential voices of Galician literature in the last decades, will be the other two writers who will participate in this seminar to celebrate Heaney's poetry.

A tentative programme of the event can be seen below:

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April 23, 2020 • 9:00am • Filoloxía – UDC
Salón de Graos, Facultade de Filoloxía (Campus Zapateira)

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| 9.30 am. | Opening Session: Rector - Embajadora - Decana - Directora – Amergin. |
| 10.00 am. | Paddy Bushe, Poet (Waterville, Ireland). |
| 11.00 am. | Antonio R. de Toro Santos, Honorary Professor, UDC. |
| 11.30 am. | Break. |
| 11.45 p.m. | Manuel Rivas, Writer; Suso de Toro, Writer; Antonio R. de Toro Santos, UDC. |
| 12.45 pm | Poetry Reading. |