“On the move or On the run? Instances of i/emigration in the Irish-European novel”
Thursday 17 May 2018, 6.00 pm

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“Tracking eyes and chasing comprehension: from English as lingua franca to English as pivot language to access crucial information”
Friday 18 May 2018, 2 pm

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Special session on “Constructing and revising narratives of migration”
Saturday 19 May 2018, 9 am

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