

## Queering Ireland 2022: Queerabilities

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### Keynote

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*Queering Ireland 2022*, the seventh in a series of biennial conferences, invites abstracts in Irish and queer studies at the intersection of disability studies. What solidarities, intellectual and otherwise, might attend a conversation about disabilities as queered, as queering? How/might disability and queerness be thought together in ‘resistance to regimes of the normal’ (Warner)? What might queerness as a concept--a mode--enable disability studies to do (differently)? What has queerness to say about dis/ability, including queerability? Can it help to reposition disability beyond compulsory asexuality, for example? How might norms of form--forms of norm--including the homonormative, influence such a conversation? These and all related questions will be considered. A special issue of *Canadian Journal of Irish Studies* will follow. Topics might include:

- queering disability
- neuro-queering Ireland
- ‘I can’t go on, I’ll go on’: activism in Irish queer/disability studies
- ablenationalism/biopolitics/neoliberalism
- queer/disabled bodies that matter
- accessing (queer) spaces of disability
- queerability, disability and the normate
- queering/disabling compulsory (a)sexualities

Proposals of no more than **300 words** by **January 7th** to Seán Kennedy (Saint Mary’s U, Halifax) & Joseph Valente (SUNY Buffalo) at [sean.kennedy@smu.ca](mailto:sean.kennedy@smu.ca) A special issue of *Canadian Journal of Irish Studies* will follow.