

WFWP Ireland: Dignity of Death Book Launch and Art Exhibition - *Punctum and Hauntology*

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The Dignity of Death book launch and the accompanying art exhibition "Punctum and Hauntology" invited the public to engage with Death itself as a reality that possesses its own dignity, purpose, and transformational potential.



Dr. Tina Lindhard, one of the book's authors, shared a personal experience that compelled her to organise a conference and bring together diverse perspectives exploring this often-taboo subject. Her presentation and the contributed essays reframed Death as a meaningful threshold and opened space for previously silenced voices and reflections.

Mary Ellen McCormack's exhibition responded to a series of postcards dated 1926 - 1930 that reveal the relationships, travels and experiences of four sisters from a prominent English family who were resident in Ireland and sympathetic to Ireland's situation; the artworks translated those intimate historical traces into visual meditations on memory, presence and transcendence.

The programme included author readings, an artist talk, audience Q and A, a beautiful musical contribution by Hana Kim and a gallery walk with light refreshments to encourage reflective, intergenerational dialogue.

Objectives were to foreground the dignity of Death itself, stimulate cultural and spiritual conversation, and build partnerships with arts and care

organisations.

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We welcome you to a CICA International Conscious division's
new book launch hosted by WFWP Ireland.



Art exhibition "Punctum and Hauntology" by
Mary Ellen Mc Cormack on display.

Light refreshments, short presentations and entertainment



This book serves as an introduction to the often-avoided topic of death, aiming to bring it back into the limelight for deeper understanding.

In an age where moral relativism is reaching new extremes, we must confront the implications of this trend as it displaces and ignores the sacred and the numinous. What consequences might this have on individuals and cultures as we know them?

Organised into seven distinct sections, this work invites readers to engage with its content on their own terms. While authored by scientists and philosophers, it transcends academic boundaries, encouraging reflection and debate among the public. This intellectual stimulation empowers us to make more informed decisions about the dying process, the loss of loved ones, and our own mortality.

As Western 'man' has run roughshod over the spiritual beliefs of traditional societies, we now face a similar erosion of our own cultural values.

Join us on this enlightening journey as we confront the uncomfortable truths surrounding death, sparking a necessary conversation that could reshape our understanding of life, culture, spirituality and the values we hold dear.

2pm - 4pm Sat 8th November 2025

19 North Great Georges Street, Dublin 1

We look forward to seeing you there

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