**The Society of Irish Foresters**

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**National Botanic Gardens**

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**The Annual Augustine Henry Forestry Lecture**

***“Forests, chases and rights of free warren in medieval Ireland, AD 1169 - c.1399”***

***by***

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***in***

**The National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin**

***on***

**Thursday, 5 March 2020 *at* 3.00 pm**

Irish forests, chases and rights of free warren have been largely ignored by medievalists. Alongside parks, these were landscapes within which the elite sought to control not only access to hunting, but also to timber and woodland resources. The aim of this lecture is to review the evidence for these landforms in Ireland in the period 1169–c.1399 and to examine the chronology of their creation, their ownership, uses and functions. The lecture uses an interdisciplinary approach, combining historical, cartographic and archaeological evidence for past activity and provides an insight into these extensive medieval landscape features.

Fiona Beglane is an archaeologist at CERIS, Institute of Technology, Sligo and a consultant zooarchaeologist. Her research focuses mainly on medieval archaeology and landscapes, zooarchaeology, hunting, and the use of scientific techniques in archaeology. In particular she has an interest in integrating scientific and social/cultural interpretations of archaeology and in examining the interaction between humans and animals.

***Admission is Free All Welcome***