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Biography

Bio: Dr Maxim Fomin completed a doctoral thesis on the topic of righteous kingship in Early Ireland and Ancient India having graduated with **PhD in Early and Medieval Irish** from University College Cork. **Specialisms:** Irish folklore and oral culture, comparative studies of folk beliefs and cultural practices in European and Oriental traditions, Irish oral narrative, international folktales and migratory legends, public celebrations and calendar festivals, Celto-Slavic parallels in language, medieval narrative literature and folklore, Irish-Indian connections and cultural parallels, comparative linguistics, digitisation and linguistic computing in Celtic Studies, bibliography of Celtic scholars in the 19th and early 20th cc. **Affiliations:** He is Secretary and Equality and Diversity Officer of the Learned Association **Societas Celto-Slavica**, as well as its Founding Member and General Editor of Studia Celto-Slavica series. He is vice chair of the **Irish Humanities Alliance** (RIA, Dublin). He is Fellow of the prestigious **Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung** research network, supported by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany, having worked at the Eberhard-Karls **University of Tübingen** in 2016-7. He was elected Associate Member of Centre for Research in Breton and Celtic (CRBC) at the **University of Western Brittany, Brest** (UBO) in 2019 and appointed Visiting Professor in Celtic Studies at CRBC in September 2021.

Qualifications

PhD, University College Cork
19 Mar 2000 → 2 Jun 2003
Award Date: 19 Dec 2003

Employment

Reader

reader
School of Arts & Humanities
Vice-Chancellor's Office
1 Aug 2017 → present

Research Director (Modern Languages and Linguistics)

reader
Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
Vice-Chancellor's Office
1 Aug 2017 → present

Visiting Professor

Centre de recherche bretonne et celtique (UBO, Brest)
France
1 Sep 2021 → present

Associate Member

Centre de recherche bretonne et celtique (UBO, Brest)
France
30 Nov 2019 → present

Fellow (Experienced Researcher)

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

1 May 2016 → 30 Sep 2017

Research outputs

Translation and Language Adaptation in the Literary Texts of Medieval Europe

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Ó'Corráin, A. (ed.), de Brún, F. (ed.), Fomin, M. (ed.), Dean, M., Carey, J., Toner, G., Gillies, W., Mac Mathúna, L., Breatnach, P. A., Watson, S., Mikhailova, T., Johnston, D., Roibeard, Ó. M., Maier, B., Dillon, C., Mac Coinnigh, M., Mac Cárthaigh, C., Jivanyan, A., Ó Catháin, S., Fomin, M., & 5 others Ó'Corráin, A., Hughes, A. J., Smith, P. J., Mac Cathmhaoil, N. & Comer, N., 7 Apr 2020, (Published online) 1st ed. Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis. 414 p. (Studia Celtica Uppsaliensia; vol. 10)

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Fomin, M., 16 Mar 2020, In: *Voské Divan - Journal of Fairy-Tale Studies/ՈՍԿԵ ԴԻՎԱՆ ՀԷԲԽԱՐԱԳԻՒՍՏԻԿԱՆ ԽԱՆՈՒԷՍ*. 6, p. 12-34 22 p.

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От берегов Шри-Ланки до ирландских холмов: Хождение ирландских племен в поисках Обетованной Земли

Fomin, M., 2017, *Индия-Тибет: текст и интертекст в культуре: Рериховские чтения 2012-2015 в Институте востоковедения РАН*. Vertogradova, V. (ed.). Moscow: Russian Academy of Sciences, p. 215-231 16 p.

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Recent Trends in the Study of Fenian Texts from Medieval Ireland

Fomin, M., 30 Sep 2016, (Published online) In: *Zeitschrift für celtische Philologie*. 63, 1, p. 256-262

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Transforming Traditions: Studies in Comparative Linguistics, Literature and Folklore.
Fomin, M. (ed.), Blažek, V. (ed.) & Stalmaszczyk, P. (ed.), 6 Dec 2012, University of Łódź: Łódź University Press: Université de Bretagne Occidentale. 214 p.

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Fomin, M., 22 Oct 2011, *Oral Charms in Structural and Comparative Light: Proceedings of the Conference of the International Society for Folk Narrative Research Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming. 27-29 October 2011, Moscow*. Mikhailova, T., Roper, J., Toporkov, A. & Nikolayev, D. (eds.). Moscow: PROBEL, p. 100-119

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Fomin, M. (ed.), Mac Mathúna, S. (ed.) & Vertogradova, V. (ed.), 28 Feb 2010, Journal of Indo-European Studies Monograph Series. 234 p.

Sacred Topology of Early Ireland and Ancient India: Religious Paradigm Shift

Fomin, M. (ed.), Mac Mathúna, S. (ed.) & Vertogradova, V. (ed.), 28 Feb 2010, Journal of Indo-European Studies Monograph Series. 234 p.

Sacred Topology of Early Ireland and Ancient India: Religious Paradigm Shift: Foreword; Introduction

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Bríathartheosc Con Culainn in the Context of Early Irish Wisdom-Literature

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Activities

Highlights in Celtic and Slavic: Comparanda and Inspirations

Maxim Fomin (Organiser & Speaker), Seamus Mac Mathuna (Speaker), Sabina Asmus (Chair) & Sylwester Jaworski (Member of programme committee)

26 Oct 2022 → 29 Oct 2022

Maritime Twists & Tales at the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival

Maxim Fomin (Participant) & Seamus Mac Mathuna (Participant)

2 Jun 2022 → 3 Jun 2022

Celtic Languages and Cultures in Contact (Event)

Maxim Fomin (Member of editorial board), Seamus Mac Mathuna (Editor in chief), Gary German (Editor) & Dafydd Johnston (Member of editorial board)

22 Jun 2018 → 24 Jun 2018

Studia Celto-Slavica (Journal)

Maxim Fomin (Member of editorial board), Séamus Mac Mathúna (Member of editorial board), Dafydd Johnston (Member of editorial board), Tatyana Mikhailova (Member of editorial board), Jadranka Gvozdanovic (Reviewer) & Gary German (Reviewer)

17 Sep 2006 → 7 Dec 2021

Awards

A comparative study of the Irish Fairy and Icelandic Elf - extension

Mac Cathmhaoil, N. & Fomin, M.

1/10/20 → 30/09/22