



Einladung zu einem Vortrag in englischer Sprache

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**“An Irish Diary – 2012: The Celtic Tiger in Free Fall”**

**Mittwoch, den 07. März 2012 um 19:00 Uhr**

**RüKONTOR (5. Etage), Rüttenscheider Str. 144, 45131 Essen**

When Heinrich Böll published his ‘**Irishes Tagebuch**’ in 1957, he described Ireland as a country, populated by a charming people, living on the edge of our continent and frozen in time. Today, fifty-five years after Böll and five years after the peak of the Celtic boom – our speaker will set out to describe how Ireland has changed since Böll’s visit. The theme of his lecture will be the story of the Celtic Tiger in free fall and Irish society shaken to its core.

Professor Wellstead will be talking about his experiences as an Englishman living in Ireland through the boom years, the collapse and now through this grim time of retrenchment. The Republic of Ireland has now had the fifth austerity budget in less than three years. Things are very hard throughout most of Irish society. But there are positive signs as well bad signs, and the speaker will be exploring how people are addressing their situation as they try to rediscover the traditional values that were submerged in the boom years. He will also outline his view of what the Irish government got right in the boom years, where they failed and try to predict what lies ahead.

Professor Wellstead is a keen and astute observer of life in Ireland. He has held the position of Research Professor of Systems Biology at the renowned Hamilton Institute, where his research is on the causes of Parkinson’s disease. Before moving to Ireland he was for many years Professor of Control Engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Products based on his research and designs now appear in control laboratories throughout the world.

With many Germans he shares a love of Ireland.

Unser Vortragsraum befindet sich in der 5. Etage des RüKONTOR (Aufzug vorhanden), Rüttenscheider Str. 144/Eingang Gregorstraße, gegenüber dem Girardet Haus. Parkmöglichkeiten auf den anliegenden Strassen, auf den Parkplätzen des Girardethauses und am Ende der Gregorstraße vorhanden. U-Bahn Verbindung von Essen-Hbf: Linien U11, U101 und U107, Station Martinstraße (3 Minuten Fußweg). Busse von der Haltestelle Girardet Haus (Linie 142) und von der Haltestelle Martinstraße (Linien 142, 160 und 161).

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