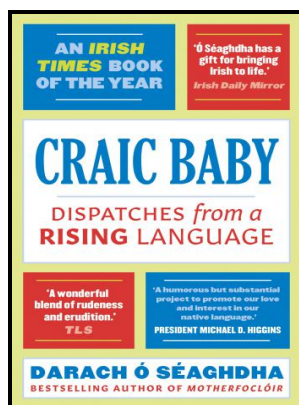# Languages in contact: some problems of Hiberno-English

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The English Language in Ireland

Dublin: Department of English, University College.

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Although English ultimately became the dominant language in Ireland the centuries after the initial invasion were characterised by a decline in English due to a strengthening of Irish, with the shift from French to Irish by the Anglo-Normans, and due to inroads into the towns of the east coast — the stronghold of English after the Middle Ages — which were made by Irish speakers. They ended up creating a stereotypical figure, which became quite persistent and lasted for a long time. Recent census figures show that now there are approximately 123,000 present in the Republic of Ireland Census 2011.

Changing Paradigms in the Study of Hiberno

It has long been recognised that many English words such as slew, smidgeon, smithereens, galore, whiskey and slogan emerged from Irish, and so it was astonishing that the recently-published New Oxford Dictionary included very little Hiberno-English.

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Possible sources References The following is a list of studies on the phonology of Irish English. The work of Seamus Heaney is full of HE. Understand Irish accents Ireland's first language is Irish, which is also known as Gaelic but you will rarely meet people who speak Irish fluently and in public.

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This contact-induced association between form and function takes root in the grammatical system and is transformed automatically, or autopoietically, in its own closed system as time passes. By the close of the 19th century, census reports showed that the linguistic balance had

shifted in favor of English on the order of roughly 2% million English speakers to roughly one-half million Irish speakers Daonaireamh 1976: 2. The following examples are cited from letters written in the mid-nineteenth century.

How the Irish Speak English: A Conversation with T. P. Dolan

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