DREÒLAINN, SORCHA AND IORUAIDH:
THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOME GAELIC EXONYMS

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The presentation discussed a set of place-names that were used in medieval and modern Gaelic narratives. It was shown that these names seemed to have originally denoted real places in the known medieval world, but came to be used as 'stock-names' for usage in heroic romances, with their original location forgotten. In the modern era these names then came to denote regions of Scotland. The names covered (with their modern identifications) were An t-Sorcha as Ardnamurchan; An Dreòlainn as Mull; An Ioruaidh as Morvern and Tìr fo Thuinn as Tiree.