

POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting, 20 October 2006,
University College Cork

Minutes of the 2005 AGM

The minutes of the 2005 meeting were approved, on a motion proposed by Eoin O'Malley and seconded by Luke Ashworth.

Matter Arising

None.

Treasurer's Report

Maura Adshead presented the October 2005 – August 2006 accounts, which show a surplus of €7,162.73 and total assets of €8,517.62. Maura noted some residual membership subscriptions being paid by standing order which caused confusion when renewals are sent out. She paid thanks to John Coakley and Michael Gallagher for their support of the Association through royalty payments from *Politics in the Republic of Ireland*. While we have charitable status on our deposit account, the Bank of Ireland has been unable to have a record of our charity number, and Maura will pursue this.

During discussion of the accounts, a member queried the interest rate being paid on our deposit account. Another question was raised as to the appropriate level of reserves relative to income which an Association of our sort should hold. There was some discussion as to whether postgraduate members of the Association should be allowed to attend the annual conference for free. General agreement was expressed that the scheme whereby the Association offered support to a postgraduate student from each department should be extended to provide for support to overseas students.

The meeting also agreed (on a motion proposed by Katie Hayward and seconded by Eunan O'Halpin) that each of the Association's new specialist groups should be entitled to apply for funding of up to €1,000 per annum.

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***Irish Political Studies* Editors' Report**

Jon Tonge and John Garry reported on another year of solid progress for *Irish Political Studies*. 12 articles were published in 2006, up from 9 the previous year. Ten submissions were rejected, and 11 articles were at various stages of the review process. The imbalance whereby three-quarters of submissions are on Northern Ireland remained. Average turnaround time for a publication decision was 6 weeks.

The editors announced that the journal will become quarterly in 2007 – two normal issues, the data yearbook, and a new special themed issue each year. The 2007 special issue will be on ‘the commemoration of 1916’, with ‘crises in Ireland since 1969’ planned for 2008 and ‘inclusion and democracy’ scheduled for 2009. The editors thanked Feargal Cochrane, review editor, for his work: 19 books were reviewed in 2006. Four new members of the editorial board have been appointed.

The only unsatisfactory element in 2006 has been relatively slow progress towards preparing for a bid to have the journal included in the ISI Citation Index, but the editors will continue to pursue this with Taylor & Francis.

A motion of thanks to Jon Tonge (proposed by Gary Murphy and seconded by John Garry) was carried, as Jon’s period as co-editor is coming to an end. His successor is to be Alan Greer.

Basil Chubb Prize

The Political Studies Association of Ireland has established an annual award to recognise the best PhD thesis (produced in an Irish university) in any field of politics. The award will take the form of a cheque for €250. The PSAI is grateful to Taylor & Francis for their generous sponsorship of this prize. Named after Basil Chubb, this award seeks to recognise an outstanding contribution to the research of politics undertaken in Ireland. Basil Chubb was appointed as lecturer in politics at Trinity College Dublin in 1948. In 1960 he was appointed Professor of Political Science, and first Chair of the new Department of Political Science at TCD. He headed the department until 1991. Widely described as the doyen of Irish political science, Basil Chubb’s major books included *The Government and Politics of Ireland*, *A Source Book of Irish Government*, *Cabinet Government in Ireland*, and *The Politics of the Irish Constitution*. Basil Chubb died in 2002 at the age of 80, but his legacy lives on both in his writings and through his former colleagues and students.

The first winner of the Basil Chubb Prize is Eoin O’Malley (TCD) for his thesis, *Give Them Awkward Choices: A Theoretical and Empirical Investigation into the Operation of Prime Ministerial Influence*.

Two other candidates received honourable mentions: Vanya Harte (UCD) for *The Development of Immigration Controls in Britain 1880-1905*, and Barry J. Ryan (UL) for *Police Reform in the Republic of Serbia: A Participatory Perspective*.

Thanks were offered to the judging panel: Luke Ashworth (UL), John Garry (QUB), and Michelle Millar (NUIG).

PSAI Constitution

The meeting discussed a revised Constitution for the Association, which was agreed to a motion proposed by Conor McGrath and seconded by Luke Ashworth.

Website

The Association's new website www.psai.ie which is hosted by Taylor & Francis was launched.

President's Report

Conor McGrath reported on the activities of the executive committee over the previous twelve months. He began by offering particular thanks to Maura Adshead and Michelle Millar who had both contributed immensely to the current stability which the Association enjoys. By 2000, under Frank Cass, official membership had fallen to around 75; by 2005 Taylor & Francis had 201 subscribers (173 of whom were receiving the monthly newsletter), and now in 2006 there are 258 subscribers (and 223 on the newsletter email list). The new website www.psai.ie has just been launched – thanks to all at Taylor & Francis who have designed and managed the site for us.

The committee met three times during the last year (9 December 2005, 10 March 2006, 23 June 2006), and conducted much business by email between meetings. The Association is becoming ever more active: seven specialist groups have been established; we have formal and transparent schemes for supporting postgraduates and book launches; we are involved in initial discussions about the development of a European association of political science groups; we have submitted a proposal to Routledge for a new book by the Association; a new contract has been signed with Taylor & Francis for *IPS* to run until the end of 2010.

The 2006 postgraduate conference was hosted by Queen's University Belfast; the 2007 annual conference is to be hosted by Dublin City University; offers for both meetings in 2008 would be welcome.

Nomination and Election of Executive Committee 2006-2007

President: Conor McGrath

Proposed by Gary Murphy; Seconded by Maura Adshead

Vice President: John Garry

Proposed by Conor McGrath; Seconded by Jon Tonge

Secretary: Theresa Reidy

Proposed by Gary Murphy; Seconded by Luke Ashworth

Treasurer: Maura Adshead

Proposed by Conor McGrath; Seconded by John Garry

Postgraduate Representative: Jane Suiter

Proposed by Aaron Edwards; Seconded by Liam Weeks

Executive Members:

Eoin O'Malley – proposed by Luke Ashworth; seconded by Maura Adshead

Niall O'Dochartaigh – proposed by Aaron Edwards; seconded by Eoin O'Malley

Andrew Cottey – proposed by Neil Collins; seconded by John Garry

Christopher Farrington – proposed by Maura Adshead; seconded by Gary Murphy

Cillian McGrattan – proposed by Christopher Farrington; seconded by Conor McGrath

Aaron Edwards – proposed by Conor McGrath; seconded by Eoin O'Malley

Liam Weeks – co-opted onto committee following the AGM

Any Other Business

Eunan O'Halpin raised the position of elected academics on University boards potentially being placed in situations of conflict with management since passage of the Universities Act nine years ago.

Conor McGrath

30 October 2006

POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND: 2007 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I should say at the outset that I will be stepping down as President of the Association after two years, which have been (mostly) a pleasure. This year's committee has been absolutely superb, and the Association owes much to those who have devoted a great deal of time to it. Of course, I want to thank all those who have worked on the committee during my term, but particularly those who will be leaving the committee today: Maura Adshead, Cillian McGrattan and Andrew Cottey. I'm hoping to stay on the committee myself, but we'll enjoy our annual bout with democracy shortly.

Conferences

This has been another solid year of progress in most areas for the Association: in which is our 25th anniversary as the constitutive meeting was held in March 1982. Last year's conference at UCC was very successfully, both in terms of the academic programme and the more informal socialising at its fringes. Thanks to Theresa Reidy and Neil Collins for all their efforts in putting together such a terrific meeting. It's already clear today that Eoin O'Malley and his colleagues at DCU have also done a great job. Similarly, Jane Suiter and Rory Costello at Trinity organised our postgraduate conference this year superbly. The 2008 postgraduate conference will be held at UCD, and the annual conference next year is to be hosted by NUI Galway. Offers for future meetings would be very welcome.

Executive Committee

The committee has met five times since the last AGM (22 October 2006, 1 December 2006, 2 March 2007, 31 May 2007, and earlier today). In addition, much business has been undertaken by phone/email between meetings. One major piece of work was the development of a formal PSAI submission to a consultation exercise by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment on the introduction of a new Leaving Certificate option in social and political education. We followed that up with a meeting with the NCCA. A copy of the submission was sent to all members and is available on our website, but without rehashing it at length, it is worth saying that the NCCA's response to the submissions makes clear that the points we raised are being listened to.

Election Competition

We ran a competition, in conjunction with the *Sunday Business Post*, to predict the results of the general election. The winner, who receives a weekend for two at the Carton House Hotel, is Ciaran McArdle. Two runners-up, each winning a case of wine, are David Nolan and Vincent Campbell. It's noticeable that none are PSAI members, so academic students of elections may need to get their models revised before the next election. Congratulations to them, and many thanks to Liam Weeks who organised the competition.

Irish Political Studies reader: Key Contributions

Perhaps the most visible piece of work undertaken by the committee this year has been the production of the Association's new book, *Irish Political Studies Reader: Key Contributions*, about which you'll hear more shortly at the book launch. Thanks are particularly due to all those who have edited *Irish Political Studies* over the years, and to our contributors (both those who agreed to allow their original articles to be reprinted, and those who have written up-to-date commentaries). Craig Fowlie and Natalja Mortensen at Routledge were sterling in getting the book out so quickly and so well. We are hoping to provide each member of the Association with a complimentary personal copy, but obviously encourage all to recommend the book to their libraries.

International Co-operation

We have spent a great deal of time this year considering how best to co-operate with other national political studies associations. The committee decided to withdraw the PSAI's collective membership of the International Political Science Association, largely on the grounds that we have had little or no communication from IPSA over the last 4-5 years. While IPSA membership certainly represents some vague notion of global solidarity, we would prefer that it also brought with it some tangible benefit to our own members. We have instead taken a lead in the imminent development of a European Confederation of Political Science Associations, attending meetings in Germany, London and Ljubljana this year. Agreement has been reached in principle to establish such a body, and I will be attending another meeting in Berlin next month at which its constitution and working practices are to be settled. The UK and German associations have very generously agreed to meet much of the running costs for the next 2-3 years, and we are confident that practical methods of collaboration will be delivered.

Basil Chubb Prize

Last year, the inaugural Basil Chubb Prize for the best PhD thesis was awarded to Eoin O'Malley for his Trinity thesis on prime ministerial influence. This year's winner will be announced tomorrow evening during the conference dinner. We are grateful to Taylor & Francis for their continuing sponsorship of this prize.

Book Launches

The Association supported a number of book launches by members this year:

- 30 November: Michael Holmes, *The Development of the Irish Labour Party's European Policy: From Opposition to Support*.
- 15 May: Niamh Purseil, *The Irish Labour Party, 1922-1973*.
- 19 October: Conor McGrath and Eoin O'Malley (eds), *Irish Political Studies Reader: Key Contributions*.

- 19 October: Katy Hayward and Muiris MacCarthaigh, *Recycling the State: The Politics of Adaptation in Ireland*.

All members should keep in mind this support, and the Association would very much welcome applications – further details are available on our website.

Postgraduate Support

Similarly, we do have a scheme which provides support to postgraduate students, but the take-up on this is far from universal. Heads of Department are encouraged to ensure that they apply to this scheme on behalf of one student each year. This year we have offered funding to:

- Nicole Bolleyer, European University Institute, Florence: attended the 2006 PSAI annual conference, and gave a paper on ‘How to Reward and How to Control - Fianna Fáil, Patronage and Party Organization as Network’.
- Lisa McInerney, Dublin City University: presented a paper entitled ‘Virtual Theatre of Terror: Spotlight on the Audience’ at the Institute of Communications Studies International Postgraduate Conference ‘Communications Technologies of Empowerment’, held at the University of Leeds, May 18, 2007. This presentation included preliminary findings of Lisa’s current research on the audience of jihadi video propaganda on YouTube. The abstract is available at <http://www.personal.leeds.ac.uk/~icsfsp/abstracts.htm#Lisa%20McInerney>. Publication of the paper is forthcoming. This study is due for completion by September 2007 and will be submitted as part of Lisa’s dissertation for the ‘International Security and Conflict Studies’ programme at Dublin City University.
- Marie McGrattan, Queen’s University Belfast: presented a paper on ‘Assessing Conflict Transformation: Lessons from the EU in Croatia’ earlier today at this conference.

Specialist Groups

I’m delighted to report that several of the specialist groups which were established last year have successfully launched themselves this year:

Democratization, Conflict & Peace Studies Specialist Group

The Democratization, Conflict & Peace Studies Specialist Group held a one-day workshop in May 2007 at UCD. Six papers were presented and discussed, and the group held an organisational meeting at which future plans were mapped out.

European Studies Specialist Group

The European Studies Specialist Group (ESSG) of the PSAI, in conjunction with the Department of Government, University College Cork, convened its inaugural PhD Master

Class. In the light of its success, the ESSG plans to develop the PhD Master Class programme by convening the event on an annual basis. For the 2007 Inaugural PhD Master Class, the ESSG was delighted to welcome Professor Helen Wallace to University College Cork. A renowned figure within the European Studies field, her involvement with the PSAI represented a unique opportunity for Irish PhD students to learn from one of the leading names within the discipline. She has served as Director of the Sussex European Institute and more recently as Director of the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute in Florence. Her book, with William Wallace and others, *Policy-Making in the European Union*, is now in its 5th edition and is an established point of reference for scholars studying the EU. The theme for the Master Class was 'Theories of European Integration: The State of the Art' and students from DCU, ITT, QUB, UCC and UCD participated in the event. The Master Class began with a presentation from Helen Wallace in which she covered a range of issues relevant to European Studies research students including: theories of European integration, the drafting of research questions; conducting primary and secondary research; relationships with supervisors; pursuing publication; etc. The second half of the event was interactive and discursive in nature and facilitated an open discussion between Helen Wallace and the student participants. The aim was to provide students with feedback in relation to problems or challenges being faced in the completion of their research. Both criticism and praise were constructive in nature and sought to direct and guide students as they negotiated the research process. Feedback from those who participated suggests that the exercise was of significant value, both practically and figuratively. Having direct access to a leading European Studies scholar provided students with a unique learning experience while simultaneously providing reassurance in relation to the merits and value of their research endeavours.

Urban Politics Specialist Group

The Urban Politics specialist group held a one-day conference at DCU in June 2007, at which 4 papers were presented. They are to be published in a special issue of the *Journal of Irish Urban Studies*.

Those specialist groups which have been less active to date will be urged to take advantage of the Association's support in the coming year. Again, contact details for all the specialist groups are available on our website.

Membership

Finally, the one area which does need to be prioritised in coming months is that of membership. While membership is fundamentally healthy, it can always be increased. More particularly, though, there are continuing problems associated with the fact that we do not control the flow of paperwork for membership applications and renewals. Taylor & Francis currently have a total of 263 subscribers to *Irish Political Studies*, but this figure is made up of three categories: our members, non-members but individual subscribers, and institutional subscribers. On the other hand, the monthly newsletter is emailed to 336 people who I believe to be members. We do get immediate automatic

notification from Taylor & Francis when a new membership form is submitted online, but never when someone fails to renew their membership and is deemed to have lapsed.

It's worth pointing out that membership certainly appears to be rising steadily. By 2000, under Frank Cass, official membership had fallen to around 75; by 2005 Taylor & Francis had 201 subscribers (173 of whom were receiving the monthly newsletter), and in 2006 there were 258 subscribers (and 223 on the newsletter email list). So, our current problem is not one of lack of interest, but simply an administrative issue around clarity and consistency between the two lists. Nevertheless, it is one which should be regularized. There has been, in addition, a particular issue this year whereby 51 people who joined at last year's conference and this year's postgraduate conference do not yet to be included on the official subscriber list. That should be sorted out this weekend, but it does again point to the need for the committee to focus over coming months on how best to maintain our membership records.

Thanks

I'd like to thank all those who have worked so hard to advance the Association during my term as President – on the committee, running the specialist groups, organising our conferences, maintaining our website, publishing in and editing the journal, and more. I hope that we've moved the Association forward over the last few years, from a very difficult position so ably stabilised by Maura Adshead and Michelle Millar in particular, providing the foundations on which we've been able to build. It would be remiss in this anniversary year not to finish by stating clearly the debt we owe to those who launched the PSAI in 1982, and without whom we would not be here today. I look forward to attending our 50th anniversary conference in 2032.

Conor McGrath
17 October 2007
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PSAI 2007 AGM

ELECTION OF PSAI FELLOW

At last year's AGM, we agreed a new Constitution, part of which states that:

“Fellows of the Political Studies Association of Ireland shall be elected to Fellowship at the Annual General Meeting in recognition of their outstanding service to the Association. Nominations for Fellowship must have the majority endorsement of the Executive Committee before a motion for their election can be placed before an Annual General Meeting. They must then be elected by a two-thirds majority of those attending the Annual General Meeting of the Association. No more than one Fellow may be elected at any Annual General Meeting. Fellows shall have voting rights at Annual General Meetings, and shall remain liable to payment of annual subscriptions.”

The Committee thought it would be appropriate to elect our first Fellow at this meeting, as we celebrate the Association's 25th anniversary.

I'm delighted to say that the Committee has unanimously agreed a name to go before this AGM. I therefore propose and Eoin O'Malley seconds the following motion – That Tom Garvin be elected as a Fellow of the Political Studies Association of Ireland. Before we take a vote on that, let me read the Committee's citation.

No political scientist working in Ireland today has exerted a more profound impact upon the discipline than Tom Garvin. As a founding co-convenor of the Political Studies Association of Ireland from 1982 to 1984 and then its first President from 1984 to 1987, Tom Garvin played a pivotal leadership role in the academic professionalisation of the discipline. As a teacher – and mentor to young researchers – at University College Dublin since 1967, he has been an inspiration to successive generations of students.

As a researcher, Tom Garvin has demonstrated a thoughtful and sensitive understanding of how to most effectively mine the resources of archival and primary sources. And as an author, he has consistently produced work which is not just readable, but essential reading for other academics and the political elite – and which, moreover, has deservedly achieved an enviable reach to all citizens seeking to understand modern Ireland.

Tom Garvin is primarily a political scientist, but his greatest strength as an academic is his ability to integrate politics, history, economics, social psychology, sociology and mythology. His research is informed by a deep analysis of all these areas, not just individually but most particularly in terms of how they interact together. Professor Garvin's body of work to date is uniquely coherent – a whole rather than a collection of publications. While he ranges over a diverse set of issues, from the earliest days of his career to today, Tom Garvin has produced a unified corpus which speaks to the totality of modern Irish development.

Quite simply, Tom Garvin is a towering figure in the political science community in Ireland: he has justly been described as the doyen of Irish political science. His contribution to our profession and to our understanding of Irish society as a whole has been immense.

The quality and importance of Tom Garvin's work was acknowledged in 2005 when Gill and Macmillan reissued four of his books together. As one reviewer wrote in *Irish Political Studies*, "It is an audacious step to celebrate the work of an academic in this way, and for Tom Garvin himself there can surely be no higher tribute than to have one's work published in this format." And indeed, that was a particularly fitting accolade, given that more than any other Irish political scientist, Tom Garvin's contribution is distinctively coherent and cohesive across his range of publications. The four books which were reissued in 2005 taken together constitute a remarkably penetrating and stimulating analysis of Ireland's socio-politico-economic development over the last 150 years.

Professor Garvin has never been content to merely describe how Ireland has changed, though he certainly does that. His body of work delves further, to suggest why change happened (or failed to happen) at each point in the historical sweep. His assimilation of the existing literature, archival sources, and primary research combines to produce the most detailed and illuminating analysis of modern Ireland. He, perhaps more than any other academic in any field, has consistently offered an integrated and comprehensive perspective on how our nation came into being and how it has become what it is today.

Tom Garvin is more than simply an academic who writes learned books and articles, though. He is in addition an excellent communicator, who wants his ideas to be discussed and debated as widely as possible. He is a tremendous lecturer, and seeks opportunities to present his work to audiences extending beyond academia into wider society. Pat Leahy wrote in an interview with Professor Garvin (*Sunday Business Post*, 16 October 2005): "Professor of politics at the country's largest and most politically important university for over a decade and a half, Garvin is something of an institution at UCD. He is beloved of generations of undergraduates as much for his accessibility and general bonhomie as for his entertaining lectures. A born teacher"

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It is no exaggeration to say that Tom Garvin has shone light on crucial aspects of our national development as an independent polity, and very often has done so precisely in respect of those aspects which were under-explored or indeed unexplored before his work. He has produced the most complete set of research so far on the nature, background, thinking and debate of Ireland's revolutionary elite, and moreover has gone

on to relate this understanding to a lucid and searching analysis of contemporary Ireland's social, political and economic development. He is certainly among the most influential and most significant members of the Irish political science community. The PSAI owes Tom Garvin a tremendous debt, and we are delighted to ask you now to elect Tom as our first Fellow.

Dear All,

I thought it might be useful to provide a report on the annual conference held last weekend by the Political Studies Association of Ireland.

It's safe to say that it was one of our memorable meetings – both because we celebrated our 25th anniversary, and because we held our first ever election for the committee (with 11 candidates for 7 positions)!

During the conference, we launched the Association's new book (published just last week by Routledge), *Irish Political Studies Reader: Key Contributions*, edited by myself and Eoin O'Malley. We intend over the coming weeks to provide each member of the PSAI with a complimentary personal copy, as a way of marking our 25th anniversary, and encourage you to recommend the book to your colleagues and librarians, and to use it as reading material on your courses. Further information can be found at http://www.psaie.ie/news/book_IPSR_Flyer.pdf

The PSAI Committee for 2007-2008 is:

- Neil Collins (President)
- John Garry (Vice President)
- Theresa Reidy (Secretary)
- Eoin O'Malley (Treasurer)
- Jessie Blackbourne (Postgraduate Rep)
- Aaron Edwards
- Katy Hayward
- Conor McGrath
- Niall O'Dochartaigh
- Niamh Puirseil
- Jane Suiter
- Liam Weeks

The second Basil Chubb Prize for the best PhD thesis in politics produced in an Irish university was awarded to Dr Joanne McEvoy (Queen's University Belfast) for her thesis, *Executive Design and Operation Under the 1998 Agreement*.

We also awarded the inaugural PSAI Book Prize to Professor Richard English (Queen's University Belfast) for his work, *Irish Freedom: The History of Nationalism in Ireland*.

The other main event during our AGM was the election by acclamation of Professor Tom Garvin (University College Dublin) as the first Fellow of the PSAI. The Committee's citation in nominating Tom read:

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Maura Adshead provided a financial report which shows that we are in a healthy state, with a net income in 2006-07 of €3,357.36 and total assets of €66,874.98.

Finally, I have attached here a copy of my report to the AGM of the Association’s activities over the last year.

I hope you find this summary useful, and let me offer my thanks to you all for your support of the Association. You will continue to receive regular information about the PSAI from our new President, Neil Collins (n.collins@ucc.ie) and our Secretary, Theresa Reidy (t.reidy@ucc.ie).

Best wishes,

Conor McGrath

Irish Political Studies
Report on the progress of the journal for the Political Studies Association of
Ireland (PSAI), October 2007

Editors: John Garry and Alan Greer

The number of issues published by the journal increased in 2007 (from three to four). In 2007 two 'normal' issues have been published (February and September), one data issue has been published (June) and one special issue is being published (proofs being finalised and published in December). The contents of this special issue are as follows.

Recognition, Equality and Democracy
Theoretical Perspectives on Irish Politics

Editors of the Special Issue

Jurgen De Wispelaere, Trinity College Dublin, Department of Philosophy
Cillian McBride, Queen's University Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy
Shane O'Neill, Queen's University Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy

1. Introduction: Theorising Politics

Jurgen De Wispelaere, Trinity College Dublin, Department of Philosophy
Cillian McBride, Queen's University Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy
Shane O'Neill, Queen's University Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy

2. Critical Theory and Ethno-National Conflict: Assessing Northern Ireland's Peace Process as a Model of Conflict Resolution.

Shane O'Neill, Queen's Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy

3. Illegal in Ireland, Irish Illegals: Diaspora Nation as Racial State.

Ronit Lentin, Trinity College Dublin, Department of Sociology

4. Democratic Autonomy, Women's Interests, and Institutional Context.

Ian O'Flynn, Newcastle University, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology

5. Comprehensive Liberalism and Civic Education in the Republic of Ireland.

Graham Finlay, UCD, School of Politics and International Relations

6. The Battle(s) Over Children's Rights in the Irish Constitution.

Aoife Nolan, Queen's University Belfast, School of Law

7. Disability Rights in Ireland: Chronicle of a Missed Opportunity.

Jurgen De Wispelaere, Trinity College Dublin, Department of Philosophy
Judy Walsh, School of Social Justice, University College Dublin

8. **How to Think About Marriage: Autonomy, Equality, Recognition.**
Pete Morriss, National University of Ireland- Galway, Department of Sociological and Political Studies
9. **The Regulation of Public Space in Northern Ireland.**
Ciarán O'Kelly, Queen's University Belfast, School of Law
Dominic Bryan, Queen's University Belfast, School of History and Anthropology
10. **Identity, Unity, & the Limits of Democracy.**
Cillian McBride, Queen's University Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy

We plan to continue with this model in 2008 and beyond: two 'normal' issues, one 'data' issue and one 'special' issue.

The papers for the 'normal' issue for February 2008 have been submitted to the publishers and will very soon be at proofs stage. The contents of the February 2008 issue is as follows:

The Limits of Legitimacy: Former Loyalist Combatants and Peace-Building in Northern Ireland
Claire Mitchell, QUB

A Transient Transition: The Cultural and Institutional Obstacles Impeding the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition in its Progression from Informal to Formal Politics
Cera Murtagh, Edinburgh

From 'Ban-the-Bomb' to 'Ban-the-Increase': 1960s Street Politics in Pre-Civil Rights Belfast
Jonathan Nagle, QUB

Macroeconomic Policy Change: Ireland in Comparative Perspective
David Doyle, DCU
John Hogan, DIT

The Irish EU Presidency and the Constitutional Treaty: Neutrality, Skills, and Effective Mediation
Andreas Dür, UCD
Gemma Mateo, UCD

Report
The Irish Dáil Election 2007
Jane Suiter, TCD

Book Review Section

The data issue in 2008 (put together by Chris Farrington and Liam Weeks) will be published in June. It will contain data from 2006 and 2007, thus bringing the data issue right up to date.

Another 'normal' issue will be published in September.

In December a special issue will be published with Brian Girvin and Gary Murphy as editors. The details are as follows:

CHANGE, CRISIS AND CONTINUITY IN IRELAND SINCE THE 1960S

Brian Girvin and Gary Murphy (Editors)

1. 'Introduction: Crisis! – What Crisis?' Brian Girvin (University of Glasgow) and Gary Murphy (DCU)
2. 'Responding to crisis: Alternative reactions by Unionists to the outbreak of the Troubles' Christopher Farrington (UCD)
3. 'The British state and the republican challenge 1970-2007' Henry Patterson (UU)
4. 'The Arms Trial, the IRA and the threat to the Irish State' Eunan O'Halpin (TCD)
5. Continuity and Change: Migration and Population Change in the two Irelands since the 1960s. Enda Delaney (University of Edinburgh)
6. 'The Politics of Moral Crisis in a Traditional Society 1969-1986' Brian Girvin (University of Glasgow)
7. "Opportunity or threat? Ireland and the EC, 1973-87". Maurice FitzGerald (University of Loughborough)
8. 'The politics of economic adjustment in a liberal market economy' Niamh Hardiman (UCD) and Patrick Murphy (UCD)
9. 'Change and Stability in the Party System in the Republic of Ireland' Gary Murphy (DCU)
10. 'Conclusion' Brian Girvin (University of Glasgow)

For 2009 a special issue is being edited by Katy Hayward on the following theme: The EU and Irish political parties.

Note that all special issues will also be brought out as hard back books by Taylor and Francis (shortly after the journal version).

The actual size of the journal has increased very significantly. In 2006 we published 401 pages and in 2007 we publish 607 pages. Thus, while the number of issues has increased from three to four, there has been a 50% increase in the actual output of the journal. (Note that 640 pages is the maximum allowed under present arrangements.)

Our main priority in 2007 has been to ensure that this significant increase in the size of the journal was managed smoothly. Now that we have completed one full year of the expanded version of the journal and have solid plans for the years ahead we wish to turn our attention to persuading Taylor and Francis to apply for the inclusion of IPS in the Social Science Citation Index.

The Citation Index are very selective about the journals they include and Taylor and Francis are – probable quite rightly – reluctant to apply until we are as good a position as possible.

The editors will push for the application to go ahead now (building on the efforts of previous editors on this matter). To this end, Alan is conducting an analysis of various aspects of the journal: what type of articles are published? What is the North/South balance like? What is the gender breakdown of authors?

A very even balance between articles about the North and articles about the South emerged. This may surprise some people who think that there are much more papers relating to Northern Ireland issues published.

This idea that the journal is Northern Ireland dominated has also concerned the publishers. Systematically assessing the content of the journal will be helpful in our discussions with the publishers re the Citation Index application.

We would like to finish by echoing what previous editors have said: IPS is only as good as the papers that are submitted. So, as ever, we are keen to receive high quality submissions.

John Garry and Alan Greer
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