

**PSAI Annual Conference 17-19  
October, 2008: The Politics of  
Peace and Conflict**



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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

All sessions take place in Aras Moyola, unless stated otherwise

**Friday 2:00-3.00pm**

Registration, Aras Moyola Foyer

Meeting of PSAI committee, Room 306, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Book Exhibition throughout the conference:** Room 333, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Friday 3:00-4.30pm**

*A. Northern Ireland: Explaining the Conflict.* (Chair: Aaron Edwards)  
Venue: Lecture room 3, MY226, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Reinforcing Ethnic Hegemony: The Control Of Local Government In Northern Ireland, 1921-73.* John Coakley (UCD)

*'I Ran Away?' The IRA and August 1969 reassessed.* Brian Hanley (NUI Maynooth)

*'What a bloody awful country ... someone get me a large scotch...': London and the Northern Ireland crisis.* Thomas Hennessey (Canterbury Christ Church University)

*So why did the guns fall silent? The inadequacies of existing conflict resolution theories in explaining the peace process in Northern Ireland.* Jonathan Tonge

(University of Liverpool) Pete Shirlow (QUB) James McAuley (University of Huddersfield)

**B: Political Parties and Elections 1** (Chair: John Garry)

Venue: Lecture room 2, MY228, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Public opinion and the use of political websites: an analysis of political attitudes online and offline in Ireland.* Matthew Wall (TCD), Rory Costello (TCD), Maria Laura Sudulich (TCD), Enrique Leon (Fatronik), Leonardo Baccini (TCD).

*Attitudes toward Support for Women's Representation in the Irish National Election Study: Gender and Generations.* Kathleen Knight (Columbia University) Yvonne Galligan (QUB).

*'It stands to reason to vote local': Measuring and Explaining Geographic Voting.* Jos Elkind (UCD), Adrian Kavanagh (NUI Maynooth), Eoin O'Malley (DCU), Liam Weeks (UCC).

*Money for nothing? Measuring campaign effects from expenditure returns.* Liam Weeks (UCC)

**C. Political Theory: Democracy, Disagreement, and Ethics 1** (Convener: Allyn Fives)

Venue: Lecture room 5, MY225, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Multiculturalism and the Fragmentation Objection.* Andrew Shorten (University of Limerick)

*Incentives, relativities and 'the feedback effect'.* Oliver Feeney (NUI, Galway)

*Communal Conflict and the Boundaries of Moral Community. Towards a Theory of Conflict Resolution.* Marion Smiley (Brandeis University)

**Friday 4:30pm-5:00pm**

Tea and coffee in the Coffee Dock, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**Friday 5:00pm-6:30pm**

**A: Irish Centre for Human Rights Roundtable on Peacekeeping: Challenges to the Protection of Civilians in Peace Support Operations**

(Convener: Ray Murphy, ICHR, NUI Galway)

Venue: Lecture room 3, MY226, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Nigel White (University of Sheffield)

Siobhan Wills (UCC)

Terry O'Neill (NUI Galway)

Abou Abass (NUI, Galway)

Michael O Grady (Retired Lt Col, Defence Forces)

**B: The Irish Peace Process** (Chair: Kathleen Cavanaugh, NUI, Galway)

Venue: Lecture room 2, MY228, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Reconstructing the Belfast Agreement: Liberal Nationalism and the Legitimacy of Law.* Alex Schwartz (QUB)

*Constructive Ambiguity and Party Implementation Strategies in Northern Ireland, 1998-2007.* David Mitchell (University of Ulster)

*“...the Bad and the Ugly”: Good guys after all? Representations of Paisley and McGuinness in the English press.* Lesley Crabtree-Lelourec (Université de Rennes 2)

**C: Government and public policy.** (Chair: Theresa Reidy, UCC)

Venue: Lecture room 5, MY225, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*The Irish ministerial adviser in a comparative perspective: observing the roles of government elites in Europe.* Bernadette Connaughton (University of Limerick)

*“But all the wrong people are here...”: think-tanks, advocacy coalitions and the changing face of public policy making in Ireland.* Conor Galvin (UCD)

*The Geo Politics of Irish Education Spending.* Jane Suiter (TCD)

**Friday 6:30pm**

Welcome by Professor Chris Curtin, Aras Moyola Foyer

Reception hosted by the School of Political Science and Sociology at NUI, Galway

## **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Saturday 8:30am-10:00am**

Registration, Aras Moyola Foyer

### **Saturday 9:00am-10:30am**

**A: Conflict and Peace: Comparative Perspectives 1** (Chair: Katy Hayward, QUB)  
Venue: Lecture room 3, MY226, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*A Comparative Analysis of Minority Issues in the United Kingdom and Turkey-The Northern Ireland and the Kurdish Issues.* Elçin Aktoprak (Ankara University)

*Repression, Concessions, or Symbolic Reassurances: British Government Reaction to IRA Violence.* Susan M. Jellissen (Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee)

*Militant Democracy and the Illiberal State.* Kathleen Cavanaugh (Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI, Galway)

*Combating Terror: Counter-Terrorism Responses in India and the UK.* Jessie Blackburn (QUB)

**B: Northern Ireland: The conflict and its legacy** (Chair: Aaron Edwards)  
Venue: Lecture room 2, MY228, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*“The Troubles” with Peace: Dealing with the Legacy of Conflict in Northern Ireland.* Cathal McManus (QUB)

*The Northern Ireland Community Relations Commission and its lessons for contemporary community relations policies.* Maria Power (University of Liverpool)

*Precarious Peace? Some Thoughts on Sustaining Peace in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties without a Conflict Transformation Policy Framework.* Sandra Buchanan (University of Ulster)

*Framing Political Violence in a sensitive environment: The early years of the Northern ‘Troubles’ in RTÉ news.* Deirdre McHugh (NUI, Galway)

**C: Latin American Politics.** (Chair: Kathy Powell, NUI Galway)  
Venue: Lecture room 5, MY225, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Alternative Interpretations of Structural Functions in the Bolivarian Republic: Hugo Chávez as a Case Study of Counter-Hegemony.* Bruno M. Baltodano (Washington State University)

*The Panama Canal Expansion Project: U.S. Interests And Other Considerations.* Carlos Guevara-Mann (University of Nevada, Reno)

*The geopolitical impact of China's interests in Latin America.* Maite Iturre (University of the Basque Country) Carmen Amado Mendes (University of Coimbra)

### **Saturday 10:30am-11:00am**

Tea and coffee in the Coffee Dock, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### **Saturday 11:00am-12:30pm**

**A: Northern Ireland: 'The Secret peacemaker'** (Chair: Niall O Dochartaigh)  
Venue: Lecture room 3, MY226, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Showing of 'The Secret Peacemaker', a documentary by Peter Taylor about the role of Brendan Duddy as intermediary between the British government and the Republican leadership, 1973-1993.

This will be followed by a question and answer session with Brendan Duddy.

**B: Debating Consociationalism: From Northern Ireland to Iraq** (Chair: Jonathan Tonge)  
Venue: Lecture room 2, MY228, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Paul Dixon (Kingston University)

Discussant: Aaron Edwards (RMAS)

**C: Conflict, boundaries and identities** (Chair: Niamh Reilly, NUI. Galway)  
Venue: Lecture room 5, MY225, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*The Politics of Lived Religion: a New Perspective on Northern Irish Evangelicalism.* Gladys Ganeil (TCD) Claire Mitchell (QUB)

*Debating Irish Identity: Genetics, Archaeology, and the Celts.* Timothy White (Xavier University Cincinnati)

*Analysing identity dynamics in elite-public orientations towards Irish Neutrality.* Karen Devine (DCU)

*Sporting borders: the governance of snooker and billiards in Ireland*  
Patrick McWilliams (QUB)

**D: Development, Democracy and Conflict.** (Chair: Su-Ming Khoo, NUI, Galway)  
Venue: Lecture room 1, MY120, ground floor

*Is Social Partnership ‘anti-democratic’? Representative democracy in an era of participatory governance: Lessons from Malawi.* Niamh Gaynor (Irish-African Partnership for Research Capacity Building: DCU)

*Macao’s contribution for Sino-African relations: the role of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Lusophone Countries.* Carmen Amado Mendes, Sofia Gaspar (University of Coimbra)

*Methodological and Theoretical Approaches that Emerge from the Case Study of Former Child Soldiers in Southern Sudan.* Christine Ryan (University of London)

### **Saturday 12:30pm-1:30pm**

Lunch break

### **Saturday 1:30pm-3:00pm**

**Plenary Address: How to leave Iraq with Integrity**  
Venue: MY001, ground floor

Brendan O’Leary, Lauder Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Penn Program in Ethnic Conflict

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### **Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm**

Tea and coffee in the Coffee Dock, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### **Saturday 3:30pm-5:00pm**

**A: Building Peace and Crossing Borders: The Irish Test Case for Europe** (Chair: Mary Murphy)  
Venue: Lecture room 3, MY226, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Bureaucracy or bridgebuilding? Making multilevel cooperation an effective means of conflict transformation in the EU.* Katy Hayward (QUB) Sandra Buchanan (University of Ulster)

*Do hedges make good neighbours? The role of peacebuilding in the Republic of Ireland in promoting reconciliation.* Matthew Cannon (University of Limerick)

*The Irish border as a cultural bridge.* Cathal McCall (QUB)

*Europe, the Northern Ireland Problem and the Social Democratic and Labour Party.* Peter McLoughlin (UCD)

**B: Ireland and the EU after Lisbon** (Convener: Brendan Flynn)

Venue: Lecture room 2, MY228, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Richard Sinnott (UCD)

Michael Holmes (Liverpool Hope University)

Michael Foley (DIT)

**C: Political Parties and Elections 2** (Chair: Liam Weeks)

Venue: Lecture room 5, MY225, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*New Parties and their Members: Entry, Exit and Loyalty on the Left and Right.* Nicole Bolleyer (University of Exeter)

*They walk the line. Affective perceptions of Left and Right in Irish Politics.* Maria Laura Sudulich (TCD), Matthew Wall (TCD).

*Confused or Competent? How voters use the STV ballot paper in Ireland and Scotland.* John Curtice (Strathclyde) and Michael Marsh (TCD)

*Ethnic bases for the Irish party system.* Eoin O'Malley (DCU)

**D: Challenging the Signature Pedagogy of Political Science: Emerging Trends in the Teaching of Political Science** (Convener: Fiona Buckley)

Venue: Lecture room 1, MY120, ground floor

*The use of Placement Learning in Political Science.* Fiona Buckley (UCC)

*The active citizenship approach to teaching and learning active citizenship.* Clodagh Harris (UCC) Lorraine McIlrath (CKI, NUI, Galway)



*The Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching in a multicultural Environment: The Case of a Civic Education Programme for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.* Monica O'Mullane (UCC)

*Using Problem Based Learning to Teach Political Economy.* Theresa Reidy (UCC)

**Saturday 5:15-6:30pm**

**SSRC Plenary Address: Peace Making in Ireland - Transferable Ideas?**

Venue: MY001, ground floor

Nuala O'Loan, Irish Government Roving Ambassador and Special Envoy for Conflict Resolution to Timor-Leste

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**Saturday 6:30pm**

PSAI Annual General Meeting,

Venue: MY001, ground floor

**Saturday 8:00pm**

Conference dinner at the Harbour Hotel

**After-dinner speech**

*From Political Studies to Political Practice: the importance of what happens in the interstices*

Michael D. Higgins, TD and Adjunct Professor with the Irish Centre for Human Rights

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Sunday 9:30-11:00am**

#### **A: PSAI Roundtable on Research Assessment and Bibliometrics**

(Chair: Neil Collins, UCC, President of the PSAI)

Venue: Lecture room 3, MY226, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Kenneth Benoit (TCD)

Eoin O'Malley (DCU)

UCD Representative TBC

Chris Curtin (NUI, Galway)

Tom Lodge (UL)

Jonathan Tonge (U. Liverpool)

John Doyle (DCU)

#### **B: Political Theory: Democracy, Disagreement, and Ethics 2** (Chair TBC)

Venue: Lecture room 2, MY228, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Power and Social Criticism.* Mark Haugaard (NUI, Galway)

*Agonism, Antagonism and the Necessity of Care.* Keith Breen (QUB)

*Reasonable, Agonistic, or Good? The character of a democrat.* Allyn Fives (NUI, Galway)

#### **C: Commemoration and reconciliation** (Chair: James McAuley, University of Huddersfield)

Venue: Lecture room 5, MY225, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Reaching across the divide: Conflict transformation and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.* Lee Marsden (University of East Anglia)

*The Place of the First World War in Unionist/Loyalist and Republican/Nationalist Narratives: A Case Study of West Belfast.* Richard Grayson (Goldsmiths College, University of London)

*Northern Ireland's 1968 ... Ten Years On.* Stuart Ross (QUB)

*Touring the Troubles in Northern Ireland: Building Peace or Reproducing Conflict?*  
Wendy Wiedenhoft (John Carroll University, Ohio)

**D: The European Union** (Chair: TBC)

Venue: Lecture room 1, MY120, ground floor

*Small States in the European Union: Strategic Choices and Influence.* Diana Panke (UCD)

**Sunday 11:30am-12:00pm**

Tea and coffee in the Coffee Dock, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Meeting of new PSAI committee, Room 306, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Sunday 12:00pm – 1:30pm**

**A: Conflict and Peace: Comparative Perspectives 2** (Chair: Jessie Blackbourn, QUB)

Venue: Lecture room 3, MY226, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Conflict resolution between Chechens-Russians and Albanians-Serbs: challenges, obstacles, possibilities.* Caspar ten Dam (QUB)

*Incorporating Integrity in Post-war Reconstruction.* David Connolly (University of York)

*Applied Research in the West Bank: The Impact of the Barrier on Palestinian Communities.* Stefan Ziegler (UL)

**B: Remembering conflict: Cyprus, Spain, Nigeria and Northern Ireland.**

(Convener: Mairéad Collins)

Venue: Lecture room 2, MY228, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*Bearing the moral burden of the past: the place of blame in a Northern Ireland Truth Commission.* Mairéad Collins (QUB)

*'Unearthing the truth': The politics of exhumations in Cyprus and Spain.* Iosif Kovras (QUB)

*How we learned to fight: Narratives, experiential past and memories of Nigeria's ethno-national conflicts.* Chuz Eberendu-Bekee (QUB)

**C: Institutional & Administrative Change across Europe: The European Impact**

(Convener: Dr. Mary C. Murphy)

Venue: Lecture room 5, MY225, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

*The influence of the EU on the emergence of 'normal' politics in Northern Ireland.*

Mary Murphy (UCC)

*Ireland, the Council of Europe & the European Charter of Local Self-Government.*

Aodh Quinlivan (UCC)

*The Kinnock reforms in action: Scope, dynamic and effects of change in the*

*Commission.* Emmanuelle Schon (UCD)