

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

A SPRING FESTIVAL OF EVENTS 2016



WELCOMEFROM THE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the Institute I am very pleased to welcome you to our fourth annual Spring Festival of Conflict Transformation. Our programme for 2016 offers more events than ever, with a broad mix of talks, conversations, film, exhibition and discussion that we hope will provoke, stimulate and engage.

This year we are delighted to host Northern Ireland's First Minister, Arlene Foster MLA, the first woman to hold this office as well as the first woman to lead her party. We therefore look forward very much to hearing her reflections around the theme of 'Women, leadership and peace-building'. A graduate of Law from Queen's, it is a pleasure to have the First Minister return to the university where she first began her political career.

We are also delighted to be able to welcome Bertie Ahern who served as Taoiseach of Ireland from 1997 to 2008. From a northern perspective, one of Bertie Ahern's most significant and enduring contributions was to the peace process and he played a central role in the deliberations that resulted in the Good Friday Agreement in 1998, a role that Queen's University recognised by awarding him an honorary doctorate.

Conflict transformation, of course, is nurtured not only by the endeavours of institutional politics but by the everyday engagements of people in many other walks of life. In this programme we offer an insight into such work in 'Feedback from the Frontlines', a series of three informal talks that range from topics such as 'trauma teddies' to negotiating with the Taliban, and delivered by those with first-hand field experience of the situations about which they speak.

Our 2016 Festival offers a distinguished list of national and international speakers from Australia, the Middle East and the USA who offer their perspectives on reconciliation, hunger strikes and justice after devolution. Some of these events are in conference or workshop format, while others take the form of film or exhibition. In 'Image of the Enemy', which

was shot on location, a range of Palestinians and Israelis offer diverse views on the conflict in the midst of which they must live; and Stolen Generation Indigenous artist Heather Shearer's exhibition 'Colours for cultural justice: A journey of Aboriginal art' traces the role of art in healing and reconciliation.

Over the last four years we have built up a faithful body of supporters whom we look forward to welcoming back in 2016. We also look forward to meeting new faces and if you have never attended one of our events we warmly encourage you to do so in the hope that you will find something of interest in this year's programme.

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Professor Hastings Donnan FBA Institute Director



THURSDAY 5 MAY FEEDBACK FROM THE FRONTLINES: SYRIAN REFUGEES DR SHELLEY DEANE

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Senate Room, Lanyon Building

Dr Shelley Deane, Director of Brehon Advisory, will give a short presentation followed by Q & A on her work with refugees fleeing the war in Syria and will outline her involvement in a number of innovative projects that strive to make a difference to refugee children in particular. She facilitated the creation and publication in English and Arabic of a series of illustrated children's trauma teddy books that contextualise the changes to children's lives wrought by war and violence. To date 37,000 bilingual books and trauma teddies have been distributed to refugee and vulnerable host community children across the Middle East, the UK. Ireland and Denmark.

Shelley is a conflict analyst and Visiting Research Fellow in the Institute. A former Assistant Professor of International Relations and Middle East Politics at Bowdoin College, Shelley has written on the ending and mending of conflicts, mediation and negotiation, peace agreements, security pacts, factions, paramilitaries and parliamentarians, and crime and corruption in states in transition. She has mediation and institutional transitional reform experience in Iraq, Lebanon, Tunisia, Palestine, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt and the UAE.

The event will begin with a buffet lunch at 12.30pm.

How do I book?

Please follow this link for Eventbrite: http://go.gub.ac.uk/FRONTLINES

Places are restricted so early booking is advised.







FRIDAY 6 MAY MEET THE AUTHOR POWER PLAY: THE RISE OF MODERN SINN FEIN DEAGLAN DE BRÉADÚN

6.00pm - 8.00pm
Old Staff Common Room, Lanyon Building

Deaglán de Bréadún is a well-known journalist for the Irish Times and author, who has written perceptively in the past on the Northern Irish peace process. His latest book is on the rise of modern Sinn Fein. The event is an opportunity to meet the author, who will discuss his book and have copies for sale. The event is timely, coming on the back of Sinn Fein's success in the Irish General Election and the day after the elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly. There will be extensive opportunity to discuss the arguments in the book and to debate the strengths and weaknesses of modern Sinn Fein.

To register or reserve your place, please contact Professor John Brewer: j.brewer@qub.ac.uk



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MONDAY 9 MAY PRISONER HUNGER STRIKERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND PALESTINE: EXAMINING THE LONG TERM EFFECTS

9.00am - 5.00pm

Canada Room / Council Chamber, Lanyon Building

Used in severe conditions of political inequity, hunger strikes have been chosen by prisoners as an extreme and sometimes even desperate tool to contest the conditions or the mere fact of their incarceration. While putting the strikers' life in peril, this course of action aims to raise awareness, galvanise public support and to bring about changes in policies.

Most notably, hunger strikes of political prisoners appeared in key moments in struggles for independence, both in Northern Ireland and in Palestine. By focusing on prisoner hunger strikes in both regions this one-day event aims to explore this highly contentious political tool. This event brings together exprisoners from both regions, along with experts, to discuss and raise crucial questions about the political, legal, ethical and medical long-term effects of hunger strike campaigns.

To register

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prisonerhunger-strikes-in-northern-ireland-and-inisraelpalestine-tickets-22538870368

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THURSDAY 12 MAY IN CONVERSATION WITH SUSANNAH TRESILIAN

2.30pm - 4.00pm
Old Staff Common Room, Lanyon Building

An afternoon of conversation between Queen's University Fellow, Dr Fiona Murphy and Susannah Tresilian, theatre maker and founder of Ariadne, Fiona and Susannah will discuss the origins and evolution of Ariadne - a collective of women who make politically and socially engaged theatre in conflict/ post-conflict settings. Themes of theatre as a form of healing and reconciliation, gender and hope will be addressed. Susannah will also read short excerpts from 'Dear Children', 'Sincerely...', an Ariadne project run by Stages Theatre Company in Sri Lanka, interviewing people in their eighties around the world about the wisdom they pass on to the youth of today.

To register or reserve your place, please contact Dr Fiona Murphy: F.Murphy@qub.ac.uk





MONDAY 16 MAY RANDOMOCRACY: AN ALTERNATIVE TO ELECTIONS AND VOTING



12.00noon - 2.00pm Room OG. 074, Lanyon Building

This event will show a short animated film about randomly selecting citizens to make political decisions. The film briefly describes the ideas and findings of a research project on this topic. The specific issue focused on is how randomocracy may resolve the difficult question of flag display. Findings from a real world experiment will be reported as well as findings regarding citizen and elite attitudes to the idea of introducing randomocracy in Northern Ireland.

The film will be followed by a short talk by Professor John Garry and an open question and answer session.

To register or reserve your place, please contact Professor John Garry: j.garry@qub.ac.uk



WEDNESDAY 18 MAY INTERROGATING MASCULINITIES: INTERSECTIONALITY AS A HEURISTIC DEVICE DR BAUKJE PRINS, THE HAGUE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, THE NETHERLANDS

4.00pm - 6.30pm
TR6 Graduate School

Inspired by Donna Haraway's heartfelt cry that we need a theory of differences that breaks out of the logics of oppositional binaries or holy trinities, Baukje Prins takes the concept of intersectionality as a useful heuristic device for doing critical analysis of socio-symbolic relationships. It provides us with a lens to take account of the myriad ways in which processes of differentiation, privileging and marginalization along lines of gender, sexuality, religion and ethnicity occur. It calls for sensitivity to such processes occurring not only between but also within groups, for awareness that privileged and marginalized positions frequently intersect and, last but not least, requires us to be mindful of the impact of institutional and organizational context.

This view of intersectionality will be illustrated with a detailed analysis of some cases from

ethnographic research projects conducted in two 'super-diverse' schools for middle vocational training in the Netherlands. The talk will focus on how different enactments of masculinity in class served to challenge hierarchical relationships between students (m/f) from various ethnic and religious backgrounds, and how for this purpose masculinity was alternately linked up with homophobia or a libertine attitude, with being cool or excited in the company of girls, with being a gamer or being street.

To register or reserve your place, please contact Dr Ulrike M Vieten: U.Vieten@gub.ac.uk

THURSDAY 19 MAY **FEEDBACK FROM THE FRONTLINES:** THE TALIBAN

MICHAEL SEMPLE

12.30pm - 2.00pm Old Staff Common Room

Michael Semple has over twenty-five years' experience working in Afghanistan and Pakistan and an unrivalled understanding of the emergence, transformation and durability of the Taliban in these two countries which he will share at the second of the Festival's 'Frontline' series of events. Visiting Research Professor at the Institute and former Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School, Michael was Deputy to the European Union Special Representative for Afghanistan between 2004 and 2008. A frequent commentator on both sides of the Atlantic, Michael is internationally recognised as a leading analyst of the Afghan Taliban Movement and a motor force in brokering a peaceful pathway to ending armed struggle.

He is currently researching the interplay between the Taliban's armed politics and the top down diplomatic efforts to generate a peace process.

The event will begin with a buffet lunch at 12.30 pm.

How do I book?

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FRIDAY 20 MAY **IMAGE OF THE ENEMY HOSTED BY ISCTSJ** AND CORRYMEELA

3.30pm - 5.00pm Queen's Film Theatre (QFT)

The Image of the Enemy is a documentary of Palestinian and Israeli voices, human voices with diverging and converging opinions of the (ISCTSJ) and Corrymeela. 'other', voices rooted in distinct experiences of conflict and coexistence. The film explores stories of insecurity and occupation, stories of 'us' and 'them', stories of hope and resolve. The Image of the Enemy acknowledges the complexity of dialogue and the need for active listening as a powerful counter to the 'enemy imaging' that always accompanies and follows violent conflict.

The film screening will be followed by a discussion.

Hosted by the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation & Social Justice

The event is free and open to the public.

To register or reserve your place, please contact Bernie Magill: 028 9050 8080 belfast@corrymeela.org

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FRIDAY 20 MAY FOUR DIRECTIONS: COLOURS FOR CULTURAL JUSTICE – A JOURNEY OF ABORIGINAL ART

6.00pm - 7.30pmNaughton Gallery Exhibition, Lanyon Building

Four Directions: Colours for Cultural Justice
- A Journey of Aboriginal Art celebrates
the work of acclaimed Stolen Generations
Aboriginal artist, Heather Kamarra Shearer.
The exhibition traces Heather's work through
art as a public voice for justice, trauma
and healing and the importance of family
relationships in reconciliation.

Heather Kamarra Shearer has worked in various community-based Aboriginal Art Centres in Central Australia and, as a valued member on numerous Government Indigenous Arts Committees, she has contributed to key developments and strategies within the Australian Indigenous Arts Sector including Copyright issues, Resale Royalties Protection and appropriate Promotion of Aboriginal Arts.

Heather was awarded the 2015 Gladys Elphick Award in South Australia for Aboriginal Women for 'Excellence in the Arts, Outstanding Leadership and Services to Community'.

The exhibition is funded by an Australian Arts Council grant, organised in partnership with Queen's University and ArtsEkta.

To register or reserve your place, please contact Professor Fiona Magowan: f.magowan@gub.ac.uk











MONDAY 23 MAY THE HARRI HOLKERI LECTURE BY ARLENE FOSTER MLA

FIRST MINISTER OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Reception 5.00pm
Lecture 5.30pm - 7.00pm
The Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall, Stranmillis Road



The Institute is delighted to welcome First Minister Arlene Foster to Riddel Hall to deliver the fourth in our annual Harri Holkeri Lecture Series in a presentation entitled:

'Women, Leadership and Peace-building'

As the first ever woman to lead her party and the first woman to become First Minister of Northern Ireland, Arlene Foster is uniquely placed to reflect on this theme.

Born in south east Fermanagh where she still lives, Arlene Foster was educated at Queen's University Belfast, where she took a degree in Law before setting up in practice as a solicitor in Enniskillen and subsequently Portadown. It was at Queen's that she first became involved in politics, a passion that she brought with her on return to her native Fermanagh, a county

for which she has always felt a deep sense of belonging and been a strong advocate.

Arlene Foster joined the Democratic Unionist Party in 2004 and has been a senior representative for the party since that time, representing it on the Northern Ireland Policing Board and later working closely with the Party Leader during negotiations on the devolution of Policing and Justice.

She was appointed Minister for the Environment following the 2007 Assembly elections and oversaw the creation of the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, helping to bring forward new rural planning policy. A series of high profile roles quickly followed and she served as Minister for the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and, more recently, as Minister for Finance and Personnel

On the retirement of Peter Robinson in December 2015, she was elected the party's first female leader.

In 2008 the Women in Public Life Awards awarded Arlene Foster the title of devolved 'Assembly Member of the Year' in recognition of her contribution to political and community leadership, a contribution that she continues to make as Northern Ireland's most prominent female politician.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the First Minister as our Harri Holkeri Lecturer for 2016.

The Harri Holkeri lecture series was established in 2013 to celebrate the late Finnish Prime Minister Harri Holkeri's contribution to the Northern Ireland peace



process. Holkeri's aim of transforming conflict and promoting social justice in Northern Ireland and across the globe is shared by the Institute. The Institute is thus honoured to partner with the Finnish Embassy in hosting this annual lecture series in recognition of Holkeri's contributions to peace.

Q&A facilitated by Yvette Shapiro, Journalist with the Belfast Telegraph, and broadcaster

How do I book?

Please follow this link for Eventbrite: http://go.qub.ac.uk/HarriHolkeri2016

Places are restricted so early booking is advised.

Registration closes 13 May at 12.00pm.



WEDNESDAY 25 MAY YOUTH JUSTICE AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOLLOWING DEVOLUTION?

10.00am - 1.00pm Great Hall, Lanyon Building

Following the devolution of policing and justice powers to Northern Ireland in 2010, a review of the youth justice system was carried out. Referencing human rights frameworks and informed by an expansive consultation process, the Youth Justice Review (2011) recommended further critical reforms, including raising the age of criminal responsibility and allowing a process for young people with criminal records to 'wipe the slate clean'.

Although the Review was welcomed in many quarters, questions of legitimacy, rights compliance and public and political will to implement recommendations remain.

This public seminar featuring key-note speakers Professor Lesley McAra (University of Edinburgh) and Koulla Yiasouma (Northern Ireland Children's Commissioner) will critically examine the current state of youth justice. Contributions will focus on the themes of youth and social justice, youth justice and conflict transformation and the implications and possibilities of devolution.

This event is jointly organised by the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Youth, Conflict and Justice and Include Youth (www.includeyouth.org).

To register:

http://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-justiceand-conflict-transformation-what-is-the-futuretickets-22491865776

Registration closes 13 May at 12.00pm.





THURSDAY 26 MAY FEEDBACK FROM THE FRONTLINES: THE KURDS AND THE FOUR WOLVES

BRENDAN O'LEARY

12.30pm - 2.00pm Senate Room, Lanyon Building

Our series of Frontline Reports ends with an account from Brendan O'Leary of his long involvement and many field visits to Iraq and Kurdistan. Lauder Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, Brendan has been visiting Kurdistan since 2003 as advisor to the Kurdistan Regional Government in Irag. assisting in the negotiation of the Transitional Administrative Law; electoral systems design; the Constitution of Irag; and the draft Constitution of the Kurdistan Region. He has been an expert witness on Iraq and Kurdistan to the US Government and to the UK's Iraq Commission, as well as advisor for the EU and UN in confederal re-building of Somalia and consultant on power-sharing governments in Kwa-Zulu Natal and in Nepal.

Brendan has published twenty-one books, including *How to Get Out of Iraq with Integrity* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009).

The event will begin with a buffet lunch at 12.30pm.

How do I book?

Please follow this link for Eventbrite: http://go.qub.ac.uk/FRONTLINES

Places are restricted so early booking is advised.



FRIDAY 27 MAY **COLLABORATION FOR CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION: UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY**

9.30am - 4.00pm

6 College Park, Queen's University Belfast

The imperative on university researchers to ensure their research has a meaningful and useful impact holds particular challenges and opportunities for those working with civil society; this is particularly true in the complex field of conflict transformation. In the wake of 'A Fresh Start' (2015) in Northern Ireland. the need for innovation and evidence in addressing perpetual division and conflict remains apparent and urgent.

This one-day workshop will bring together a wide range of groups and individuals from civil society and academic organisations to discuss how greater collaboration can be developed to ensure that resources for conflict meaningful dialogue between all concerned. transformation are used most effectively. This will, in particular, include discussions on how academic research in the broad area of conflict transformation can be most effectively utilised for public benefit.

The workshop will include panels with contributions from researchers, community organisations and funding bodies to discuss the ways in which our various priorities can be made complementary. We will also showcase case studies in which productive relationships between researchers and practitioners have been built in this area.

An important part of the workshop will be the opportunity for small group work between researchers and practitioners in which common problems - and diverging interests will be addressed. A core aim of the organisers is to ensure that this event facilitates

Who is it for?

Interested persons working in the field of conflict transformation: Researchers at all levels in any university; Research and policy officers in community organisations and other

agencies; Funding bodies for projects in the broad field of conflict transformation and community development.

What can we expect?

Case studies and quidelines on mutually beneficial collaboration; networking and discussion within and between community and university actors; clear identification of principles and guidelines for good practice in future university/civil society collaboration.

How do I book?

Please follow this link for Eventbrite: https://ctsi-collaboration.eventbrite.co.uk

Registration is free and includes coffee and liaht lunch.

Places are restricted so early booking is advised.

Workshop overview

Refreshments served from 9.00am

9.30am - 10.30pm

Roundtable: Led by Professor Oliver Richmond (Manchester)

11.00am - 12.30pm

Panel: Case studies (Dr Dominic Bryan [QUB]; Professor Brandon Hamber [UU]; Professor Joanne Hughes [QUB])

1.15pm - 2.00pm

Breakout Groups 1: Facilitating & Evidencing Partnerships

2.15pm - 3.30pm

Breakout Groups 2: Facilitating & Evidencing Partnerships

3.30pm - 4.00pm

Plenary discussion: Next steps



TUESDAY 31 MAY REFLECTIONS ON PEACE IN A CHANGED IRELAND BY BERTIE AHERN

FORMER TAOISEACH

Reception 5.00pm Lecture 5.30pm - 7.00pm

The Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall, Stranmillis Road

The Institute for the Study of Conflict
Transformation and Social Justice is greatly
honoured to have one of Ireland's most
distinguished statesmen former Taoiseach Mr
Bertie Ahern to close the 2016 Spring Festival
by speaking on:

'Reflections on Peace in a Changed Ireland'

Mr Ahern was first elected to the Dáil in 1977. He served as Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister), as well as Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for Finance. He was first elected Taoiseach in June 1997, reelected in June 2002 and again in May 2007. In 1997, Bertie Ahern received widespread praise for his political skills in ensuring that his administration served its full five-year term and delivered on real political and economic

progress for the Irish people. The defining moment of this period and a defining moment in Irish history was the successful negotiation by Bertie Ahern and Tony Blair of the Good Friday Agreement between the British and Irish Governments and the political parties in Northern Ireland in April 1998.

During his Presidency of the European Council from January to June 2004, Bertie Ahern oversaw the historic enlargement of the European Union to 27 member states, including eight countries from Eastern Europe. He encouraged Ireland to take leadership roles on key global issues, such as increasing aid to developing countries and tackling the spread of HIV AIDS. Bertie Ahern's achievements as a leader at home and abroad have been recognised internationally. He has received honorary degrees from

several universities and is one of only five people to enjoy the great distinction of having been invited to address both the Houses of Parliament at Westminster and the Houses of Congress of the United States in Washington D.C.

Since leaving Government in 2008, Bertie Ahern has dedicated his time to conflict resolution and is actively involved with many groups around the world.

Q&A facilitated by Jim Fitzpatrick, awardwinning independent broadcaster and BBC journalist.

In collaboration with The Chief Executives'
Club at Queen's University

How do I book?

Please follow this link for Eventbrite: http://go.qub.ac.uk/ReflectionsofPeace

Places are restricted so early booking is advised.

Registration closes 20 May at 12pm



AT A GLANCE

Event	Venue	Туре	Time & Date	Status
Dr Shelley Deane 'Feedback from the frontlines: Syrian refugees'	Senate Room	Talk	5 May 12.30pm - 2.00pm	Public Event
Meet the Author: Deaglán de Bréadún, 'Power Play: The Rise of Modern Sinn Fein' (Merrion Press)	Old Staff Common Room	Talk	Friday 6 May 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Public Event
'Prisoner Hunger Strikers in Northern Ireland and Israel/Palestine: examining the long term effects'	Canada Room / Council Chamber	Conference	Monday 9 May 9.00am - 5.00pm	Public Event
'In conversation with Susannah Tresilian'	Old Staff Common Room	Conversation	Thursday 12 May 2.30pm - 4.00pm	Public Event
'Randomocracy: An Alternative to Elections and Voting'	Room OG. 074 Lanyon Building	Short film and talk	Monday 16 May 12noon - 2.00pm	Public Event
'Interrogating masculinities: intersectionality as a heuristic device' by Dr Baukje Prins	TR6 Graduate School	Seminar	Wednesday 18 May 4 .00pm- 6.30pm	Public Event
Michael Semple 'Feedback from the frontlines: The Taliban'	Old Staff Common Room	Talk	Thursday 19 May 12.30pm - 2.00pm	Public Event
'Image of the Enemy'	Queen's Film Theatre (QFT)	Documentary film	Friday 20 May 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Public Event

Event	Venue	Туре	Time & Date	Status
FOUR DIRECTIONS: Colours for Cultural Justice - A Journey of Aboriginal Art	Naughton Gallery Exhibition	Exhibition	Friday 20 May 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Public Event
Arlene Foster MLA First Minister of Northern Ireland Harri Holkeri Lecture 2016	The Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall	Lecture	Monday 23 May 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Public Event
'Youth Justice and Conflict Transformation: What is the future following devolution?'	Great Hall	Research seminar	Wednesday 25 May 10.00am - 1.00pm	Public Event
Professor Brendan O'Leary 'Feedback From the Frontlines: The Kurds and the Four Wolves'	Senate Room	Talk	Thursday 26 May 12.30pm - 2.00pm	Public Event
'Collaboration for Conflict Transformation: University Engagement with Civil Society'	6 College Park	Workshop	Friday 27 May 9.30am - 4.00pm	Public Event
Bertie Ahern 'Reflections on Peace in a changed Ireland'	The Isdell Courtyard, Riddel Hall	Lecture	Tuesday 31 May 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Public Event

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