Northern Ireland
20 years After the Ceasefires:
Challenges & Opportunities

Friday 20th September 2013
Queen’s University Belfast

This conference will explore the challenges and opportunities facing Northern Ireland as we approach the anniversary of the 1994 paramilitary ceasefires. In doing so, we will provide a rare arena for developing an exchange of research findings and ideas among established, early career and emerging scholars.

The conference is run with two types of forum for facilitating such exchanges. First, six papers from established and early career scholars will be presented in two sessions. The second half of the conference will take the form of four parallel workshop sessions convened by two doctoral students whose research is in this field. The purpose of these workshops is to enable doctoral students in particular to share insights from their research in an interdisciplinary atmosphere.

The workshops are loosely organised along four key themes of challenges/opportunities in contemporary Northern Ireland. The key points from these discussions will then be reported back in plenary session by the convenors. The conference will conclude with papers from two eminent scholars which will bring insights from the past twenty years to look ahead to the prospects for Northern Ireland in the coming decades.
Opening: 09:45-09:55
Canada Room/Council Chamber, Lanyon Building
Welcome from Peter Shirlow & Katy Hayward (QUB)

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Session 1: 10:00-11:20
Chair: Peter Doak (QUB)
1. Fidelma Ashe (UU) ‘Shameless’: Contestations of ethno-gendered identities and the subversion of the normalised society narrative.
3. Brendan Browne and Clare Dwyer (QUB) Navigating Risk: Understanding the impact of the Conflict on Children and Young People in Northern Ireland

Q&A

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11:20-11:45 Break

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Session 2: 11:45-13:00
Chair: Michael Martin (NUIG)
5. Kevin Bean (Liverpool) From the Provisionals to the Dissidents.
6. Peter Shirlow (QUB) Was it worth it? The Implication of Conflict for Paramilitary Combatants.

Q&A

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Lunch: 1300-1345

‘Emerging Research’ Workshops
13:45-15:00
on Challenges and Opportunities
in contemporary N. Ireland

1. Inclusion and Exclusion
Convenors: Ronan Kennedy (UCD) & Briege Rice (QUB)
Workshop Venue: Canada Room

2. Conflict and Cooperation
Convenors: Aisling Shannon (QUB) & David McCann (UU)
Workshop Venue: Council Chamber

3. Marginalisation and Participation
Convenors: Giuditta Fontana (KCL) & Oisin McCann (QUB)
Workshop Venue: Lanyon G49

4. Tradition and Transition
Convenors: Barbara Hart (TCD) & Niall Gilmartin (NUIM)
Workshop Venue: Lanyon G74

1500-15:20 Break

Workshop Feedback & Discussion: 15:20-16:00
Chair: Peter Shirlow (QUB)
Contributors: Workshop Convenors
Council Chamber
Concluding Discussion 16:00-17:00
Chair: Katy Hayward (QUB)

7. Arthur Aughey (Ulster) Symmetrical Solutions, Asymmetrical Realities: Beyond the Politics of Paralysis?

Close: Peter Shirlow & Katy Hayward (QUB)

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To Register
Please send an email to ctsj@qub.ac.uk with the subject heading ‘20 Years After conference’. In your email, please give
• your position (e.g. PhD student)
• institutional affiliation (if any)
• a sentence indicating the general topic of your research
• your preferred conference workshop(s).

DEADLINE for registration: 2nd August 2013

Please note that places are limited and that priority will be given to doctoral students and early career scholars.

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