



Political Studies Association of Ireland
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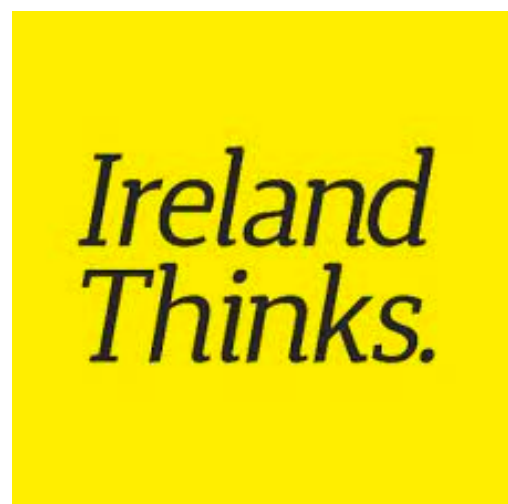
Hosted by Queen's University Belfast
at Assembly Buildings & the Europa Hotel
20-22 October



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Venue Details



Assembly Buildings Conference Centre

Friday 20 & Saturday 21 October

[Click here](#) to find out more about the venue for the first two days of the conference.



Europa Hotel

Sunday 22 October

[Click here](#) to find out more about the venue for the final day of the conference.



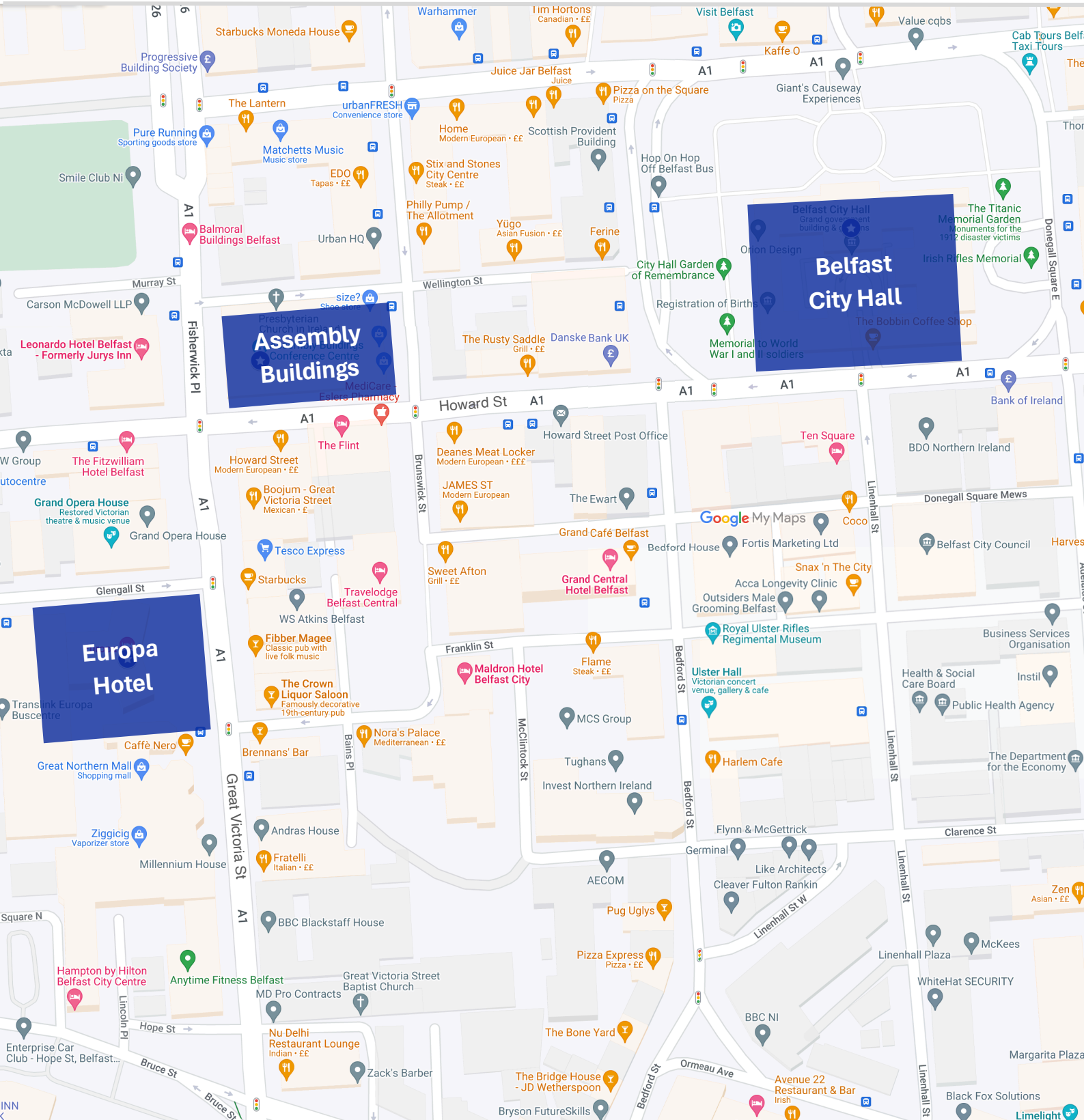
Belfast City Hall

The conference dinner will be held at [Belfast City Hall](#) on the evening of Saturday 21 October.

If you have not visited Belfast before and would like to see some of the sights during your stay, please refer to [Visit Belfast](#).

Map

The three conference locations are within a short walk of one another in Belfast City Centre.



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Schedule at a Glance | Friday 20 October

From 11:00	Arrival and Registration Assembly Buildings	Key	Specialist Group Panels
			Politics of Northern Ireland Panels
11:00- 12:30	PSAI Executive Committee Meeting Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 4		Politics of the Republic of Ireland Panels
			Comparative Politics & IR Panels
12:30- 13:30	Irish Political Studies Editorial Board Meeting Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 4		
13:00- 14:30	Panel Session 1	1A Issues in Democratic Representation Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3	
		1B Introducing the Irish Network of Terrorism and Political Violence Researchers Assembly Buildings, Board Room	
		1C Green Political Economy Responses to the Planetary Crisis Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6	
		1D The Women for Election Data Hub Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1	
		1E Northern Ireland in the UK-EU Relationship Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7	
		1F Shaping Perceptions and Influencing Politics Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5	
14:30- 15:00	Tea & Coffee		
15:00- 16:30	Panel Session 2	2A Environmental Politics Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3	
		2B Politics in the Republic of Ireland in the 21st Century Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6	
		2C Post-Brexit Borders in Ireland and the UK Assembly Buildings, Board Room	
		2D Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1	
		2E Elections & Public Opinion in Northern Ireland Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7	
		2F Innovations in Computational Political Communication Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5	
17:00- 18:30	Peter Mair Lecture Nicole Bolleyer (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität): 'How to Study Political Parties: From Civil Society to the State and Back' Chaired by Michele Crepez (QUB) Ground Floor Conference Room, Assembly Buildings		
19:00	Drinks Reception Penthouse, Europa Hotel (take lift to top floor)		

Schedule at a Glance | Saturday 21 October

09:00-10:30	Panel Session 3	3A Diplomacy, Diaspora and the Transatlantic Politics of the Northern Irish Conflict Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6
		3B Issues in Contemporary Irish Democracy Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7
		3C New Avenues for Understanding Conflict Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1
		3D Policy Agendas, Diffusion & Fulfilment Assembly Buildings, Board Room
		3E Feminist Approaches to Peace and Conflict Studies Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3
		3F Political Communication Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5
		3G Issues in Contemporary Global Politics Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 4
10:30-10:45	Tea & Coffee	
10:45-12:15	Panel Session 4	4A Author Meets Critics Roundtable: The Keys to Democracy Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1
		4B Elections and Public Opinion in the Republic of Ireland Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7
		4C Spatialities of Peace and Conflict Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6
		4D Political Attitudes and Engagement in Comparative Context Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5
		4E Government Relations and the Role of Public Administration Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 4
		4F Analysing Political Speech, Text and Narratives Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3
		4G Gender and Feminist Politics after the Good Friday Agreement Assembly Buildings, Board Room
12:15-13:30	Lunch Assembly Buildings Lobby	
	Specialist Group Meetings Specialist Group Conveners are responsible for organising any meetings they wish to hold during this time slot	

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13:30-15:00	Panel Session 5	5A Liberal Values in Action Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3
		5B Regulation and Integrity in Irish Politics Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1
		5C Missed Opportunities for Peace? Radical Republican Narratives Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7
		5D Northern Ireland after the Good Friday Agreement Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6
		5E Cross-Segmental Interests in Divided Societies: The Top-Down Perspective Assembly Buildings, Board Room
		5F Northern Ireland: Conflict & Beyond Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5
15:00-15:15	Tea & Coffee	
15:15-16:45	Panel Session 6	6A Relational Political Theory Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3
		6B The Irish Electoral Commission and the Political Science Community Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7
		6C Tackling Barriers and Violence against Female Politicians: Online and Offline Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5
		6D Politics and Social Media Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1
		6E The Troubles Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6
		6F Cross-Segmental Interests in Divided Societies: The Bottom-Up Perspective Assembly Buildings, Board Room
16:45-17:45	Annual General Meeting Ground Floor Conference Room, Assembly Buildings	
18:00-19:00	Joint Fellowship Presentation John Coakley and Michael Gallagher: 'Politics in Ireland: A Century of Analysis' Chaired by Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB) Book Launch: <i>Politics in the Republic of Ireland</i> (7th Edition), Routledge. Edited by John Coakley, Michael Gallagher, Eoin O'Malley & Theresa Reidy Ground Floor Conference Room, Assembly Buildings	
19:45-late	Wine Reception and Conference Dinner Belfast City Hall	

Schedule at a Glance | Sunday 22 October

10:00- 11:30	Panel Session 7	7A Socio-Political and Citizenship Education Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 1
		7B The Role and Responsibility of the Academy in Responding to the Planetary Crisis Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 2
		7C Political Violence, Data and Narratives Europa Hotel, Rotunda
		7D Minorities and the State Europa Hotel, Berlin 2
		7E Making Sense of the Windsor Framework Europa Hotel, Dublin Suite
11:30- 13:00	Panel Session 8	8A Gender and Politics Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 1
		8B Experiences of Conflict and Peace Process Europa Hotel, Dublin Suite
		8C Emotions and Political Communication Europa Hotel, Rotunda
		8D Voters and Parties in Comparative Perspective Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 2

Note: Tea and coffee will be served throughout the morning

Full Panel Details | Friday 20 October

1A Issues in Democratic Representation

Friday 13:00-14:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1

Chair: Jamie Pow (QUB)

Neil Matthews (University of Bristol) & Sean Haughey (University of Liverpool)	Stab Vests and Zoom Calls: The Securitisation of Constituency Service in the UK
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Joanna Podgórska-Rykała (Pedagogical University of Krakow)	Decision Makers' Mindsets toward Deliberative Mini-Publics
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Marcel Maria Schwarz (DCU)	Assessing Party Politics in Modern India and the Extension of the Voter Base in the Case of the Bharatiya Janata Party
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1B Introducing the Irish Network of Terrorism and Political Violence Researchers

Friday 13:00-14:30 | Assembly Buildings, Board Room

Chair: John Morrison (Maynooth University)

Gabriella Fattibene (UCC)	Understanding the Online Ecosystem of the Far-Right in Ireland
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Aaron Edwards (Royal Military Academy Sandhurst)	Understanding the Persistence of Paramilitary Organisations in Northern Ireland
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John Morrison (Maynooth University)	Joining Paramilitary Republicanism in North and West Belfast'
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1C Green Political Economy Responses to the Planetary Crisis

Friday 13:00-14:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6

Chair: Conor Little (University of Limerick)

John Barry (QUB)	Rethinking the University in the Age of the Planetary Crisis: Green Political Economy Insights
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Calum McGeown (QUB)	Green Politics and the Black Panthers: Revolutionary Lessons for the Planetary Crisis
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Damian McIlroy (QUB)	Building an Insurgent Interregnum through the Detournement of Just Transition
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Sean Fearon (University of Surrey)	Challenging the Orthodoxy: Post-Growth Perspectives on the NI Growth Regime since the GFA
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1D Roundtable on the Women for Election Data Hub: The Case for Mapping Women's Electoral Participation in the Republic of Ireland

Friday 13:00–14:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1

Chair: Lisa Keenan (TCD)

Claire McGing (IADT)

Fiona Buckley (UCC)

Lisa Keenan (TCD)

Yvonne Galligan (TUD)

1E Northern Ireland in the UK-EU Relationship: Interactions Between the Protocol and the Trade And Cooperation Agreement

Friday 13:00–14:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7

Chair: Mary Murphy (UCC)

Billy Melo Araujo (QUB) The Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Silos and Symbiosis

Lisa Claire Whitten (QUB) Dynamically Between: Regulatory Alignment and Divergence in Post-Brexit Northern Ireland under the Withdrawal Agreement, the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and within the UK Internal Market

Katy Hayward & David Phinnemore (QUB) Managing the Protocol and Windsor Framework: Northern Ireland's Voice in UK-EU Relations

Lee McGowan & Viviane Gravey (QUB) De-Europeanisation: Establishing the post Brexit UK Policy Base

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1F Shaping Perceptions and Influencing Politics in the Digital Era

Friday 13:00–14:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5

Chair: Jack Armstrong (QUB)

Callum Craig (TCD) US Police Union Political Communication and Partisanship

Sarah King (UCD) Individual Determinants of Higher Education Policy Reform: Legislative Behavior on Twitter

Kashmiri Medhi (University of Texas, Dallas) Under the same flag: exploring protest fragmentation with search query data

Jón Gunnar Ólafsson (University of Iceland) A digital campaign in a digitalised small country: How Icelandic voters follow elections

2A Environmental Politics

Friday 15:00-16:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3

Chair: Calum McGeown (QUB)

Marc Ayoub (University of Galway)	Perceptions and Environmental Impacts of Marine Renewable Energy: A Critical Review
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Louise Fitzgerald (DCU)	Introducing the REDIE Project: Realising Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for Energy Sector Transformation
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Sadhbh O' Neill (DCU) & Diarmuid Torney (DCU)	Carbon Budgeting under Framework Climate Laws: Analysing Diversity in National Practice
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Clodagh Harris (UCC)	Climate Assemblies and Climate Policy
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Sanjay Kumar & Dannica Fleuss (DCU)	How Can We Assess and Improve Climate Change Deliberation? Methodological Challenges and Strategies for Analysing Climate Change Deliberation
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2B Politics in the Republic of Ireland in the 21st Century

Friday 15:00-16:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6

Chair: Jennifer Kavanagh (SETU)

David Farrell (UCD), Luke Field (University of Iceland) and Shane Martin (University of Essex)	The 21st Century TD
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Liam Weeks (UCC)	A 'Golden Age' of Parliament? Analysing the Impact of Private Members' Bills in Ireland
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Peter Stone (TCD)	The Evolving Picture (Empirical and Normative) of Irish Democracy
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Michael Laver (NYU)	District Magnitude and Representativeness of Elections
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2C Post-Brexit Borders in Ireland and the UK: Flexibilities, Realities and Possibilities

Friday 15:00-16:30 | Assembly Buildings, Board Room

Chair: Shane Reynolds (University of Limerick)

Ben Rosher (QUB)	Unsettled Status: Navigating the Post-Brexit Border
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John McStravick (QUB)	EU Green Lights and Red Lines in Brexit Negotiations
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Katy Hayward (QUB)	Brexit/Border Lessons from Ireland/Northern Ireland for an Independent Scotland and Wales
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Mylic Brennan (QUB)	It's Hard to Imagine a Time Before Brexit": Brexit's Impact on Political Identities and Behaviours Among the Good Friday Agreement Generation
Mary C. Murphy (UCC)	Mobilising Internationally for National Constitutional Change: Irish Political Activism in Brussels

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DEMOCRACY SG**

2D Participatory and Deliberative Democracy

Friday 15:00-16:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1

Chair: Neil Matthews (University of Bristol)

Fionna Saintraint (DCU)	Framing the Narrative: How Media Discourse Shapes Politicians' Perceptions of Citizens Assemblies in Ireland
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Jane Suiter & Dannica Fleuss (DCU)	The Effects of Climate Change Assemblies: Improving the Accuracy of Citizens' Judgments and/or their Reflectiveness?
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Valgerdur Bjork Palsdottir (University of Iceland)	Lack of commitment and ambivalent motivations: Why politicians establish democratic innovations
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Micha Germann (University of Bath), Sean Müller (University of Lausanne) & Jamie Pow (QUB)	Popular Support for Deliberative Mini-Publics in Deeply Divided Societies: Evidence from Conjoint Experiments
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2E Elections & Public Opinion in Northern Ireland

Friday 15:00-16:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7

Chair: Theresa Reidy (UCC)

Jon Tonge (University of Liverpool), Maire Braniff (UU), Thomas Hennessey (Canterbury Christ Church University), Jim McAuley (University of Huddersfield), Clare Rice (University of Liverpool), Sophie Whiting (University of Bath)	Distinctive Centrism? Explaining the Alliance Party Surge
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John Garry (QUB), Jamie Pow (QUB) and James Tilley (University of Oxford)	Inherited Versus Acquired Partisanship in Divided Places
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Eoghan Kelly (QUB)	Contamination from below: Bottom-up changes to the Northern Irish party system since devolution
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Jack Conor Armstrong (QUB)	Northern Ireland Local Government Election 2023
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Sarah Howe & Charles Richardson (Australian Fabian Society)	Beyond the Sectarian Model? Voting and the Future of Northern Ireland
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2F Innovations in Computational Political Communication

Friday 15:00–16:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5

Chair: Samuel Johnston (UCD)

Constantine Boussalis (TCD) Dynamic Few-shot Learning with Large Language Models

Christian Arnold (Cardiff University) How Alignment Helps Make the Most of Multimodal Data

Nikita Khokhlov (DCU) A La Carte Word Embeddings for Political Text in Russian

Stefan Müller (UCD) Do Legislators Learn How to Be Legislators? The Life Cycle of Parliamentary Rhetoric

Full Panel Details | Saturday 21 October

PEACE & CONFLICT SG

3A **Diplomacy, Diaspora and the Transatlantic Politics of the Northern Irish Conflict**

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6

Chair: Shane Brighton (QUB)

Shane Brighton (QUB) Between Populism and Elite Messaging: British Public Diplomacy, Irish-America and the Irish Republican Hunger Strikes, 1980-1981

Ronit Berger-Hobson (QUB) But Do You Really Mean It? Detecting Rhetorical Frames in relation to the Irish American Diaspora during Northern Ireland's Conflict Transformation Process

Peter McLoughlin (QUB) "Ok, Let's Do It": Examining the Motivations for Clinton's Early Interventions in the Northern Ireland Peace Process

Richard Hargy (QUB) What "Special Relationship"? How the State Department's Intervention in Northern Ireland 2003 to 2007 Strained the Anglo-American Alliance

3B **Issues in Contemporary Irish Democracy**

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7

Chair: Kevin Cunningham (TUD)

Owen Worth (University of Limerick) Mobilising Without Representation? The Irish Far Right in Perspective

Theresa Reidy (UCC) The Endurance of Centrist Democracies: A Case Study of Resilience in Ireland

Jennifer L. Bowie (University of Richmond), Jolly A. Emrey (University of Wisconsin – Whitewater), Monica E. Lineberger (University of Wisconsin – Whitewater) & Wendy L. Martinek (Binghamton University) Understanding Judicial Decision Making on the Court of Appeal of Ireland

Kevin Cunningham (TUD) What Explains the Weakness of the Far-Right in Ireland?

3C **New Avenues for Understanding Conflict: International Comparisons**

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1

Chair: Caitriona Dowd (UCD)

Lucia Tiscornia (UCD) Investigating Criminal Governance Strategies in Montevideo

Dawn Walsh (UCD) & Natascha Neudorfer (University of Birmingham) The Peace-Making Role of Independent Commissions: The Role of Institutional Design

Dáire McGill (University of Oxford) Re-Theorising the Participation-Security Nexus in War-to-Peace Transitions

3D **Policy Agendas, Diffusion & Fulfilment**

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | Assembly Buildings, Board Room

Chair: Sarah Wagner (QUB)

Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB) Public Organisations and Policy Agendas: The Irish Case

Conor Little (University of Limerick) What is on the Political Agenda at Northern Ireland Assembly Elections?

Jonathan Arlow (University of Liverpool) To What Extent Does Sinn Féin's Policy Preferences Differ Between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland?

Rory Costello (University of Limerick) Election Pledge Fulfilment and the Common-Pool Problem in Coalition Governments

3E **Feminist Approaches to Peace and Conflict Studies: New Directions and Methodologies**

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3

Chair: Doris Aja-Eke (DCU)

Maria Adriana Deiana (QUB) and Heidi Riley (UCD) Unfinished Peace. Unfinished Activism: Creative Ties and Communities of Resistance in Northern Ireland's Contemporary Art Scene

Hannah Partis-Jennings (QUB) Imagining Future War: A Feminist Reading of Martial Future Gazing

Emma Murphy (UCD) Gender as an Analytic Lens for Agonistic Peace

Melanie Hoewer (UCD)

Tell me about the war, Oma.' Exploring Women's Experiences of War and Peace and its Impact on Identity and Resilience in a Transgenerational Perspective

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3F **Political Communication**

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5

Chair: Constantine Boussalis (TCD)

Jihed Ncib (UCD)

Patterns and Economic Effects of Crisis-related Regulatory Policy Uncertainty Across Different Political Systems

Clara Faulí Molas (TCD)

Tweeting about the Environment in a European campaign. Are Candidates to the European Parliament Responsive to Citizens' Environmental Concerns?

Stefan Müller (UCD)

Congruence between Scientific Solutions Towards Net Zero and Policymakers' Speeches on the Environment

Paula Montano (UCD)

Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites' Public Communication in EU Crises

Gunnar Sigvaldason (University of Iceland)

Conservative Rhetoric in Oireachtas Abortion Debates

3G **Issues in Contemporary Global Politics**

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 4

Chair: Giovanni Parente (Maynooth University)

Nuno Morgado (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

Geopolitics of Brazil by Therezinha de Castro

Kashif Mumtaz (City University, Hong Kong)

The Politics of Promoting Regulatory Reforms in Pakistan

Aleksander Glogowski (Jagiellonian University)

Pakistan, USA, China Triangle in the Context of War in Ukraine

Sumit Mukerji (University of Kalyani)

Gandhian Dialogue as Strategy of Constructive Conflict Resolution

Melissa Tomassini (University of Manchester)

A Soft Power Lens: Gauging the EU's Attraction Among American and Chinese Audiences

4A Author Meets Critics: The Keys to Democracy

Saturday 10:45–12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1

Chair: Peter Stone (TCD)

Hugh Pope (DemocracyNext)

Dannica Fleuss (DCU)

Art O’Leary (Chief Executive, Irish Electoral Commission)

Joanna Podgórska-Rykała (Pedagogical University of Krakow)

Peter Stone (TCD)

4B Elections and Public Opinion in the Republic of Ireland

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7

Chair: Stefan Müller (UCD)

Michael A. J. Mitchell, Matthew Fenton, Ruaidhrí Campion & Casey Farren-Colloty (TCD) Algorithmic Redistricting of Irish Election Boundaries: A Framework for Rethinking Dáil Constituencies

Theresa Reidy (UCC) Swamped: Exploring Resistance to Emigrant Enfranchisement in the Republic of Ireland

Alan Duggan (University of Nottingham) Irish Election Leaflet Project: Building a Data Source of Campaign Communications

Shane Reynolds (University of Limerick) Impacts of Referendums on Politicisation of European Integration in Ireland

Ian Richardson (DCU) The Sinn Féin Surge in the 2020 General Election in Ireland: A Spatial Analysis of Tally Data

4C Spatialities of Peace and Conflict

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6

Chair: Sarah Jenkins & Niall O Dochartaigh (University of Galway)

Niall O Dochartaigh (University of Galway) Spatialities of Conflict Mediation

Caitriona Dowd (UCD) Novel Territory and Civilian Targeting in the Sahel

Sarah Jenkins (University of Galway) Navigating Territory: Everyday Peace and Conflict in Kenyan Elections

Kelsey Rhude (University of Galway)	Divergence of Peace and Spatial Variation within Liberia's Peace Process: An Evaluation of Concerns of Fragile Peace in the Context of Post-Conflict Liberia
Yuliang Lu (UCD)	Peace and Conflict in a Queer Colour: A Case Study of How Chinese NGOs Combat anti-LGBT Violence

4D Political Attitudes and Engagement in Comparative Context

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5

Chair: Gizem Arikan (TCD)

Umme Ummara (University of Molise)	People Engagement in Direct Democracy: comparison of Italian Referendum with UK and Canada
Noah Buckley (TCD)	Rotten Eggs or Bad Apples: Corruption Arrests and Public Opinion in Authoritarian Russia
Federico Salvati (Freie Universität Berlin)	More than Words: The Contestation of Socio-Normativity and the Problem of Regime Types in International Relations
Christian Arnold (Cardiff University), Hannah Bechara (Hertie School) & Slava Jankin (University of Birmingham)	The Politics of the Psychological Distance
Indeevari Dodantenna (DCU)	Political Polarisation: An Examination the Conceptual Understanding of Severe Polarisation Theories

PUBLIC POLICY SG

4E Understanding Government Relations and the Role of Public Administration in Different Institutional Settings

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 4

Chair: Iain McMenamin (DCU)

Charis Rice (Coventry University), Bernadette Connaughton (University of Limerick), Jenny Ratcliffe (Coventry University) & Ian Somerville (University of Leicester)	A Slow-Burning Crisis: Executive Relations, Policy Failure, and the Normalisation of Distrust in Northern Ireland's 'Cash for Ash' Fiasco
Bernadette Connaughton (University of Limerick), Katarína Staroňová (Comenius University Bratislava) and Róbert Martin Hudec (Comenius University Bratislava)	Policy Advisory Systems and the Covid Crisis: Understanding the Relational Dynamics of Expert Advisory Committees within Different Institutional Settings

Jenny Ratcliffe (Coventry University)	The Role of Identity in Interpersonal Communication and Trust-Building Work Amongst UK, Northern Irish and Irish Political and Diplomatic Actors in Brussels
Niall Robb & Michele Crepaz (QUB)	Venue-Shopping in Times of Political Crisis: The Case of Interest Groups in Northern Ireland

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4F **Analysing Political Speech, Text & Narratives**

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3

Chair: Jonathan Arlow (University of Liverpool)

George Makris (Aristotle University) Measuring Populism with Manifesto Project Coding Categories

Salsabil Abdalbaki (UCD) How Much to Seed a (Partially) Seeded Topic Model?

Iñigo Aldama (UCD) The Politics of Welfare Positioning in Ethnically Diverse European Regions: The Impact of Regional Authority Decentralization

Samuel A. T. Johnston & Jesper Lindqvist (UCD) Globalisation as a Cleavage or Cause? Examining the Existence of an Integration-Demarcation Cleavage in Europe

Owen O'Shea (UCD) The Role of Newspapers in Influencing Political Discourse and Outcomes in the 1923 General Election

4G **Gender and Feminist Politics after the Good Friday Agreement**

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Board Room

Chair: Lisa Keenan (TCD)

Claire Pierson (University of Liverpool) Space Invaders and Resisting Co-Option? Feminist Actors and Policy-Making in NI

Mairead McCann (QUB) Female Political Leaders' Speech in the 2017 NI Assembly Elections

Elsbeth Vischer (QUB) Let Us Be Seen: Analysing and Documenting the Development of Grassroots Feminism in Belfast

Fidelma Ashe (UU) Women's Participation in Constitutional Conversation on the Island of Ireland

5A Liberal Values in Action

Saturday 13:30–15:00 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3

Chair: Jamie Pow (QUB)

Lucas de Melo Prado (UCD)	Defining Contemporary Liberalism: A Systematic Review of the Core Concepts of the Liberal ideology
Alexa Zellentin (UCD)	Liberal Values in Transitional Justice
Ben Swift (UCD)	Towards a Robust Accountability Framework for the European Central Bank
Jan Liedtke (UCD)	Freedom and Distributive Justice

5B Regulation and Integrity in Irish Politics

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1

Chair: Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB)

Jennifer Kavanagh (SETU)	The Landscape of Ethics Regulation in Irish Political Life
Joe MacDonagh (TUD)	Do We Want Politicians With ‘Clean Hands’ for Parliament and Government?
Iain McMenamin (DCU)	Irish Political Finance in Comparative Perspective
Giovanni Parente (Maynooth University)	The Naval Service in the Mediterranean Sea and the Implications for the Retention Crisis

5C Missed Opportunities for Peace? Radical Republican Narratives on the NI Conflict

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7

Chair: Jon Tonge (University of Liverpool)

Paul Dixon (University of Leicester)	Missed Opportunities for Peace? Negotiations, Intelligence, and the IRA Ceasefires (1972, 1974-5)
Marisa McGlinchey (Coventry University)	The ‘Dissident’ Republicans Who Left in ‘86: Nuanced Views on Armed Struggle Today
Eamonn O’Kane (University of Wolverhampton)	Important but Problematic? Examining the Role of the Backchannel in the 1990s Peace Process in Northern Ireland
Elizabeth Mason (University of St Andrews)	Associates and Known Personnel: Integrating Narratives of Non-Members into an Expanded Analysis of Participation in the Provisional IRA

5D Northern Ireland after the Good Friday Agreement

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6

Chair: Sarah Howe (Australian Fabian Society)

Neil Matthews (University of Bristol) & Sophie Whiting (University of Bath)

Commemorating the Good Friday Agreement

Chris Ó Rálaigh (TUD)

From Constructive Ambiguities to Structural Contradictions: The Good Friday Agreement at 25

Leah Rea (UU)

Sewel Need (Not) Apply: Charting the Interpretation and Application of the Sewel Convention on Northern Ireland Affairs

Rupert Taylor (QUB)

Northern Ireland: “Systemic Sectarianism” and the Imperative of Equality and Justice

Dave Banks (UCD)

Integrated Team Sport and Intergroup Relations in a Post-Conflict Society: The Case of Club Rugby in Northern Ireland

5E Cross-Segmental Interests in Divided Societies: The Top-Down Perspective

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | Assembly Buildings, Board Room

Chair: Patrizia John (QUB)

Timofey Agarin (QUB)

Reconsidering Representation/Protection Nexus: Consociational Segmental Parties versus Intersectional Electorate

Sheetal Sheena Sookrajowa (University of Mauritius)

The Effects of the Original Dispensation on Contemporary Polarisation of Ethnic Politics in Mauritius

Louisa Barry (DCU)

Re-Focusing on the Definition of the ‘Others’: A Conceptual Analysis of Northern Ireland’s Political ‘Centre-Ground’

5F Northern Ireland: Conflict & Beyond

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5

Chair: Shane Brighton (QUB)

Stephen Hopkins (University of Leicester)

Personal Narratives of the Irish Republican Hunger Strikes (1980-81): The Politics of Contested Memory

Lucia Piani (UU)

From Dissent to Consensus: Political development within republicanism, 1969-1986

Eric Lepp (University of Waterloo), Dylan O'Driscoll (Coventry University), Dan Morecroft (QUB), and Birte Vogel (University of Manchester)	Exploring Temporality and Spatiality of Graffiti in a Changing Belfast
Brendan McKee (QUB)	Core Structures of Modern Nationalism: Prospects in the 'Celtic Fringe'
Stephanie Kerr (University of Lethbridge)	Positive Peace, Substantive Democracy? Conceptualizing Democratic Quality in Northern Ireland

POLITICAL THEORY SG

6A **Relational Political Theory**

Saturday 15:15–16:45 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 3

Chair: Alexandra Zellentin (UCD)

Keith Breen (QUB) Postwork and Postwork Politics: Reasons to be Sceptical

Jake Lehrle-Fry (Aarhus University) Relationship Bads

Ross Carroll (University of Exeter) Servility and Servitude: Republican Argument in British Debates on the Abolition of Slavery

Clara Fischer (QUB) Reproducing the Nation: Abortion and National Identity in Ireland

VOTERS, PARTIES & ELECTIONS SG

6B **Roundtable: The Irish Electoral Commission and the Political Science Community**

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 7

Chair: Rory Costello (University of Limerick)

Art O'Leary (Chief Executive, Electoral Commission) Reflections on the First Nine Months & Key Priorities for the Electoral Commission

Tim Carey (Electoral Commission) The Constituency Review

Mary-Clare O'Sullivan (Electoral Commission) Research and the National Election and Democracy Study

Theresa Reidy (UCC) The Irish National Election Study in Context

Johan Dornschneider-Elkink (UCD) The Irish National Election Study Archive

6C Tackling Barriers and Violence against Female Politicians: Online and Offline

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 5

Chair: Stephan Köppe (UCD)

Valesca Lima (DCU) & Claire McGing (IADT)	Tackling Online Abuse of Women Politicians: The Development of a Best Practice Toolkit for Irish Political Parties
Fiona Buckley (UCC), Lisa Keenan (TCD) & Mack Mariani (Xavier University)	The Cost of Doing Politics in Ireland
Kelly Fincham (University of Galway)	Mitigating Online Gender-Based Violence: A Framework for Supporting Female Politicians in the Digital Era
Doris Aja-Eke (DCU)	Sextortion and Entrepreneurship
Shifana Niyas (TCD)	The Role of Muslim Women in Resisting Hindu Nationalism in India

6D Political Attitudes and Engagement in Comparative Context

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 1

Chair: Dana Guy (UCD)

Dana Guy (UCD)	Fuelling up the Spiral of Hate, or Breaking the Spiral of Silence? Israelis' Use of Social Media to Construct, Communicate & Engage with Narratives about the Conflict with the Palestinians
Augusto Henrique Gazir Martins Soares (QUB)	Everyday Political Commenting, Bonding, Debating and Arguing in Social Media as Consequential Political Participation in Northern Ireland: An Ethnographic View
Jennifer Waters (UCD) & Matthew Fenlon (TCD)	Exclusionary Microtargeting in Political Social Media Advertising
Alperen Kamber & Cengiz Erisen (Yeditepe University)	Assessing the Effects of Social Bots on Twitter Discourse during the US Elections

6E The Troubles

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | Assembly Buildings, Meeting Room 6

Chair: Marisa McGlinchey (Coventry University)

Niall Gilmartin & Brendan Ciarán Browne (UU)	Dislocation, Unsettledness, and the Long-Term Consequences of Forced Displacement in Northern Ireland's 'Troubles'
Kieran McConaghy (University of St Andrews)	From Soldiers to Rebels? The Catholic Ex-Servicemen's Association

Louise Wallace (UU)	Picturing the Conflict
Stuart Aveyard (Manchester Metropolitan University)	The Use of the Past in Irish Republican Print Culture During the Early Troubles

6F	Cross-Segmental Interests in Divided Societies: The Bottom-Up Perspective	
	Saturday 15:15-16:45 Assembly Buildings, Board Room	
	Chair: Timofey Agarin (QUB)	
	Michael Potter (QUB)	Named Non-Conflict Related Minorities in Post-Conflict Arrangements: The Case of Kosovo
	Arianna Piacentini (University of Bologna)	Civil Society as a Mediating Actor of Cross-Segmental Interests in Consociational Settings: Evidence from BiH and South Tyrol
Patricia John (QUB)	Political Representation of Marginalized Groups in Consociations – How Can We Measure It?	

Full Panel Details | Sunday 22 October

TEACHING & LEARNING IN POLITICS SG

7A **Socio-Political and Citizenship Education: Case Studies from Primary, Post-Primary, and University Level in the Republic of Ireland**

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 1

Chair: Johan Dornschneider-Elkink (UCD)

Emannuelle Schon-Quinlivan (UCC)	Substantive Knowledge, Powerful Knowledge and Active Citizenship: An Experiment at Primary Level with European Citizenship Education
Philip Murphy (UCC)	Exploring Experience and Efficacy: A Study of Socio-Political Educators at Post-Primary Level in the Republic of Ireland
Samuel Johnston (UCD)	A Little Less Byzantine? Encouraging Practical Engagement with the EU Among Students
Gizem Arikan & Peter Stone (TCD)	Evaluating Instructors: How Do Lecturers Respond to Student Evaluations?

7B **What is to be Done? The Role and Responsibility of the Academy in Responding to the Planetary crisis**

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 2

Chair: Louise Fitzgerald (DCU)

John Barry (QUB)	Privileged Knowledge and Public Duty: Academic-Activism in the Anthropocene
Calum McGeown (QUB)	Agents of (Un)Sustainability: Democratising Universities for the Planetary Crisis
Clare Kelly (TCD)	Rethinking Academia in a Time of Climate Crisis
Amanda Stevin (QUB)	Community Climate Engagement: Beyond Academia as Usual

PEACE & CONFLICT SG

7C **Political Violence, Data and Narratives: New Approaches to Measuring and Understanding Unrest**

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | Europa Hotel, Rotunda

Chair: Timofey Agarin (QUB)

Thomas Chadeaux (TCD)	Echoes of Conflict: Quantifying Redundancy in Casualty Time Series
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Caitriona Dowd (UCD)	Repeat Conflict Exposure, Civilian Targeting and Community Resilience
Angela Garvey (DCU)	Understanding Connections between Modalities of Violence Against Civilians in Civil Conflict
Peter Bothwell (University of St Andrews)	An Exploration in Modern Agency and Alienation: Ulster Loyalists and the British Working-Class

7D Minorities and the State

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | Europa Hotel, Berlin 2

Chair: Stephen Hopkins (University of Leicester)

Marketa Odlova (TCD)	The Effects of Gendered Conscription on Political and Civic Life of Ethnic Minority Women: The Case of Israeli Circassians and Druze
Haci Cevik (University of Potsdam)	Negotiations and Struggles with Turkish Nationalism: Being a Kurd in Konya
Anastasiia Zubareva (University of Limerick)	Social Inclusion Gone Wrong: The Devisive Integration of the Temporary Protection Directive in Ireland Through the Lens of 3N and SEKN Models
Andréa Cullen (Charles Darwin University, Canberra)	A Rightful Place—The Voice of First Nations Peoples in the Political Process
Claire McGing (IADT)	Without Distinction of Sex? Women in the 1923 Irish General Election

7E Making Sense of the Windsor Framework

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | Assembly Buildings, Dublin Suite

Chair: Katy Hayward (QUB)

Lisa Claire Whitten (QUB)	Compromises, Complexities and Consequences of the Windsor Framework
Colin Murray (Newcastle University)	The Windsor Framework's Known Unknowns
Simon Usherwood (Open University)	The Windsor Framework, British EU policy and the Continuing Search for a Strategy
Viviane Gravey (QUB)	From Mapping to Forgetting? Environmental Cooperation on the Island of Ireland from the EU Referendum to the Windsor Framework
Ian Cooper (DCU)	The EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly: Post-Brexit Talking Shop or Oversight Body?

8A **Gender and Politics**

Sunday 11:30-13:00 | Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 1

Chair: Patrizia John (QUB)

Anne Coleman (Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon)

Deconstructing Ireland as a Pro-Life Nation

Lisa Keenan (TCD)

Investigating Gendered Dynamics in Legislative Careers: The Case of Dáil Éireann

Eimear Stewart (University of Limerick)

Inclusion in the Irish Defense Forces: A Feminist Perspective

Johan Dornschneider-Elkink (UCD), Thomas Grund (UCD) and Dakota Strode (American University)

The International Diffusion of Marriage Equality

8B **Experiences of Conflict and Peace Processes**

Sunday 11:30-13:00 | Europa Hotel, Dublin Suite

Chair: Dawn Walsh (UCD)

Johanna Masse (UCD)

Thicker Than Blood? Nationalism and Feminism at Crossroads During Armagh's Dirty Protest

David Mitchell & Dong Jin Kim (TCD)

'You Realise We're Not the Only Ones Stuck Living Like This': Comparative Learning, International Partnerships, and Civil Society Peace Education in Conflict-Affected Societies

Sarah Wallace (TCD)

Consociation and Young People: The Case of Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement Generation

Jennifer Todd (UCD), Dyuti Chakravarty (UCC) & Joanne McEvoy (University of Aberdeen)

How Do Young People Negotiate National Contention on the Island of Ireland? Generational Change, Nationalist Division, and the Creative Reconceptualization of Conflict

Ibrahim Natil (DCU)

Challenges to Local Youth Civil Society Organisations in Palestine and Libya

8C Emotions and Political Communication

Sunday 11:30-13:00 | Europa Hotel, Rotunda

Chair: John Barry (QUB)

Luke Field (University of Iceland)	Emotive Campaigning Strategies in Ireland's 2020 General Election
Laura Stritzke & Maor Shani (Osnabrück University)	Knowing How We Feel: Perceived Collective and Group-Based Emotions in Times of War
Gizem Arikan (TCD)	Authoritarianism, Normative Threats and Support for Restrictions on Freedom of Speech
Kris Brown (UU)	Seeing Political Narratives: Visual Methodology and Spectacle in a Deeply Divided Society

8D Voters and Parties in Comparative Perspective

Sunday 11:30-13:00 | Europa Hotel, Copenhagen 2

Chair: Eoghan Kelly (QUB)

Stephan Köppe (UCD)	Turning Right? Homeowners and Partisan Preferences in Germany
Sarah Wagner (QUB)	An Authoritarian Left Party for Germany? A Study on the Voter Appeal of a Potential Wagenknecht Party
Kévin Saudé (University of Limerick)	The Effect of Negative Partisanship on Electoral Behaviour in Competitive Elections in Europe Between 1989-2019
Lucas Paulo da Silva (TCD)	Why Cross-Pressured Voters Are Always Right: Experimental Evidence for Partisan Media Effects
Sinéad C. M. Harrington (TCD)	A Change Would Do You Good: Accounting for Competition Dynamics in the Study of Party Change

About the Peter Mair Lecture

In 2012, the Political Studies Association of Ireland instituted the Peter Mair lecture in honour of one of Ireland's most distinguished political scientists. The lecture is delivered at the Association's annual conference and is to be published in *Irish Political Studies*.

This year's Lecture will be delivered by **Professor Nicole Bolleyer, Chair of Comparative Political Science at the Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU Munich (Germany)**.

She is the author of several monographs including 'The State and Civil Society: Regulating Interest Groups, Parties and Public Benefit Organizations in Contemporary Democracies' (Oxford University Press 2018) and 'Civil Society's Democratic Potential' (forthcoming with Oxford University Press). Her research has appeared in a wide range of leading journals such as *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics* and the *European Journal of Political Research*. She currently directs the ERC-Consolidator Grant CIVILSPACE (Grant agreement ID: 101001458).



How to Study Political Parties: From Civil Society to the State and Back

Cartel party theory has put the study of party-state relations high on the research agenda, deliberately shifting the focus of researchers away from an understanding of political parties on the basis of their relationship with civil society or, indeed, as part of civil society itself. As fruitful as this reorientation has been, shaping party research since the early 1990s, this lecture argues that the resulting emphasis on “parties as governors” has produced downsides of its own. Cartel party theory reinforced a separation of the study of parties from the study of other membership organizations considered the very fabric of civil societies. While their governing role makes parties indeed distinct from the latter, the lecture argues that what parties do and how they function should be also assessed against other organizations such as interest groups or associations through which citizens engage in joint activities including but not restricted to political interest representation. Hence, we can gain from a stronger reconsideration of the traditional perspective on political parties as one type within a broader class of membership organizations, a perspective that cartel party theory set out to correct. The contention is that bringing the study of party back to civil society will generate a broader understanding of the possible roles political parties can (or cannot) play in contemporary democracy than an exclusive study of party as a separate genus.

About the Joint Fellowship

This year's Fellowship is jointly awarded to **John Coakley, Emeritus Professor at University College Dublin**, and **Michael Gallagher, Emeritus Professor at Trinity College Dublin**, for their exceptional contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of Irish politics, the mission of the Association, and to the field of political science more in general.



John Coakley is Emeritus Professor in the School of Politics & International Relations at University College Dublin, and Distinguished International Professor at Queen's University Belfast. He is a member of the Royal Irish Academy and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar and a Fulbright Scholar. He was former President of the PSAI from 1988-1990 and the founding director of the Institute for British-Irish Studies at UCD (1999-2005, 2006-8). He was Secretary General of the International Political Science Association between 1994 and 2000, a fellow at the Wilson Centre from 2005-2006, and vice-President of the International Social Science Council from 2002-6. In July 2023, Coakley was the recipient of the International Political Science Association's prestigious Karl Deutsch Award, which recognises a prominent scholar engaged in cross-disciplinary research. His research interests lie across Irish politics, comparative politics, nationalism and ethnic conflict.



Michael Gallagher is Emeritus Professor of Comparative Politics and former Head of the Department of Political Science at Trinity College Dublin. He is a member of the Royal Irish Academy and has been Visiting Professor in New York University, City University, Hong Kong and Sciences-Po, Lille. His main areas of expertise are comparative electoral systems, political institutions, political parties, and Irish politics and he is author, co-author and editor of 19 books, including every edition of *Politics in the Republic of Ireland*.

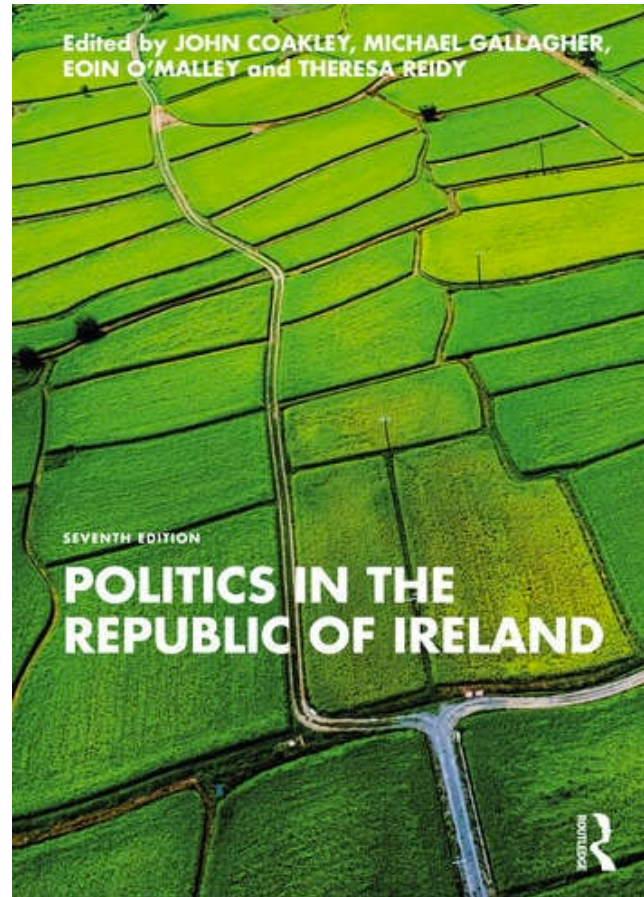
Recommended Reading

Politics in the Republic of Ireland (7th Edition).

Edited by John Coakley, Michael Gallagher, Eoin O'Malley and Theresa Reidy

Building on the success of previous editions, Politics in the Republic of Ireland continues to provide an authoritative introduction to all aspects of government and politics in this seventh edition. Written by some of the foremost experts on Irish politics, it explains, analyses and interprets the background to Irish government and contemporary political processes. It devotes chapters to every aspect of contemporary Irish government and politics, including the political parties and elections, the constitution, deliberative democracy, referendums, the Taoiseach and the governmental system, women and politics, the position of the Dáil, and Ireland's place within the European Union. Bringing readers up to date with the very latest developments, especially with the upheaval in the Irish party system and the implications of recent liberalising referendums, the seventh edition combines substance with a highly readable style, providing an accessible book that meets the needs of all those who are interested in knowing how politics and government operate in Ireland.

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Food and Drink

As the Conference is being held in Belfast City Centre, there are plenty of options to suit every budget! We have compiled a list of some of our favourites which we hope will be helpful to you, but this list is, of course, not exhaustive.

To help our vegetarian and vegan friends, those with especially good options are highlighted with a (V). Sit-down restaurants for dinner will require reservations to be made in advance.

BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

- The Pocket, Upper Church Lane (V)
- Established, Hill Street
- Neighbourhood, Donegall Street
- General Merchants Kiosk, Donegall Place (Closed Sunday)

LUNCH & DINNER

- Trademarket, Dublin Road (V)
- Common Market, Dunbar Street (V)
- St George's Market, East Bridge Street (Lunch Only)
- Jumon, Fountain Street (V)
- Madame Pho, Botanic Avenue (V)
- Umi Falafel, Botanic Avenue (V)
- Deanes, Howard Street
- Mourne Seafood Bar, Bank Street
- Home Restaurant, Wellington Place (V)
- Pizza on the Square, Donegall Square West (V)

DRINKS

- Santería, Fountain Street
- Trademarket, Dublin Road
- The Sunflower, Union Street
- Lavery's and The Woodworkers, Bradbury Place
- The Dirty Onion, Hill Street
- The Duke of York, Commercial Court
- The Crown, Great Victorial Street
- Kelly's Cellars, Bank Street
- Henry's, Joy's Entry
- White's Tavern, Winecellar Entry
- Town Square, Botanic Avenue
- Europa's Piano Bar, Great Victoria Street
- The John Hewitt, Donegall Street

Hotels

If you would prefer to book a different hotel to the rooms secured for PSAI at the Europa, there are plenty of options ranging in price within the vicinity. We recommend booking early.

- Botanic Backpackers, Fitzwilliam Street
- Premier Inn, Alfred Street
- Holiday Inn, Hope Street
- Travelodge, Brunswick Street
- Ten Square, Donegall Square South
- Ibis, Castle Street
- The Crescent Townhouse Hotel, Lower Crescent

To Do

This year's conference is being held in the City Centre, which is a short walk from the most famous (and beautiful!) parts of Queen's University. We recommend taking some time to see Queen's and have prepared a self-guided tour below that (without entering the Ulster Museum) should take approximately one hour.

Self-Guided Tour of Queen's University

From the City Centre, walk up Botanic Avenue and grab a coffee from Kaffe-O or Blue Train, and don't forget to visit No Alibis bookshop which has a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books (closed Sundays). After exiting Botanic Avenue, turn onto University Square to walk by the Queen's arts and humanities departments – the School of HAPP that are hosting this year's conference are based in houses 23-31. Once at the top of University Square, turn left to walk by the main gates of the Lanyon Building and snap the perfect photo. From here you can enter the Lanyon Building through the main entrance which takes you into the Black and White Hall. If you turn left through a set of glass doors and take the staircase, you will reach the Naughton Art Gallery (free entry). On exiting the Black and White Hall, you can take in the Quad at Queen's. Exit the quad and turn right to reach Botanic Gardens, where we recommend visiting the glass Palm House, the newly refurbished Tropical Ravine, and the Ulster Museum (all free entry). Buses back into the City Centre run from Malone Road at the front of the Lanyon Building, or Botanic Avenue behind the Lanyon Building, and can be paid for with contactless methods.

If you would prefer a guided tour of Belfast, the following are available (advanced booking advised):

- [Guru Walking Tour](#) (Free to book, pay what you want at the end)
- [DC Walking Tour](#) (£20pp)
- [Black Taxi Tour](#) (Price depending on number of passengers; begins at £60pp)
- [Seedhead Arts Street Art Walking Tour](#) (Only runs Sundays at 12 noon; £10pp. Please note this is not a dedicated political mural walking tour, but rather a tour of Belfast's varied street art)

How to Get to Belfast by Air, Train and Bus

Belfast City Centre is easily accessible by public transport which the conference organisers strongly encourage participants to use where possible.

By Train

Trains from Dublin Connolly Station terminate in Belfast at Lanyon Place Station which is a 20 minute walk from the Europa Hotel. Alternatively, the Glider G1 Bus runs from outside the train station and takes 12 minutes to College Square East - a two minute walk to the Europa Hotel.

By Bus

Buses from across the island of Ireland terminate at Europa Bus Centre. For those travelling from the Republic of Ireland, this will most likely require a change in Dublin. Please check with your local operator for the best route.

By Air

Belfast has two airports: Belfast City Airport (6 miles from City Centre) and Belfast International Airport (20 miles from City Centre). Airlines flying into Belfast (direct or through other airports) include easyJet, Ryanair, BA, Aer Lingus, KLM, Lufthansa etc. Both airports have buses that run regularly to Europa Bus Centre which is attached to the Europa Hotel. Please bring cash for your bus fare as a contingency. Dublin Airport (100 miles) services a wide range of international flights, and buses run frequently to Europa Bus Centre in Belfast. Advanced booking of your bus journey is advised and can be done via [Translink](#), [Dublin Express](#) or [Aircoach](#). Note that there are no train connections from Dublin Airport or either of Belfast's airports.

By Car

If you must travel by car, we strongly encourage carpooling with other conference participants where possible. Please check with Google Maps for the best route.



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