

CONFERENCE

HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY: LESSONS FROM THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

Thursday, 27 April 2006

Ireland is a stage for the working out of key issues in contemporary advanced human rights. Issues of protecting the populace against terrorism while safeguarding democratic values and individual rights – now at the centre of global concerns - have been struggled over in Ireland for the past half century. Cultural and ethnic division, inequality, conflicting national aspirations, a plural or multi-cultural society, old and new minorities: all of these are presently in evidence in the two jurisdictions on the island of Ireland, and, separately and together, the new Human Rights Commissions have grappled with the general issues of cosmopolitan rights and international law and the particular political and cultural concerns which give urgency to debates in Northern Ireland and in the Irish state.

This conference brings together international specialists and Irish practitioners to discuss the lessons of the past for the future in Ireland, Britain and the International arena.

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The Institute for British-Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary resource founded in 1999 and based in the School of Politics and International Relations at University College Dublin.

The aims of the Institute are:

- to promote and conduct academic research in the area of relations between the two major traditions on the island of Ireland, and between Ireland and Great Britain, from an interdisciplinary social science perspective
- to promote and encourage collaboration with academic bodies and with individual researchers elsewhere who share an interest in the exploration of relations between different national, ethnic or racial groups
- to promote contact with policy makers and opinion formers outside the university sector, and to ensure a free flow of ideas between the academic and the non-academic worlds.

The Institute organises conferences, an annual lecture series, seminars on work in progress and occasional guest lectures. Through these events, the Institute provides a platform for academics, politicians and public servants to share their knowledge and experience with each other and with the wider public.

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Opening Address
Mr Michael McDowell
Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform

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William Jefferson Clinton Auditorium
University College Dublin

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I will be attending the Reception

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OPENING ADDRESS 9.30-10.00 AM

Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform, Mr Michael McDowell

Minister McDowell will welcome the audience and give an opening address on the theme of the conference, *Human Rights and Security*.

SESSION 1, 10h00-11h00

Human Rights: The International Arena

Chair: Mr Noel Dorr (Former Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs)

Humanity, Terrorism, Terrorist War: Palestine, 9/11, Iraq, 7/7

—Professor Ted Honderich (Grote Professor Emeritus Philosophy of Mind & Logic, University College London)

Discussant: Professor Attracta Ingram (Head of School of Politics and International Relations, UCD)

SESSION 2, 11h15-12h45

Human Rights Lessons from the Past: Northern Ireland

Chair: Mr Ciarán Cuffe, TD, (Green Party, Dún Laoghaire)

Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in NI
Professor Colin Harvey, Director of the Human Rights Centre, Queen's University Belfast

Six Years on: Police Reform and Conflict Resolution in Northern Ireland

—Dr Graham Ellison (Lecturer in Criminology & Criminal Justice, Queen's University Belfast)

Discussant: Dr Christopher Farrington

SESSION 3, 14h15-15h45 ROUND TABLE

Human Rights or Security? Round Table

With:

Professor Monica McWilliams, Chairperson of the Northern Ireland Commission on Human Rights
Dr. Barry Vaughan, Lecturer in Criminal Justice, Whitaker School, Institute of Public Administration
Professor Catherine Frost, Political Science and Communications Studies, McMaster University, Ontario

Professor Elizabeth Meehan, Former Director of the Institute of Governance, QUB
And others.

SESSION 4, 16h00-17h30

Human Rights: The Future

Chair: Dr Maurice Bric, Chairman, Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Discourses in Transition – re-imagining women's security

—Professor Paddy Hillyard (Director of Research, Social Welfare, Social Control, Queen's University Belfast)

Hegemony, The 'War on Terror' and the NI Experience

—Professor Colm Campbell, (Associate Director, Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster)

Discussant: Dr Graham Finlay (School of Politics and International Relations, UCD)

**17.30 Reception
Launch of Research Report
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