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Participants in the Cross-Border Relations evening lecture on 10 December 2009 were (l-r): Deaglán de Breadún, Dick Spring, HE Julian King and Quintin Oliver

IBIS Annual Conference 2009

The IBIS Annual Conference - *Protestant Traditions and the Paths to Peace: Beyond the Legacies of Plantation* - took place at the Global Irish Institute, UCD on Tuesday, 9 June, 2009.

The conference examined the concept of the plural Protestant traditions in Ireland. Approximately 400 years after the plantation of Ulster, it asked how far that plantation set the parameters for a prolonged pattern of conflict. Clearly it did not generate a monolithic community with a uniform political programme. If its legacy was a core Protestant political tradition, that tradition was consistently challenged from two directions: on the one hand, by radical Protestants committed to post-Reformation principles; on the other, by a more secular and more accommodationist tradition.

The interplay between these traditions was crucially affected by their relation to the other community (comprising Catholics of Gaelic Irish and "old English" backgrounds) and Catholics' views of the Protestants in their midst.

The conference was not, however, intended as primarily a historical conference. The relevance or irrelevance of the past in its various guises and interpretations, for present politics and for current political progress in Northern Ireland, was also explored.

Speakers at the conference were: Ian d'Alton; Robert Armstrong; Kevin Bean; Vincent Browne; Anthony D Buckley; John Coakley; Mary Daly; Adrian Guelke; Stephen Howe; Brian Jackson; Rev. Brian Kennaway; Brigid Laffan; Martin Mansergh, TD; Orla Muldoon; Tadhg O'Hannrachain; Brendan O'Leary; Sir George Quigley; Joseph Ruane and Clifford Stevenson.

Book Launch

On 29 September 2009, An Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen, TD, launched *Judging Lemass: The Measure of the Man* by Professor Tom Garvin at the Royal Irish Academy.



An Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen, TD and Tom Garvin, UCD at the book launch in the Royal Irish Academy

Tom Garvin is Emeritus Professor of Politics at UCD and an honorary research fellow at IBIS. He has published extensively on Irish politics and has recently completed a book on newspapers and public opinion in 1950s Ireland.

Business Witness Seminars

Two witness seminars on the theme *The private sector, cross border cooperation and the Northern Ireland peace process* took place in 2009. The first, on 18 November, included: Laurence Crowley; Michael D'Arcy; Chris Gibson; Martin McAleese; Tim O'Connor and William Poole.



From l-r: William Poole, Michael D'Arcy, Tim O'Connor, Laurence Crowley, Chris Gibson and Martin McAleese

The second, on 10 December included: Liam Connellan; Frank Hewitt; John Kenna; Vincent O'Doherty and Eoin Magennis. These

seminars are an extension of a research project being conducted in IBIS entitled 'Breaking the patterns of conflict: The Irish state, the British dimension and the Northern Ireland conflict', which is funded by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Additional funding for these seminars and associated evening lectures was provided by InterTradelreland and Universities Ireland.



Pictured at the second business witness seminar are (l-r): Liam Connellan, Eoin Magennis, Jennifer Todd, Frank Hewitt and John Kenna

Cross-Border Relations Evening Lecture

The first of the business related evening lectures, *Cross-border relations: steps towards change*, took place at the Royal Irish Academy on 10 December 2009.



Participants in the cross-border relations lecture (l-r): Deaglán de Breadún, Dick Spring, Quintin Oliver and HE Julian King

The keynote speaker for the event was Mr Dick Spring, former Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in successive Irish governments.

Mr Spring focused on his experience of change in North-South relations during his periods in government

(1980s and 1990s). Mr Deaglán de Breadún of the Irish Times followed Mr Spring's address, looking at these and later changes. Following a lively Q & A session, closing comments were made by the British Ambassador, HE Julian King. The chair for the evening was Mr Quintin Oliver, director of Stratagem Ireland, who provided a civil-society focus.

Business Roundtable

Cross-border co-operation has tended to be the preserve of the Belfast-Dublin corridor. 'If it is to be meaningful, we need to hear Ballymena accents in Clare and Cork accents in Coleraine'. This was the message that Tim O'Connor, Secretary General at the Office of the President, delivered while chairing the second business-related event in the Royal Irish Academy on 10 February.

The seminar, North-South business



Speakers at the North-South business relations roundtable were (l-r): Sean O'Driscoll, Denis Rooney, Tim O'Connor, Jennifer Todd, HE Julian King, Senator Feargal Quinn, Lord Maginnis and Stephen Kingon

relations: what does and doesn't work, was co-sponsored by the British Embassy Dublin, and featured a roundtable discussion with leaders and CEOs from the state and state agency sectors, as well as leading figures from the political and academic fields. IBIS is grateful to the Department of Foreign Affairs' Reconciliation Fund for its support of the evening lecture series.



Members of the IBIS Advisory Board
Back row l to r:

Liam Nellis, Paul Gillespie, Ed Curran, Patrick Paul Walsh, Brian Jackson, Noel Dorr
Front row l to r:

Dame Joan Harbison, Bronagh Hinds, Ronnie Kells, Jennifer Todd

IBIS Advisory Board

The newly constituted IBIS Advisory Board met on 9 December 2009. The members are as follows: Professor Maurice Bric, Mr Matt Burney, Professor John Coakley, Mr Ed Curran, Professor Mary E Daly, Mr Noel Dorr, Dr Paul Gillespie, Dame Joan Harbison, Ms Bronagh Hinds, Dr Brian Jackson, Mr Ronnie Kells, Mr Tony Kennedy, Professor Brigid Laffan, Mr Liam Nellis, Sir George Quigley, Professor Jennifer Todd and Professor Patrick Paul Walsh. Biographies of each board member can be found on the IBIS website:

www.ucd.ie/ibis/about/advisoryboard

IBIS Annual Conference 2010

The next IBIS Annual Conference, in association with the Department of the Taoiseach, will take place at UCD on 20 May 2010. The theme for the event is: *A decade of centenaries: commemorating shared history*. More details will follow shortly.

Latest Working Papers

The IBIS pre-publication working paper series is based on work in progress. All working papers to date are available to download on the IBIS website. Since our last update an additional twenty-one working papers have been published and added to the IBIS website.

- 83 **Elizabeth Meehan**
From conflict to consensus: the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement. The British-Irish and European contexts
- 84 **Sir George Quigley, Tony Kennedy, Martin Mansergh**
The impact of devolution on everyday life: 1999-2009
- 85 **Aidan Gough and Eoin Magennis**
The impact of devolution on everyday life: the case of cross-border commerce
- 86 **Gladys Ganiel and Claire Mitchell**
Everyday evangelicals: life in a religious subculture after the Belfast Agreement
- 87 **Neil Jarman and John Bell**
Routine divisions: segregation and daily life in Northern Ireland
- 88 **Elizabeth Meehan and Fiona Mackay**
A "new politics" of participation?
- 89 **Siobhan Byrne**
Women and the transition from conflict in Northern Ireland: lessons for peace-building in Israel/Palestine
- 90 **Niamh Hardiman and Muiris MacCarthaigh**
Breaking with or building on the past? Reforming Irish public administration: 1958-2008
- 91 **Frank Barry**
Agricultural interests and Irish trade policy over the last half-century: a tale told without recourse to heroes
- 92 **Graham Brownlow**
Fabricating Economic Development
- 93 **Bryan Fanning**
From developmental Ireland to migration nation: immigration and shifting rules of belonging in the Republic of Ireland
- 94 **Thomas P Murray**
The curious case of socio-economic rights
- 95 **Peter Murray**
Educational developmentalists divided? Patrick Cannon, Patrick Hillery and the economics of education in the early 1960s
- 96 **Tom Garvin**
Dublin opinions: Dublin newspapers and the crisis of the fifties
- 97 **Martin Mansergh, Jeffrey Donaldson and John Bradley**
North-South relations after the boom: the impact of the credit crunch on mutual relations and understandings
- 98 **Tadhg O hAnnrachain**
The Church of Ireland and the native Irish population in plantation Ulster
- 99 **Adrian Guelke**
The flexibility of Northern Ireland Unionists and Afrikaner Nationalists in comparative perspective

- 100 Anthony D Buckley**
Amity and enmity: variety in Ulster Protestant culture
- 101 Rev Brian Kennaway**
All change but no change: can we learn the lessons from the past?
- 102 Clifford Stevenson**
Beyond divided territories: how changing popular understandings of public space in Northern Ireland can facilitate new identity dynamics
- 103 Orla T Muldoon, Niamh McNamara, Paula Devine, Karen Trew and Lizanne Dowds**
Inter and intragroup emotion and social identification: a real world study

In addition to the working papers a new series of Discussion Papers on the themes of Politics and Identity and Breaking Patterns of Conflict is also available to download on the website. To date there are 12 papers in total.

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25 January: The Consultative Group on the Past in Northern Ireland publishes its report. Of its 30-plus recommendations on how the past should be dealt with, the proposal to award an ex-gratia recognition payment of £12,000 to the nearest relatives of all victims attracts sustained controversy.

25 February: Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Shaun Woodward, rules out the proposal to pay £12,000 to the families of conflict-related victims.

26 February: The Ulster Unionist Party and the Conservative Party confirm plans to fight election in Northern Ireland on a joint ticket under the new name of 'Ulster Conservatives and Unionists – New Force'.

7 March: Two British soldiers are shot and killed as food they had ordered was delivered to Massareene

Barracks, County Antrim. The Real IRA claim responsibility for the murders.

10 March: Constable Stephen Carroll is shot and killed in Craigavon, County Armagh. He is the first policeman to be killed in Northern Ireland since 1998 and the first representing the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The Continuity IRA claim responsibility.

7 May: The Independent Monitoring Commission reports that dissident republican activity has been "at its most serious level since we started to report", and that the violence was an "attempt to destroy the peace process and...disrupt the increasing community acceptance of normal policing."

21 May: The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission agrees to publish details of all MLAs' transactions from September 2009 onwards. Amidst a continued media storm over MPs' expenses in Westminster, the Commission announces in June that the details of MLAs' expenses from April 2003 onwards will be made available online.

24 May: Community worker and father-of-four, Kevin McDaid, is beaten to death by loyalists following a Celtic-Rangers match. The case is brought before the Police Ombudsman following allegations that the police had refused to tackle the growing sectarianism in the area.

8 June: Sinn Féin's Bairbre de Brún tops the poll in the European Parliamentary election in Northern Ireland. In contrast, Sinn Féin suffers major setbacks to its aspirations as a party of government in the Republic, losing its only seat. Jim Nicholson of the Ulster Conservatives and Unionists and Diane Dodds of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) are also elected in Northern Ireland.

12 July: At least one shot is fired at the police during disturbances by republicans following Orange Order parades in north Belfast. Dissident republicans are suspected of escalating the rioting in an attempt to undermine Sinn Féin and the IRA. Elsewhere, for the first time, most shops in Belfast city centre remain open during the holiday.

24 September: Lord Saville announces that the Bloody Sunday

Inquiry's final report will be delayed until 22 March 2010, owing to his underestimating the time it will take to print and publish the 4,500-page document.

11 October: The Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) announces an end to its armed struggle.

21 November: Dissident republicans are blamed for leaving a 400lb car bomb outside the Policing Board's headquarters in Belfast.

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6 January: The Ulster Defence Association (UDA) confirms that its weaponry has been put beyond use.

8 January: PSNI Constable Peadar Heffron is seriously injured when a bomb explodes under his car. Dissident republicans are blamed for the attack.

11 January: Peter Robinson steps aside temporarily as First Minister following a series of allegations concerning financial improprieties and an extra-marital affair involving his wife, Iris. Arlene Foster is designated to act in his place. Mr Robinson resumes office on 3 February.

25 January: Gordon Brown and Brian Cowen arrive in Hillsborough Castle to discuss the escalating row over the devolution of policing and justice with the DUP and Sinn Féin.

5 February: Agreement is reached on devolving policing and justice powers following two weeks of negotiations.

8 February: A statement issued by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning confirms that decommissioning by the Official IRA has been concluded.

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