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*An Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen, TD is welcomed by Dr Hugh Brady, UCD President, to the IBIS Annual Conference*

## IBIS Annual Conference 2010

'For most of the last century when we looked across the border, we saw and were wary of the "other". We forced each other into making choices, into defining ourselves in exclusive terms. We failed to recognise that, even though we have different traditions and perspectives, what we share is much more important than what separates us.'

The Taoiseach, Mr Brian Cowen, TD thus addressed the audience at the IBIS annual conference on 20 May 2010. Entitled **A Decade of Centenaries: Commemorating Shared History**, the conference, focused on shared commemoration of a decade of upcoming centenaries including the 1916 rising, the War of Independence and the Great War. The theme of the conference was our interpretation of history and how the conflicts of the past define how we attempt to regulate and transform conflict in the future, both locally and in a global context.

At the beginning of a decade of centenaries, it is necessary, as Dr Hugh Brady, UCD President noted in his welcome speech, 'to understand and explain how these conflicts were generated, and to do so in a way that allows all of us, in both parts of the island, and indeed in Britain, to move beyond the causes of conflict and to use the experience to help those caught in conflict in other parts of the globe'.

Mr Nelson McCausland, MLA, Minister for Culture, addressed the audience on the topic of a 'shared future', noting that 'while these anniversaries are to be welcomed as opportunities for celebration, commemoration and inspiration', they are also 'opportunities to examine, re-evaluate and interrogate the past.'

This was the third annual conference organised by IBIS in association with the Department of the Taoiseach. Academic and media speakers at the conference included: David Adams, Ian Adamson, Brian Feeney, David Hoey, John Horne, Tony Kennedy, Brigid Laffan, Evanthia Lyons, Marc



*Nelson McCausland, MLA, speaking at the IBIS Annual Conference 2010*

Mulholland, Margaret O'Callaghan, Daltún Ó Ceallaigh, John O'Dowd, Ronnie Pedlow, Sir George Quigley and Bill Rolston.

The full speeches by Mr Cowen, Dr Brady, Sir George Quigley and Mr McCausland are available on the IBIS website.

## IBIS / Stratagem Seminar



*From l-r: Quintin Oliver, Jennifer Todd, Dawn Purvis, MLA, Bronagh Hinds, Jim Fitzpatrick*

IBIS and Stratagem, a Northern Ireland based lobbying company, co-hosted an event at the Linen Hall Library, Belfast on Thursday, 2 December 2010. Entitled **Patterns of Conflict Resolution: How to Draw Lessons from Northern Ireland**, it built on an IBIS research project of the same name which uses the Northern Ireland case as a benchmark for comparative study. Guest speakers included: Jim Fitzpatrick (BBC); Bronagh Hinds (DemocraShe); Quintin Oliver (Stratagem); Dawn Purvis, MLA and Jennifer Todd (University College Dublin). The seminar used the initial findings of the research project as the basis for discussion as to how lessons can be learned and shared with other conflict areas. IBIS funding for the event came from the Irish Research Council for

the Humanities and Social Sciences, the Conflict Resolution Unit of the Dept of Foreign Affairs and the DFA Reconciliation Fund.

## Breaking Patterns Conference and Workshop

A conference, based on the **Breaking Patterns** research project, described below, was held at UCD on Friday 12 March, 2010. It was initiated to build on findings from the project, which aims to assess how British and Irish policy promoted and instigated change in the patterns of conflict in Northern Ireland. Participants included Avila Kilmurray (Community Foundation for Northern Ireland), Professor Stanley Samarasinghe (Tulane University) and Professor Jon Tonge (University of Liverpool) as well as six members of the IBIS team.

In addition, to mark the end of the research project, a workshop was held on Thursday, 9 September, 2010. Fifteen participants presented their research findings and the workshop was attended by graduate students involved in conflict-related studies.

To coincide with the workshop, two public seminars were held in the School of Politics and International Relations, UCD on Friday, 10 September: Professor Stanley Samarasinghe (Tulane University) - 'Winning the war but losing the peace? The challenges facing post-conflict Sri Lanka' and Professor Jon Fraenkel (ANU College of Asia and the Pacific) - 'The Analysis of Preferential Voting Systems in Deeply Divided Societies – Perspectives from Fiji, PNG and Northern Ireland'.

The project is funded by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

## Upcoming Events

On **Wednesday, 23 March, 2011** IBIS, in association with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and the Ulster Museum (and in co-operation with the British Council) will host an arts-

themed event – **Culture after Conflict: Between Remembrance and Reconciliation** – at the Ulster Museum, Belfast. The event aims to create a forum to facilitate discussion and debate on the role of culture in remembering the Northern Irish conflict and fostering reconciliation and peace. Taking a multifaceted approach to 'peace process culture' by considering various art forms and media, such as photography, performance, drama, film and visual art, this one-day conference brings together artists from different backgrounds and practices to reflect upon the complexities of the different approaches to conflict resolution and reconciliation, complementing these insights with contributions from academics and civil society actors.

Participants include: Gerry Anderson, Robert Ballagh, Pat Cooke, Rita Duffy, Alan Gillis, Anthony Haughey, Eamonn Hughes, Edna Longley, Martin Lynch, Medbh McGuckian, Philip Napier, Anthony O'Kane, Philip Orr, David Park and Glenn Patterson. To pre-register, please call IBIS at 01 716 8670 or email [ibis@ucd.ie](mailto:ibis@ucd.ie)

There will be an evening lecture on the topic of **Conflict Resolution and Transitional Justice** on **Thursday, 31 March, 2011** at Buswells Hotel, Dublin. Professor Colm Campbell of the Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster and Dr David Bloomfield, Chief Executive of the Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, will be the speakers. To pre-register, please call IBIS at 01 716 8670 or email [ibis@ucd.ie](mailto:ibis@ucd.ie)

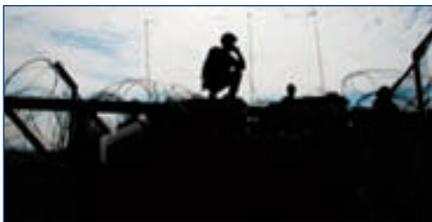
IBIS and the Centre for War Studies at UCD are jointly organising a public evening lecture at UCD on **Wednesday, 6 April 2011**. Professor Stathis Kalyvas of Yale University will give a talk on **The Transformation of Civil Wars, 1810-2010**. Professor Kalyvas' current research includes the dynamics of polarisation and civil war, ethnic and non-ethnic violence, and the formation of cleavages and identities. To pre-register, please call IBIS at 01 716 8670 or email [ibis@ucd.ie](mailto:ibis@ucd.ie)



Stathis Kalyvas, who will give an evening lecture on 6 April at UCD

## IBIS Research

IBIS continues to host a well-managed and very active research cluster of doctoral and post-doctoral scholars. Originally founded in the wake of the Good Friday Agreement, IBIS has in recent years expanded its remit to become an authoritative voice on conflict and ethnic violence within a global context. Taking Northern Ireland as its template; it places Irish achievements in comparative perspective.



The three year, IRCHSS-funded, research project, **Breaking the Patterns of Conflict: the Irish State, the British Dimension and the Northern Ireland Conflict**, came to a close on 30 September 2010. Over 80 Irish, British and US politicians and officials participated in the project, translating to over 100 hours of taped material. This is in addition to an earlier phase of interviewing with 64 individuals involved in negotiating the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. All are transcribed and deposited in the UCD archives and will be available to researchers, pending embargoes.

In an invaluable spin-off from the 'Breaking Patterns' project, a coded set of **Dáil debates** for analysis of the changing attitudes to Northern Ireland has been assembled by two members of the IBIS research team. Along with the John Whyte archive,

these debates will be housed in the UCD archive for future research.

Another research project, **Patterns of Conflict Resolution: Mechanisms and Sequences of Peace Making and Peace Building. How to Draw Lessons from Northern Ireland**, also drew to a close, in December 2010. Funded by the Conflict Resolution Unit of the Department of Foreign Affairs via the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, this project built on research conducted at IBIS on the succession of attempts at conflict resolution in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Final papers from the project, in addition to policy documents on specific case studies – Ivory Coast, East Timor, Republic of Macedonia, Mindanao, Northern Ireland, Great Lakes region, Rwanda and Zanzibar - are now available to view and download on the IBIS website.

## IBIS Blog

The IBIS blog is now up and running and can be accessed via the homepage of the IBIS website or via the following link:

<http://www.ucdblogs.org/ibis/>.

Contributions will be sought on a regular basis from our network of research associates. We invite all IBIS followers to make comments on the postings.

## IBIS 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, the following papers are in publication and will be added to the IBIS website.

- 104 **John O'Dowd**  
*Remembering the constitution: the Easter proclamation and constitutionalism in independent Ireland*

- 105 **David Adams**  
*Perceptions and memories of the Great War*
- 106 **John Horne**  
*Commemorating the centenary of the Great War and the division of Ireland: a European perspective*
- 107 **Patrick Paul Walsh and Ciara Whelan**  
*Hirschman and Irish industrial policy*

In addition to the working papers a series of **Discussion Papers** on the themes of *Politics and Identity*, *Breaking Patterns of Conflict* and *Patterns of Conflict Resolution* is also available to download on the website. To date there are 22 papers in total.

## Institutional Repository

IBIS has recently uploaded its working and discussion papers to the UCD institutional repository. By linking scholarly publications to an array of search engines, IBIS will benefit from an expanded audience and increased citations from IBIS research. Already between June and December 2010, over 1,500 uploads of IBIS papers have been recorded.

## Policy Analysis

IBIS was recently commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust to prepare an analysis of Northern Ireland's policy framework documents. The report, 'From a "shared future" to "cohesion, sharing and integration"', was finalised at the end of September 2010 and received considerable publicity in the Northern Ireland media.

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## IBIS Update

**Michael Anderson**, Government of Ireland Doctoral Scholar, has completed his PhD thesis on identity shift among working class loyalists in the conflict transformation period. The study draws attention to the fact that the decline in indicators of social well-being, including educational participation, employment and social cohesion, is undermining how loyalists feel about themselves and their role in society. The loss of their industrial prowess is accelerating feelings of uncertainty and a loss of confidence. This, the study argues, is leading to perceptions of marginalisation and alienation that are steadily undermining their support for the institutions and structures of the state in the post-Agreement era.

**Professor Tom Garvin** continues as honorary research fellow at IBIS and has recently published a book entitled **News from a new Republic**, a study of Dublin journalism in the 1950s. An interpretative narrative, based largely on a close reading of contemporary newspaper reports and analyses, it identifies the primary causes of the calamity as a revolutionary gerontocracy that overstayed its welcome; the blocking power of powerful special interest groups who alone benefited from economic protection; and an ideology of rural frugality, buttressed by an under developed educational system and supported by the moral monopoly of the Catholic Church.

## British-Irish Developments

### Chronology

#### 2010

**22 February:** The Real Irish Republican Army (RIRA) is blamed for exploding a car bomb outside a courthouse in Newry. This was the first successful car bomb attack in Northern Ireland since 2000.

**25 February:** The Independent International Commission on

Decommissioning issues its last report, recording the decommissioning of weapons by the Ulster Defence Association, the Irish National Liberation Army and the (Official) Irish Republican Army.

**19 March:** The British government announces that the Saville Report into Bloody Sunday will not be published until after the general election. Dissident republicans are blamed for a series of bomb scares across Northern Ireland that brings traffic to a standstill in Derry and Belfast.

**25 March:** Lady Sylvia Hermon resigns from the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) and announces that she will contest her North Down seat as an independent.

**30 March:** Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Chief Constable, Matt Baggott, announces that he intends to wind up the Historical Enquiries Team within three years. The team was set up in September 2005 to investigate the unsolved murders committed during the Troubles.

**6 April:** Prime Minister Gordon Brown announces that the British general election will take place on 6 May.

**12 April:** A dissident republican group, Óglaigh na hÉireann, claims responsibility for detonating a car bomb outside the MI5 headquarters at Palace Barracks in Holywood, County Down.

**22 April:** Three people are injured when a car bomb explodes at Newtownhamilton PSNI station.

**6 May:** In election to UK House of Commons, Conservatives make significant gains and go on to form coalition government with the Liberal Democrats; in Northern Ireland, the DUP suffers some losses, including the seat of party leader Peter Robinson, won by Naomi Long (Alliance Party).

**12 May:** Owen Paterson takes over from Shaun Woodward as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

**15 May:** Sir Reg Empey announces resignation as UUP leader following

loss of all seats in general election; appointment to House of Lords announced 19 November.

**20 May:** Prime Minister David Cameron visits Belfast and announces that Stormont can defer spending cuts for a year. Secretary of State Owen Paterson says that Northern Ireland's public sector accounts for 75% of the economy and is unsustainable in the long-term.

**10 June:** The Saville Report on Bloody Sunday is published. It finds that the victims were unarmed and posed no threat to the armed forces. It concludes that the killings occurred not as a result of premeditated activity, but due to the actions of the individual soldiers. Prime Minister Cameron apologises for 'unjustified and unjustifiable' events.

**22 September:** Tom Elliott is elected leader of UUP.

**6 November:** Three PSNI officers are injured after a grenade is thrown at them as they were investigating a robbery on Shaw's Road in west Belfast. Óglaigh na hÉireann claims responsibility.

**7 December:** Sinn Féin leader and West Belfast MP Gerry Adams stands down from his Westminster seat to contest the Louth seat in the Dáil elections.

#### 2011

**20 January:** Sinn Féin's Conor Murphy resists calls for his resignation as Minister for Regional Development following over 40,000 homes being left without water over the holiday period. Northern Ireland Water chief executive had already resigned.

**24-27 January:** Antrim Road in Belfast is closed after three bomb threats. Approximately 100 homes and businesses are evacuated.

**30 January:** The last Bloody Sunday march is held.

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