

2005

Oct 15 Government's power to legislate for Northern Ireland in devolved areas by means of Orders in Council extended for further six months

Oct 19 Independent Monitoring Commission issues first report on paramilitary activity in wake of IICD report.

Nov 22 Northern Ireland Office proposes to reduce number of councils from 26 to seven

Nov 23 Angry Commons exchanges take place during second reading of bill to indemnify paramilitaries, police and soldiers for criminal acts prior to Belfast agreement.

Nov 23 Northern Ireland Offences Bill receives Second Reading. Division is won by Government by 310 votes to 262.

Dec 12 British-Irish Council sectoral group on drugs meets in Dublin

2006

Jan 11 Northern Ireland secretary, Peter Hain, withdraws 'on the runs' bill in face of cross-party opposition.

Jan 22 Democratic Unionist Party publishes paper reiterating support for nonexecutive power-sharing excluding Sinn Féin

Feb 7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee debates Northern Ireland budget order

Feb 16 Government introduces bill paving way for eventual devolution of police and justice policy to Northern Ireland

Mar 2-3 British-Irish Council social exclusion group meets in Edinburgh

Mar 31 Government power to legislate for Northern Ireland by order in council extended for seventh time.

Apr 3 Minister Dermot Ahern welcomes demolition of remaining observation towers in South Armagh

Apr 4 Secretary of State, Peter Hain MP visits Dungannon and South Tyrone

Apr 24 Speech by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the British Irish Inter Parliamentary Body

May 17 Minister Dermot Ahern announces 'green light' for Derry Airport investment

May 23 Address by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the British and Irish Ombudsman Association

May 26 Minister Ahern welcomes IFI funding recommendation for reconciliation work on border counties

May 29 Minister Ahern announces funding of over €1 million for reconciliation groups.

May 31 Joint statement is released on cross-border cooperation on criminal justice matters from David Hanson, MP and Michael McDowell TD.

New IBIS
Publications

Christopher Farrington launched his new book, *Ulster Unionism and the Peace Process* in Northern Ireland, published by Palgrave MacMillan, at a conference hosted by the Institute for British-Irish Studies on 15th June. The book is the first study to examine the political positions of Unionists in relation to the Northern Ireland peace process and to explain the changing dynamics of Ulster Unionist politics. It addresses why Unionists have been so reticent about political change and how this affects the search for a lasting settlement in the Northern Ireland conflict.

Other Publications

Meanwhile, IBIS researchers have published in: *Theory and Society*; *Political Studies*; *Irish Political Studies*; *Ethno-politics* and other journals

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Left from right above: Jennifer Todd, Director of IBIS, Michael McDowell, Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform, Hugh Brady, President UCD, and Monica McWilliams, Chairperson of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

The IBIS Annual Conference on 'Human Rights and Security: Lessons from the Past for the Future' was held on 27 April 2006.

The conference was opened by Mr Michael McDowell, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, who was welcomed by the President of the University, Dr Hugh Brady.

The Minister gave a wide-ranging opening address in which he discussed the dangers of international terrorism and the Irish response. Mr McDowell emphasised the strong human rights protection in the Irish Constitution, the ways in which the Irish government has learned from its earlier experience in dealing with terrorism, both in the methods that are effective and in the need to revise aspects of early legislation that breach contemporary liberal standards. Mr McDowell also gave an expansive analysis of the contemporary Northern Ireland situation, while condemning the disruption of the loyalist march in Dublin in February. After a substantive contribution, he answered questions from the audience.

Noel Dorr chaired the first academic session, where Ted Honderich discussed the definitions of terrorism and the moral principles by which it should be assessed. Developing the notion of 'principle of humanity', he argued that the foundation of Israel was justified, 9/11 was unjustified, Palestinian resistance to present Israeli policies is justified, and that whilst 7/7 was understandable, it was unjustified.

Attracta Ingram questioned whether Honderich's 'principle of humanity' was sufficient for the moral job to which he put it. She argued for introducing the notion of dignity of humanity. She pointed out that resistance to ethnic states might better be justified on non-ethnic and non-national (cosmopolitan) than on ethno-national grounds. A lively interchange with the floor followed, with the audience willing to dispense with their coffee break in order to participate in the discussion. In the next panel, Colin Harvey (QUB) outlined the process of 'mainstreaming' human rights in Northern Ireland, arguing that substantive arguments today take place in the language of human rights.

Graham Ellison (QUB) gave a detailed discussion of the changes in the policing system, drawing lessons from Northern Ireland: that there are no quick security solutions; that Northern Ireland exemplifies both international best practice, and worst practice. Christopher Farrington as discussant raised the question of the relational character of rights, and – as the conference was running overtime and Ciaran Cuffe had to leave – chaired the ensuing discussion. After lunch, a lively roundtable addressed the tensions and potentially contradictory imperatives of human rights and security. Monica McWilliams, Chief Commissioner with the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, argued that human rights were at the core of institutions for conflict transformation and that an urgent priority was to address human rights violations in the past. She argued that the mainstreaming of human rights in education was of particular importance. Barry Vaughan of the IPA pointed out the effect of counter-terrorist measures on the criminal justice system in the Irish State. Catherine Frost of McMaster University, Canada, argued that there could be unexpected effects of human rights discussions which start from a 'two communities' perspective for more general issues, as happened in Canada. Elizabeth Meehan, of QUB and UCD, pointed out the deliberate attempt to enshrine universalistic principles of human rights, above nationalism and unionism, in the Good Friday Agreement. In the final panel of the day, Paddy Hilyard of QUB drew on comparative qualitative research involving extensive interviewing to argue that there is a clear gender differentiation in concepts of security, which is often seen as a 'man's word'. Colm Campbell of the Transitional Justice Institute UUJ, discussed the interaction of power and law in the international arena, with a major impact on how international law is framed and frames in turn actors and conflict. Graham Finlay of UCD discussed the normative assumptions implicit in the papers. During the reception which followed, the preliminary report of the research project on Intergenerational Transmission and Ethnonational Identity in the (Irish) Border Area was launched by Elizabeth Meehan, with Karen Trew of

QUB thanking her. The conference was supported by the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation and the European University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation. Professor Attracta Ingram was the Academic Convenor of the conference.

Latest Working papers

The IBIS pre-publication working paper series is based on work in progress. Individual papers are available from IBIS (a small charge applies to multiple orders).

Since our last issue, the following additional working papers have appeared:

54. - Joan Henderson and Paul Teague, *The Belfast Agreement & Cross-Border Economic Cooperation in the Tourism Industry*

55. - Liam O'Dowd & Cathal McCall, *The Significance of the Cross-Border Dimension for Promoting Peace and Reconciliation*

56.- John Coakley, Brian Ó Caoidealbháin and Robin Wilson, *The Operation of the North-South Implementation Bodies.*

57. - Stephen Roper, *Cross Border and Local Cooperation on the Island of Ireland: an Economic Perspective*

58. -Jennifer Todd, *A Puzzle Concerning Borders and Identities: Towards a Typology of Attitudes to the Irish Border.*

59.-Andy Pollak, *Educational Cooperation on the Island of Ireland: A Thousand Flowers and a Hundred Headaches.*

60. - Cormac Ó Gráda & Brendan M Walsh, *Did (and does) the Irish Border Matter?*

61. - Liam O'Dowd, Cathal McCall & Ivo Damkat, *Sustaining Cross-Border Cooperation: A Cross-Sectoral Case Study Approach.*

62. - Kevin Howard, *Diasporas and Ambiguous Homelands: A Perspective on the Irish Border.*

63. - Eoin Magennis, Patricia Clarke & Joseph Shiels, *Funding Support for Cross Border and North-South Cooperation on the Island of Ireland, 1982-2005: an Overview.*

64. - Alessia Cividin, *Rich Cross Border Cooperation: The Case of the Northwest Region.*

65. - Elizabeth Meehan, *Borders and Employment: Opportunities and Barriers*

66. - Kevin Howard, *Nationalist Myths: Revisiting Heslinga's "The Irish Border as*

a Cultural Divide".

67.- Kieran Rankin, *Theoretical Concepts of Partition and the Partitioning of Ireland.*

68.- Brian Ó Caoidealbháin, *Citizenship and Borders: Irish Nationality Law and Northern Ireland.*

69.- Katy Hayward, *Contention, Competition and Crime: Newspapers' Portrayal of Borders in the North-West of Ireland.*

70.-Kevin Howard, *Continuity and Change in a Partitioned Civil Society: Whyte Revisited.*

71. - Kevin Howard, *Territorial Politics and Irish Cycling.*

72. - John Bradley, *An Island Economy or Island Economies? Ireland after the Belfast Agreement.*

73.- John Bradley, *Industrial Development in Ireland, North and South: Case Studies of the Textile and Information Technology Sectors.*

74.- James Anderson, *Irish Border Communities: Questioning the Effects of State Borders and Ethnonational Identities.*

IBIS Update

Dr Peter McLoughlin was recently awarded an IRCHSS Post-doctoral Fellowship with the Institute for British-Irish Studies commencing on 1st October 2006. His area of study is **John Hume and the Revision of Irish Nationalism**. The project will critically assess the efforts of the former SDLP leader, John Hume, to revise certain tenets of traditional Irish nationalist thinking.

Michael Anderson has been awarded a Government of Ireland Doctoral Scholarship with the Institute for British-Irish Studies.

Susan Muldoon was appointed the new IBIS Administrator in December 2005. She is a UCD graduate and has worked as an administrator in UCD for eleven years.

Dr Kieran Rankin, former Post-doctoral Fellow on the Mapping Frontiers Project successfully completed his PhD entitled "The evolution and entrenchment of the Irish Border, 1911 - 1926: a political



Back row above, from l to r: Maurice Manning, Brigid Laffan, Roana Fanning, Attracta Ingram, Tony Reilly, Inez McCormack, Susan Muldoon, Dónal de Buitléir

Front row, from l to r: Noel Dorr, Jennifer Todd, Sir George Quigley (Chairperson of the Board), Monica McWilliams

The newly constituted Advisory Board of IBIS, pictured above, met on 24 March 2006. The members are as follows:

The Lord Ballyedmond, Dr Edward Haughey, is a Northern Irish businessman and politician. He was educated by the Christian Brothers in Dundalk, County Louth. He has been Chairman of the Newry based Norbrook Laboratories and Norbook Holdings since 1980.

Mr Conor Brady served as the editor of The Irish Times for 16 years. He is currently the Ombudsman for the Garda Commission and Chairperson of the British-Irish Association.

Dr Maurice Bric is Chairperson of the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences and is a member of the Higher Education Authority and the Royal Irish Academy. He lectures in History at UCD specialising in the history and culture of 18th century Ireland and America.

Professor John Coakley is one of the founding directors of the Institute for British-Irish Studies. He is principal investigator in the Mapping Frontiers Plotting Pathways Project which was funded by the Peace II Programmes for Peace and Reconciliation, under the North/South initiatives by the HEA and SEUPB.

Professor Mary E Daly is the Principal of the College of Arts and Celtic Studies in UCD. Her doctoral research was carried out at Nuffield College Oxford. She has been a member of the UCD Faculty since 1973, and has also held visiting positions at Harvard and Boston College

Dr Dónal de Buitléir is General Manager, Office of the Chief Executive, AIB Group.

Prior to joining AIB, he was Assistant Secretary in the Revenue Commissioners. He was Secretary to the Commission on Taxation 1980-1985 and a member of the Barrington Committee on Local Government Reorganisation and Reform (1990). He was a member of the Commission of Financial Management and Control Systems in the Health Service.

Dr Noel Dorr is Former Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs. As one of the most outstanding civil servants in the history of this state, Noel Dorr has continued to play a key role in international affairs. He was chair of the IBIS Board 1999 - 2005.

Professor Ronan Fanning is acting Professor of Modern History in UCD where he teaches an MA on the history of British-Irish relations in the School of History and Archives. He is writing a book on British policy in Northern Ireland 1968-74 and, to that end, was recently a Visiting Fellow at Peterhouse, Cambridge. He is a member of the Governing Authority of UCD

Professor Colm Harmon is Professor of Economics and Director of the UCD Geary Institute at University College Dublin. He has held a visiting appointment at University College London, the University of Warwick and Princeton University. Professor Harmon has specialist interest in the field of microeconometrics and the economics of evaluation and policy design.

Professor Attracta Ingram is Head of the School of Politics and International Relations. She is a member of the European Inter University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation

Mr Tony Kennedy has been Chief Executive of Co-operation Ireland since August 1992. Previously he has held the positions of Chief Housing Officer, Wakefield MDC, Regional

Director (North West), N.I. Housing Executive and Area Housing Manager, Belfast, N.I. Housing Executive. He was awarded an OBE in the 2004 New Year's honours list.

Professor Brigid Laffan is Principal of the College of Human Sciences in UCD. She is Research Director of the Dublin European Institute. She is also a Council Member at the Institute of European Affairs (IEA), Dublin and an advisor on EU enlargement to the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament) Foreign Affairs Committee.

Dr Maurice Manning is President of the Irish Human Rights Commission. He previously lectured in politics in UCD and has been visiting professor at the University of Paris (Vincennes) and the University of West Florida. He was a member of the Senate of the National University of Ireland and of the Governing Authority of University College Dublin.

Ms Inez McCormack, recently retired as Regional Secretary of Unison Northern Ireland. She has been active in the Northern Ireland civil rights movement for many years. She has played a key role in the labour union and human rights movements as an activist and campaigner nationally and internationally particularly in the field of economic and social rights.

Professor Monica McWilliams is currently the Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. She is a former member of the Assembly when she was part of the Women's Coalition, South Belfast.

Sir George Quigley is the Chairperson of the Board. He obtained a PH.D. in medieval ecclesiastical history from Queens University, Belfast. Entering the Northern Ireland Civil Service he was Permanent Secretary, successively, of the Departments of Manpower Services, Commerce, Finance, and Finance and Personnel. In 1989 he became Chairman of Ulster Bank. He also served on the Main Board of Nat West and as Chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland Pension Fund.

Mr Tony Reilly, has been Director of the British Council in Ireland since 2002. He Commissioned "Through Irish Eyes" in 2003. He has a first degree in Sociology & English.

Professor Jennifer Todd is the current Director of IBIS. She has published extensively on Northern Ireland and conflict, and on ethnicity and identity more generally. She is a Government of Ireland Senior Research Fellow for 2006-2007