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ANNOUNCEMENT

Guinness Newman Scholar

IBIS is pleased to announce the endowment by Guinness of a Newman Scholarship in British-Irish Studies. See the back page for details.

RECENT EVENTS

Conference

A very successful conference, *From political violence to negotiated settlement: the winding path to peace in twentieth century Ireland*, was held in UCD on 23 March 2001. This was organised by IBIS in association with Dr Maurice Bric, Department of History, UCD.

The conference brought academic perspectives (especially those of historians and social scientists) to bear on the issue of paramilitary violence in the Irish political tradition. Its starting point was the Good Friday agreement and the peace process that has been associated with it, and the accompanying strategic shift on the part of both loyalist and republican militants.

The keynote address by General John de Chastelain, chair of the Arms Decommissioning Body, examined the impact of the decommissioning issue on the Northern Ireland peace process. The other speakers were:

- Paul Bew, QUB, Unionism, nationalism and the challenge to parliamentary politics, 1912-1923
- Ronan Fanning, UCD, The legacy of the home rule conflict: the nationalist tradition
- Alvin Jackson, QUB, The legacy of the home rule conflict: the unionist tradition
- Michael Laffan, UCD, The triumph and containment of militarism: republicanism and Irish politics after 1913
- Eunan O'Halpin, TCD, The diplomacy of militarism: republicanism and the wider world since 1922
- Joe Ruane, UCC, Contemporary republicanism and the strategy of the armed struggle
- Paul Dixon, UU, Contemporary unionism and the strategy of resistance

A number of the conference papers are now available in the IBIS working papers series; see next page. A book based on the conference proceedings planned.



Noel Dorr, Chairman, IBIS, General John de Chastelain, Chairman, Arms Decommissioning Body, Dr Art Cosgrove, President of UCD and John Coakley, Director, IBIS at IBIS conference on 23 March 2001

LECTURES

Following the success of the joint public lectures series in 2000, IBIS and the Conference of University Rectors in Ireland have planned a new series of lectures for 2001. This year's theme explores a range of aspects of the peace-building process.

The first two sets of lectures, which took place earlier this year, examined the mechanics of the process of institution building that followed the Good Friday agreement:

30 April 2001

Building government institutions in Northern Ireland

Speakers: Deaglán de Bréadún, *The Irish Times*; Steven King, political adviser to Mr David Trimble, MP, MLA.

28 May 2001

Cross-border bodies and the North-South relationship

Speakers: Dr Martin Mansergh, Department of the Taoiseach, and Andy Pollak, Director of the Centre for Cross-Border Studies, Armagh.

The lecture series will continue in the autumn with sessions dealing with the perspectives of the Irish, British and American governments.

The papers from the 2000 IBIS/CRI lecture series, and the first two lectures of the 2001 series, have been included in the IBIS working papers series; see opposite.

IBIS WORKING PAPERS

The IBIS working papers series has now been launched. The series is based on work in progress and the Institute accepts no responsibility for views offered. Papers are deposited in copyright libraries and are available on request from the Institute's secretary.

The following is the current list of papers that are currently available on request.

1. Desmond O'Malley, *Redefining southern nationalism: a political perspective*; Tom Garvin, *Redefining southern nationalism: an academic perspective*
2. Dermot Nesbitt, *Redefining unionism: a political perspective*; Richard English, *Redefining unionism: an academic perspective*
3. Alban Maginness, *Redefining northern nationalism: a political perspective*; Jennifer Todd, *Redefining northern nationalism: an academic perspective*
4. David Ervine, *Redefining loyalism: a political perspective*; James McAuley, *Redefining loyalism: an academic perspective*
5. Mitchel McLaughlin, *Redefining republicanism: a political perspective*; Paul Arthur, *Redefining republicanism: an academic perspective*
6. Ned Thomas, *New Wales? New culture?*
7. Máiréad Nic Craith, *Cultural diversity in Northern Ireland and the Good Friday agreement*
8. John de Chastelain, *The Northern Ireland peace process and the impact of decommissioning*
9. John Coakley, *Ethnic conflict and its resolution: the new Northern Ireland model*
10. Eunan O'Halpin, *The geopolitics of republican diplomacy in the twentieth century*
11. Deaglán de Bréadún, *Building government institutions in Northern Ireland—strand one negotiations*; Steven King, *Building government institutions in Northern Ireland—implementing strand one*
12. Martin Mansergh, *Cross-border bodies and the North-South relationship—laying the groundwork*; Andy Pollak, *Cross-border bodies and the North-South relationship—implementing strand two*.

RESEARCH

The Institute is in a position to link in to other resources in UCD and its partner institutions in conducting research in areas relating to its objectives. The following are examples of current projects.

Oral archive

This project, under the direction of Dr Jennifer Todd, involves compiling an archive of audio-tape interviews with participants in the multi-party talks which led to the Good Friday agreement. Seventy individuals have been interviewed to date. These include negotiators from the political domain; interviews have also been conducted with key British and Irish public servants and with international figures involved in the peace process, including Senator George Mitchell and General John de Chastelain.

The interview tapes have been lodged in UCD's Archives Department and are under embargo for four years. At the end of the embargo, bona-fide researchers will be permitted to use the archive on condition that they make no direct quotations and no direct reference to the person interviewed until ten years after the interview took place. The project is funded by the John Whyte Fund and the Rowntree Foundation.

The Institute is currently working with Dr Todd on the next phase of the project and is planning the transcription of the tapes. This is designed to make the data more accessible for scholars.

Creating living institutions

The report on this project, entitled *Creating living institutions: cross-border and regional cooperation after the Good Friday agreement*, was launched by Ms Liz O'Donnell, TD, Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs, at a reception in Newman House on 9 May 2001. The research was carried out by Professor Brigid Laffan and Dr Diane Payne, Department of Politics, UCD, with the assistance of Jen-

nifer Brown, research assistant at the Institute. It was commissioned and funded by the Centre for Cross Border Studies, Armagh.

The launch was followed by a seminar at which the research team presented their findings to an invited audience from the public, private and community sectors in the North and South.

The focus of the study is on the role of the European programme for cross-border co-operation—INTERREG—in developing and promoting cross-border co-operation in the context of the new institutions. This enabled the authors to delve beneath the “high politics” of the Good Friday agreement to analyse the slow and somewhat tortuous creation of radically new political arrangements on this island. INTERREG is used as a means of analysing the organisational, procedural and policy networks that are evolving on a cross-border basis and which illustrate the opportunities for and obstacles to cross-border co-operation.

The research arrives at a number of key conclusions and follows them with a series of policy recommendations. The latter directly address the key challenges which face the range of policy interests involved in INTERREG, with particular attention being paid to the Special EU Programmes Body and the cross-border networks.

The report is available from the Centre for Cross Border Studies, 39 Abbey Street, Armagh BT61 7EB, or can be downloaded from the Centre's website www.qub.ac.uk/ccbs/PRcreatingliving.htm.

Monitoring devolution

The Institute is collaborating with Queen's University, Belfast, and Democratic Dialogue, Belfast, in a project designed to track developments in devolution-related areas within the United Kingdom. Entitled *Nations and regions: the dynamics of devolution* and funded by the Leverhulme Trust, overall coordination is provided by the Constitution Unit at University College London. As part of this project, IBIS director John Coakley has been monitoring de-

velopments in North-South and Irish-British relationships. Reports associated with the project are circulated to an extensive mailing list and made available on the web site of the Constitution Unit (<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/constitution-unit/leverh/index.htm>).

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting research fellowships

The Institute makes a number of visiting and honorary research fellowships available each year to persons wishing to contribute to its aims and work programme.

The selection of fellows is based on the complementarity between the research proposal submitted and the Institute's current research strengths and agenda. During their stay, fellows contribute to the work programme of the Institute, including its research seminars, working papers series and publications. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year. A sub-committee of the Institute's Board adjudicates on applications.

Further information is available on the IBIS website or may be obtained by contacting the IBIS office.

Honorary Associate 2001

Dr Adrian Millar has joined the Institute as an Honorary Associate. Dr Millar is the holder of a Government of Ireland post-doctoral fellowship at the Department of Politics in UCD. He obtained a BA in French Studies at the University of Manchester and a PhD at the Centre for Japanese Studies at the University of Sheffield before coming to UCD, where he completed another PhD at the Department of Politics. The latter research centred on a Lacanian psychoanalytic exploration of republicans in Belfast. His current post-doctoral research is a Lacanian analysis of loyalists in Belfast, focusing in particular on image, ideals and suffering in the loyalist community. Dr Millar can

be contacted at adrian.millar@ucd.ie.

IBIS WEB PAGE

The Institute's webpage is regularly up-dated to reflect our activities. Suggestions for revision of the page are welcome.

An extensive links page, which will constitute a significant resource for scholars working in the field of British-Irish political and constitutional research, is now available. Links fall into six main categories:

Official information: official (government) sites and other information sources, with some reference to news media (covers Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, all-Ireland bodies, England, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, European Union and elsewhere)

Political activism: political parties and other groups—covers geographical areas similar to the above

Education: universities, research centres and associations with an interest in Irish studies from a social science perspective. This page covers geographical areas similar to the above, as well as professional associations, libraries and other resources

Irish political documents: wide range of original documents of a rather diverse nature (reflecting availability of original material), comprising basic texts, reports from official and other bodies, and source material of various kinds

Guide to periodicals: general list of periodicals and journals, including print journals with electronic versions, newspapers and other news media, including links to live radio streams

Miscellaneous: wide assortment of links, including general Irish links, web resources and software, links to travel resources, and general reference material.

BRITISH-IRISH DEVELOPMENTS

Chronology

In future issues, we will include a chronology of recent developments. In this first version, we also provide a background chronology. For more detailed listings, see Sydney Elliott and WD Flackes, Northern Ireland: a political directory, 1968-1999. 5th ed. (Blackstaff, 1999), Paul Bew and Gordon Gillespie, Northern Ireland :a chronology of the Troubles, 1968-99 2nd ed. (Gill and Macmillan, 1999), and CAIN: Chronology of the conflict, <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/othelem/chron.htm>.

1993

Dec 15 Downing St Declaration by Prime Minister Major and Taoiseach Reynolds outlines path to settlement based on consent

1994

Aug 31 IRA announces ceasefire
Oct 13 Combined Loyalist Military Command announces ceasefire

1995

Feb 22 "Framework document" by Prime Minister Major and Taoiseach Bruton outlines talks parameters
Nov 30 President Clinton makes first visit to Northern Ireland

1996

Feb 6 IRA ceasefire ends with London bombing
May 30 Election of Northern Ireland Forum
Jun 10 Inter-party negotiations, excluding Sinn Féin, begin

1997

May 1 British general election brings Labour to power
Jul 20 IRA renew ceasefire
Sep 9 Sinn Féin enter multiparty talks

1998

Apr 10 Good Friday agreement reached at Stormont
May 22 Referendum in Northern Ireland supports agreement (71%); referendum in Republic endorses associated constitutional changes (94%)
Jun 25 Assembly election shows support for pro-Agreement parties

Jul 1 David Trimble and Seamus Mallon elected First Minister Designate and Deputy First Minister Designate at first meeting of Assembly

Aug 15 Bomb in Omagh planted by dissident "Real IRA" kills 29

Sep 3 President Clinton makes second visit to Northern Ireland

Dec 18 Agreement reached on cross-border bodies and on executive

1999

Sep 6 George Mitchell opens review of Good Friday agreement in attempt to break implementation deadlock

Sep 9 Patten report on policing recommends fundamental restructuring of police service

Nov 29 New Northern Ireland executive appointed

Dec 2 New institutions come into existence

Dec 13 First meeting of North/South Ministerial Council (NSMC)

Dec 17 First meeting of British-Irish Council

2000

Feb 11 UK government suspends executive and assembly and reinstates direct rule

Mar 25 David Trimble defeats Martin Smyth (57%-43%) in leadership election in Ulster Unionist Council

May 6 IRA announce willingness to have arms dumps inspected by independent observers

May 27 Ulster Unionist Council votes (53%-47%) to allow Trimble to re-enter the executive

May 30 UK government re-installs the new institutions

Sep 22 DUP defeat UUP in South Antrim by-election

Oct 9 First meeting of Civil Forum

Oct 28 Ulster Unionist Council supports (54%-46%) Trimble plan to remain in power but ban Sinn Féin participation in NSMC

Dec 12 President Clinton makes third visit to Northern Ireland

2001

Mar 1 Confirmation of first outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Co Armagh

May 8 Trimble announces plan to resign as First Minister in absence of progress on decommissioning

Jun 7 Elections to UK parliament show gains for DUP and Sinn Féin

Jun 7 Local elections reflect general election result

Jun 23 Trimble survives Ulster Unionist Council meeting without challenge

GUINNESS NEWMAN SCHOLAR AWARD

The Institute is pleased to announce the endowment of a Guinness Newman Scholarship in British-Irish Studies. The Newman Scholar programme was established in UCD in 1989 to provide post-doctoral research opportunities for scholars of proven academic excellence.

The scholar will enjoy a prestigious two-year fellowship with an attractive remuneration package.

Candidates should hold a doctoral degree or have equivalent research experience or professional qualification. They should have a particular interest in contemporary issues in the relationship between the two traditions on the island of Ireland and between Ireland and Britain. The successful candidate is likely to have a proven record in research in this field as indicated by publications in peer-reviewed national and international journals.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from:

The Personnel Office
University College Dublin
Belfield
Dublin 4

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academic.appointments@ucd.ie

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday 26 July 2001.

Mailing list

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