

## *Urban Conflicts: Ethno-National Divisions, States and Cities*

Queen's University Belfast, May 19 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

### *Conference Outline*

#### **Thursday 19 May**

8.45 am      **Registration**  
**Conflict in Cities Exhibition: Capturing Urban Conflicts** (Open During Conference Hours)  
**Poster Sessions**

9.30 – 11.00 **Parallel Sessions**  
Session A:    Governing Urban Public Space  
Session B:    Commemoration, Celebration and Contestation in the City  
Session C:    Visualising Divided Cities  
Session D:    Violence, Managing and Governing Divisions

11.00 – 11.30 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

11.30 – 1.00 **Parallel Sessions**  
Session A:    Religion and Sacred Space in the City  
Session B:    Dealing with Legacies of Conflict and Building Relationships  
Session C:    History, Conflict and Change in the City  
Session D:    Remembering, Reimaging, Reclaiming

1.00 – 2.00    ***Lunch***

2.00 – 3.30 **Parallel Sessions**

- Session A: Contested Cities and Contested States  
Session B: Urban Conflicts – Challenges and Management  
Session C: Remembering and Representing the Past  
Session D: Territorialism and Segregation

3.30 – 4.00 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

- 4.00 – 5.30 **Policy Panel:** *Policies and Progress on Conflict Transformation in Northern Ireland Cities*  
Sponsored and organised by Northern Ireland Community Relations Council (CRC)

- 6.00 **Keynote Address:** Professor Saskia Sassen: *Urban Space: Enabling the Powerless*

- 8.00 **Conference Dinner**

**Friday 20 May**

9.00 – 10.30 **Parallel Sessions**

- Session A: Historical Transitions and Reshaping Urban Space  
Session B: Culture and Identity  
Session C: Civil Society and International Agencies in Urban Conflicts  
Session D: Designing, Mapping and Reimagining the Conflict City

10.30 – 11.00 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

11.00 – 12.30 **Parallel Sessions**

- Session A: Governing Divided Cities  
Session B: Borders and Walls – Between the City and the State  
Session C: Segregation and Socio-Economic Divisions  
Session D: Art, Public Space and the Right to the City

12.30 – 1.30 ***Lunch***

1.30 – 3.00 **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Nation State and City

Session B: Using Public Space – Battles over Sharing

Session C: Urban Conflicts on Film

Session D: Conflict Management and Transformation

3.00 – 3.15 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

3.15 – 6.15 **Bus Tour of Belfast organised by ex-combatants**

**6.00 – 6.30 Tour of City Hall, Belfast**

6.30 -7.30 **Reception Belfast City Hall.** Welcome by the Lord Mayor of Belfast

### **Saturday 21 May**

9.00 – 10.30 **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Cities, Citizenship and Resistance

Session B: From Desegregation to Sharing

Session C: Spaces of Inclusion and Exclusion

Session D: Cities and Borders in Conflict

10.30 – 11.00 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

11.00 – 12.30 **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Teenagers in the Divided City

Session B: Cities Between the ‘Civic’ and the ‘Uncivil’

Session C: Conflicts in Cities Visualised

Session D: Urban Planning and Peace-Building

12.30 – 1.30 ***Lunch***

1.30 – 3.00 **Policy Panel** sponsored by World Bank Development Report – *Cities, Conflict and Development*

3.00 – 4.00 **Concluding Session**

## *Full Conference Programme*

*Note: Parallel Sessions will each include 3 paper presentations of 20 minutes duration plus 30 minutes for discussion.*

*Venues:* School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, 6 College Park (6CP)  
David Bates Building  
Peter Froggatt Centre  
School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, 2 College Park (2CP)

### **Thursday, 19 May**

8.45 am

**Registration**, Room G07, 6CP

**Conflict in Cities Exhibition: Capturing Urban Conflicts** (Open During Conference Hours)

**Poster Sessions, Reception 6CP:**

Montserrat Fargas, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast  
*Belfast Children Drawing Their Own Conclusions: A City's Past and Present*

Shawn M. Reming Jr., Institute of Irish Studies, School of History and Anthropology  
Queen's University of Belfast  
*Sharing the Past in a Divided City: Can the Ulster Museum function as shared space?*

Stephanie Smith, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast  
*The Relevance of Key Players in Belfast's Contact Programmes*

9.30 – 11.00

**Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Governing Urban Public Space (chair: Karl O'Connor, Exeter University), Room 1.37, 6CP

- Susan Salhany                    The Government of Symbolic Displays in Northern Ireland: The Case of the Parades Commission
- Lorraine Dennis                Work in Progress? Belfast - Local Government Discourse and the Transition from Divided to Shared City
- Mary-Kathryn L. Rallings    Negotiating 'Shared' Space in Belfast: Parades, Perceptions and Public Policy

Session B: Commemoration, Celebration and Contestation in the City (chair: Madeleine Leonard, Queen's University), Room OG.005, David Bates Building

- Kris Brown                      The Battles of St. Matthew's 1970 – 2010: Ritual, Narrative and Territory in the Divided City
- Therese Cullen                 The Pub and the Pulpit: Contesting St. Patrick's Day in Belfast
- Mick Dumper                  Ideology and Religion in a Divided City: Zionism, Christianity and the Politics of Exclusivity

Session C: Visualising Divided Cities (chair: Giulia Carabelli, Queen's University), Room 1.35, 6CP

- Merita Zekovic                 Cultural Mapping: Belfast and Sarajevo
- Cristina Carnevali             Derry/Londonderry and the Memoryscapes of the City: Past in Conflict with the Future
- Bree Hocking                  Art on the Frontlines: Civic Identity, Shared Space and the Re-imagined Battle Zone in 'Post-Conflict' Northern Ireland

Session D: Violence, Managing and Governing Divisions (chair: Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast), Room G26, 6CP

Shaul Cohen                      The Geography and Choreography of Ritualized Urban Violence in Jerusalem and Derry/Londonderry

Jonathan Byrne                      Belfast's Peacewalls: Actors and Agendas within the Emerging Policy Discourse

Goran Janev                      'Skopje 2014' and Macedonia's Ethnocracy or How to Divide a City

11.00 – 11.30                      *Coffee/Tea Break*

11.30 – 1.00                      **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Religion and Sacred Space in the City (chair: Liam O'Dowd, Queen's University Belfast), Room G26, 6CP

Matthew Wood                      Conflict Obscured: Public Religion in the Global City

Nimrod Luz                      Spatial Discourses of Sanctity as Means of Struggle and Empowerment in a Contested City: Israeli-Palestinians and Re-'Inventing of Traditions' Regarding the Haram al-Sharif

Wendy Pullan                      'Sacred Space as Paradox': The Situation in Jerusalem Today

Session B: Dealing with Legacies of Conflict and Building Relationships (chair: Lisa Smyth, Queen's University Belfast), Room 1.37, 6CP

Jim Campbell                      An Evaluation of a Teaching Programme to Enable Social Work Students to Deal with the Needs of Victims and Survivors of the Conflict in Northern Ireland

Maura Moore and Johnston Price                      'Neutral' or 'Shared' Spaces in the City?

Orna Brennan                      A Critical Theory of Social Capital in Contested Urban Space; The Case of North Belfast

Session C: History, Conflict and Change in the City (chair: Niall Ó Dochartaigh, National University of Ireland Galway), Room OG.005, David Bates Building

Roberto Mazza                      Urban Violence in the Holy City: A Test of National Struggle, the Nebi Musa Riots in 1920

Christopher Loughlin              That Damnable Northern Ireland Labour Party: Violence and Intimidation Against the Belfast Labour Movement, 1924 – 1930

James Anderson                    Historical Change and Difference in State/City Relations: Contextualising ‘Divided Cities’ in ‘Contested States’

Session D: Remembering, Reimagining, Reclaiming (chair: Paula Devine, Queen’s University Belfast), Room 1.35, 6CP

Gregory Maney and Lee Smithey

Re-Imaging and Re-Imagining Ethnonationalist Identities: A Longitudinal Study of Murals in West Belfast, Northern Ireland

Katy Radford                        Anniversaries, Arts and Shared Memories - Embedding or Liberating Divisions

Dominic Bryan                        People Don’t Like Flags: The Demarcation of Public Space in Northern Ireland

1.00 – 2.00                        ***Lunch***

2.00 – 3.30                        **Parallel Sessions**



Session A: Contested Cities and Contested States (chair: Wendy Pullan, University of Cambridge), Room G26, 6CP

- Samir Khalaf                      The Spaces of War and Postwar in Beirut
- Niall Ó Dochartaigh              Cities Inside-Out: The Externalization of Cities in Conflict
- Menachem Klein                    The Shift in Jerusalem from Border Discourse to Ethnic Conflict

Session B: Urban Conflicts – Challenges and Management (chair: Michelle Butler, Queen’s University Belfast), Room 1.37, 6CP

- Ruth McAlister                    Transitional Challenges for Loyalist Paramilitaries in ‘Post’ Conflict Belfast
- Katy Hayward and Milena Komarova  
    Conflict Management in Belfast: Between Reform and Performance
- Niamh Hourigan                    Feuds as Urban Conflicts: A Sociological Investigation of Inter-Family Feuding in Limerick City

Session C: Remembering and Representing the Past (chair: Katy Radford, Institute for Conflict Research, Belfast), Room 1.35, 6CP

- Sara McDowell                    ‘The Battle for Jerusalem’: Political Archaeology and Memory in the City of David
- David Kendall, Abbas Nokhasteh and Moustafa Traore  
    Paris 19: Mobility, Memory and Migration
- Nadia Capuzzo Derkovic            War Destructions and Public Memories. How Cultural and Artistic Forms Deal with the Past in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Session D: Territorialism and Segregation (chair: Brendan Murtagh, Queen's University Belfast), Room OG.005, David Bates Building

Bediz Yilmaz                      Spatial Segregation in a Turkish Mediterranean City

Ian Shuttleworth and James Anderson

Demographic Change Through Conflict: Belfast from the 1960s to the Present

Rudi Janssens

Language, Political Conflicts and the Principle of Territorialism in Brussels

3.30 – 4.00

*Coffee/Tea Break*

4.00 – 5.30

**Policy Panel Discussion: Policies and Progress on Conflict Transformation in Northern Ireland Cities. Sponsored and organised by Northern Ireland Community Relations Council (CRC). Room OG.007 Peter Froggatt Centre**

**Introduction** (James Anderson, Queen's University Belfast and Wendy Pullan, University of Cambridge)

**Panel Participants:**

Chair: Tony McCusker, CRC.

Michael Culbert, Director, Coiste na n-Iarchimí

Billy Hutchinson, Community Worker, Mount Vernon

Roisin McDonough, Chief Executive Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Mary McKee, Strategic Investment Board, Northern Ireland

Trevor Ringland, Northern Ireland Policing Board (independent member)

Peter Sheridan, Chief Executive Co-operation Ireland

6.00

**Conference Welcome: Prof. Peter Gregson, Vice Chancellor Queen's University Belfast, Room OG.007, Peter Froggatt Centre**

**Keynote Address:** Professor Saskia Sassen, Columbia University: *Urban Space: Enabling the Powerless*, Room G07, Peter Froggatt Centre

Introduced by Liam O'Dowd, Queen's University Belfast

8.00

**Conference Dinner**, Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road Belfast

**Friday, 20 May**

9.00 –10.30

**Parallel Sessions**

**Session A: Historical Transitions and Reshaping Urban Space (chair: Wendy Pullan, University of Cambridge), Room G26, 6CP**

Haim Yacobi            Symbolic De-colonization or Survival Mechanism: Re-visiting a Colonial Neighbourhood in East Jerusalem

Dena Qaddumi        Challenging Dominant Narratives: Revealing the Core of the Conflict through Tel Aviv – Jaffa

Obadiah Samuel      Contested Cities in Northern Nigeria: A Reflection on the City of Jos

**Session B: Culture and Identity (chair: Linda Rootamm, Queen's University Belfast), Room 1.37, 6CP**

Hanna Baumann      Post-Communist Iconoclasms: Repression and the Construction of Identity in the Urban Landscape of 1990s Berlin

Siun Carden            From Segregated Neighbourhood to Cultural Quarter:  
Re-imagining the Falls Road, Belfast

Neil Galway            Who Controls the Past? An Investigation into the Role of Heritage Interventions in Post-conflict Nation Narration in Former Yugoslavia

Session C: Civil Society and International Agencies in Urban Conflicts (chair: Mick Dumper, Exeter University), Room 1.35, 6CP

Nadezhda Stoyanova EU's Conflict Management Capability: Reflection on Belfast, Skopje and Nicosia

Sean Brennan Conflict Management and Conflict Transformation in Cities and Peace-building by International Agencies and Civil Society Organisations

Jessica Anderson The Relevance of International Peacebuilding to Mobility and Displacement: Responses to Xenophobic Violence in South Africa

Session D: Designing, Mapping and Reimaging the Conflict City (chair: Konstantin Kastrissianakis, University of Cambridge), Room OG.005, David Bates Building

Alona Martinez-Perez, Gabriella Esposito De Vita and Claudia Trillo  
Conflicting Neighbourhoods and Urban Pattern: 'Architecture of Dialogue' for the Belfast Interfaces

Senada Demirović Habibija  
'Natural' or 'Shared' Spaces in the City

Mark Hackett, Declan Hill and Ken Sterrett  
Mapping and Repairing the Broken City: Belfast's Disjointed and Fragmented Urban Structure

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Governing Divided Cities (chair: Frank Gaffikin, Queen's University Belfast), Room G26, 6CP

- Scott Bollens          Urban Governance in Divided Countries: Six Case Studies
- Jonathan Rokem        Re-visiting the Divided Cities Discourse – Comparative Study of Urban Division in Stockholm, Berlin and Jerusalem
- Olivier Legrand        Urban Sovereignty in Highly Contested Space – Learning from Nicosia and Jerusalem

Session B: Borders and Walls – Between the City and the State (chair: Dominic Bryan, Queen's University Belfast), Room 1.37, 6CP

- Wasfi Kailani          Boundary Dynamics of the Jerusalem Walls and Checkpoints: Between the Holy and the Mundane
- Britt Baillie            Staking Claim: Monuments and the Making (and Breaking?) of a Border Matrix in Vukovar
- Roz Goldie              Ethno-National Borders and Walls – The Signature Sites of Belfast?

Session C: Segregation and Socio-Economic Divisions (chair: Ian Shuttleworth, Queen's University Belfast), Room OG.005, David Bates Building

- Johan Andersson and Gill Valentine  
Urban Conflict in an Era of Public Spending Cuts: Reflections on Intergroup Relations in the North of England

Neli Demireva and Anthony Heath  
Segregation and Stereotypes in the Context of the British Neighbourhood

Samer Bagaeen and Ola Uduku  
Urban Gating as the Inevitable Outcome of Urban Conflict

Session D: Art, Public Space and the Right to the City (chair: Max Gwiazda, University of Cambridge), Room 1.35, 6CP

Idit Nathan            Seam and Separation Lines and Structures – On Artworks’ ‘Profanation’ of the Divide in Jerusalem

Giulia Carabelli and Mela Žuljević  
(Re)collecting Mostar: Mapping Public Space to Generate Memory Collections

Zoran Poposki            The Right to the City: Reclaiming Public Spaces by Art and Activism

12.30 – 1.30            ***Lunch***

1.30 – 3.00            **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Nation State and City (chair: James Anderson, Queen’s University Belfast), Room G26, 6CP

Fred Boal            Framing Belfast: From Colonialism to Ethnonationalism and Beyond

Robert Morris            Structures and Cultures in the History of Stability and Conflict: Belfast and Montreal, 1800 – 1914

Siniša Malešević      Nation-States without Cities: Nationalism, War and State Formation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Balkans

Session B: Using Public Space – Battles over Sharing (chair: Yair Wallach, University of Cambridge), Room 1.37, 6CP

Emily Makas      Mostar's Central Zone: Battles over Shared Space in a Divided City

Tim Cunningham      North Belfast: A Shared and Equal Future?

Lisa Smyth and Martina McKnight

Normative Conflict and Creative Action: Juggling Cultural and Political Identities in Belfast's Inner City

Session C: Urban Conflicts on Film, (chair: Tom Wilson, Binghamton University), Room OG.005, David Bates Building

Elayne McCabe      Kasheer – A documentary on art, identity and violence in Kashmir

Declan Keeney      We Are Not Afraid - A documentary journey in response to the Belfast – Sarajevo Initiative, Queen's University Belfast

Session D: Conflict Management and Transformation (chair: Mick Dumper, Exeter University), Room 1.35, 6CP

Rami Nasrallah      East Jerusalem: From a Metropolitan Centre to a Shrinking City, Is it a Reversible Process?

Roland Gjoni      Mitrovica: The Future of a Divided City in a Contested State

Rassem Khamaisi      Barriers to Achieving the Right to Plan and Socio-Cultural Urban Conflict in Jerusalem

- 3.00 – 3.15      *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 3.15 – 6.15      **Bus Tour of Belfast Organised by Ex-Combatants**
- 6.00 – 6.30      **Tour of the City Hall**
- 6.30 – 7.30      **Reception: Belfast City Hall. Welcome by the Lord Mayor of Belfast**

**Saturday, 21 May**

- 9.00 – 10.30      **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Cities, Citizenship and Resistance (chair: Allan Cochrane, Open University), Room 1.37, 6CP

- Craig Larkin      Resistance, Resilience or Resignation? Palestinian Jerusalemite Responses to the Separation Barrier
- Martijn Duineveld and Kristof van Assche  
The Life and Death of Citizenship and Resistance
- Michael O’Broin      Citizenship after conflict, citizenship after politics: shared space and technologies of citizenship in contemporary Belfast

Session B: From Desegregation to Sharing (chair: Milena Komarova, Queen’s University Belfast), Room 1.35, 6CP

- Brendan Murtagh and Elaine Bennett  
Desegregation and Post-Conflict Urban Change



Brandon Hamber      Divided in Theory, Divided in Practice: The Challenge of Defining Shared Space in Northern Ireland

Yair Wallach          ‘Shared Space’ in Divided Cities – Does it Exist? What Does it Mean?

Session C: Spaces of Inclusion and Exclusion (chair: Monika Halkort, Queen’s University Belfast), Meeting Room, 2CP

Federica Gatta and Michel Agier  
De-scripture of Liminal Spaces in Nicosia

Giorgio Talocci      A Semiotics of Urban Voids and Their Resistance. The Case of Istanbul

Nasser Yassin        ‘Banal’ vs. ‘Exclusionary’ Spaces: How Young Beirutis Perceive and Use the Spaces of their ‘Contested’ City

Session D: Cities and Borders in Conflict (chair: Tom Wilson, Binghamton University), Room G26, 6CP

Karen Büscher        Dynamics of Conflict, Contestation and Belonging in the Congolese-Rwandan Urban Borderland. The Case of the City of Goma (D.R. Congo)

Kimberley Collins    Life in the U.S.–Mexican Border Region: Residents’ Perceptions of the Place

Liam O’Dowd         Cities, Frontiers and Contested States

10.30 – 11.00        *Coffee/Tea Break*

11.00 – 12.30        **Parallel Sessions**

Session A: Teenagers in the Divided City (chair: Craig Larkin, Exeter University), Room 1.35, 6CP

Paula Devine and Dirk Schubotz

Here and There: Experiences and Attitudes to Segregation Among Urban Teenagers in Northern Ireland

Andrew Percy

Teenagers' Exposure to Community Violence in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland

Madeleine Leonard and Martina McKnight

Permanent or Temporary Barriers? Young People's Perceptions of Peace Walls in Belfast

Session B: Cities Between the 'Civic' and the 'Uncivil' (chair: Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast), Meeting Room, 2CP

Mary Corcoran

Rurs in Urbs: Investigating the Civic and Social Potential of Urban Agricultural Initiatives

Sonia Paone and Agostino Petrillo

Frontlines in the City: Via Padova in Milan Between Militarisation and Ghettoisation of Migrants

Tommaso Vitale

Roma Settlements, Contentious Politics and Policy Instruments Choice. A Comparative Approach to a Variety of Urban Conflicts

Session C: Conflicts in Cities Visualised (chair: Britt Baillie, University of Cambridge), Room 1.37, 6CP

Naomi Chi

Visualising Borders: Museum Exhibition at the Hokkaido University

Lefkos Kyriacou and Maximilian Gwiazda

Visualising Policy? The Case of Divided Jerusalem

Luke Kelleher      Visualising the Conflict: Immersion in the Landscape of Victims and Commemoration in Northern Ireland

Session D: Urban Planning and Peace-Building (chair: James Anderson, Queen's University Belfast), Room G26, 6CP

Frank Gaffikin, Ken Sterrett and David Perry  
Re-thinking Space and Identity for Planning within Contested Cities

Michael Safier      Causes, Objectives and Interventions in Urban Conflict; The Cosmopolitan Contribution to Urban Peace-Building

12.30 – 1.30      *Lunch*

1.30 – 3.00      **Policy Panel Discussion: *Cities, Conflict and Development*, sponsored by World Bank Development Report, Room G26, 6CP**

**Introduction:** Mick Dumper, Exeter University

**Panel Participants:**

Chair: Nigel Roberts, World Bank

Chris Cramer, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Sean Fox, London School of Economics

Avila Kilmurray, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

Alexandre Marc, World Bank

Jim Roddy, City Centre Initiative, Derry

European Commission Representative, tba

3.00 – 4.00      **Concluding Session, Room G26, 6CP**

Chair: Liam O'Dowd, Queen's University Belfast

Wendy Pullan, University of Cambridge  
James Anderson, Queen's University Belfast  
Mick Dumper, Exeter University