Urban Conflicts: Ethno-National Divisions, States and Cities

Queen’s University Belfast, May 19 – 21st, 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 Reimaging 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?
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, Reimaging, Reclaiming (chair: Paula Devine, Queen’s University Belfast), Room 1.35, 6CP

Gregory Maney and Lee Smithey  
Re-Imagining 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 Reimagining 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 19th 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

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