



**HS/PO 360 NORTHERN IRISH TROUBLES: 1969-1999**  
IES Abroad Dublin

**DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this course is to examine the origins and key events of the Northern Ireland conflict up until the Peace Process and the beginnings of the transition to a Post-Conflict society. Given the nature of the conflict and its aftermath, the interpretation of many of these events remains contested between the different protagonists. This course, therefore, will look at the conflict and its relevance from different viewpoints – Republican, Nationalist, Loyalist, Unionist, the British and Irish governments. The course content also charts the changes that have taken place in competing political/ ethno-nationalist discourses, paving the way for the Peace Process and the Good Friday Agreement.

The course will also offer a special focus on issues and challenges that face Northern Ireland in a post-conflict context, including the experience of women, the growing problem of racism, as well as issues around education, culture, class and politics.

**CREDITS:** 3 credits

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45 hours

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** English

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION:**

- Lecture
- Student discussion

**REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:**

- Mid-term essay - 40%
- Final paper - 30%
- Class presentation - 15%
- Class contribution and participation in discussions - 15%

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Understand the origins and key events of the Northern Ireland conflict, the Peace Process and the transition to a Post-Conflict society.
- Understand different mindsets and viewpoints and the complexity of conflicted societies.
- Understand the degree of issues, divisions and problems that typically beset a post-conflict society such as Northern Ireland.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

IES Abroad Dublin courses are designed to take advantage of the unique contribution of the instruction and the lecture/discussion format, regular class attendance is mandatory. Any missed class, without a legitimate reason will be reflected in the final grade. A legitimate reason would include a documented illness or family bereavement. Travel, (including travel delays) is not a legitimate reason.

**CONTENT:**

| Week   | Content                                                                                                                                                   | Readings |
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| Week 1 | <b>Introduction to Course/ Broad Historical Context</b><br>Brief overview of the course. This is followed by an outline of the historical events that led |          |

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|                        | to the emergence of different 'traditions' on the island of Ireland.<br>Please note that there are no set readings for this introductory lecture. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Week 2</b>          | <b>Partition, Stormont and the Civil Rights Movement</b>                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hennessey, T. 1997. <i>A History of Northern Ireland – 1920 – 1996</i>. Dublin : Gill &amp; Macmillan, Chap 1</li> <li>• Dixon, P. 2001. <i>Northern Ireland: The politics of war and peace</i>. Palgrave : London, Chap 1</li> <li>• Feeney, B. 2002. <i>Sinn Fein: 100 Turbulent Years</i>. Chap 4</li> <li>• Farrell, M. 1976. <i>The Orange State</i>, Chap 10</li> </ul> <p>Additional readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hennessey, T. 2005. <i>Northern Ireland: the origins of the Troubles</i>. Gill &amp; Macmillan : Dublin, Chap 2</li> <li>• Farrell, M. 1976. <i>The Orange State</i>, Chaps 1-9</li> <li>• Bew, P. et al. 1979/1994. <i>The State in Northern Ireland</i>, Chaps 2-6</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Weeks 3 &amp; 4</b> | <b>The Outbreak of the Troubles, the fall of Stormont, the Failure of Power Sharing and life under Direct Rule</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeney, B. 2002. <i>Sinn Fein: 100 Turbulent Years</i>. Chap 8</li> <li>• Hennessey, T. 2005. <i>Northern Ireland: the origins of the Troubles</i>. Gill &amp; Macmillan : Dublin, Chaps 6, 7 &amp; 9</li> <li>• Dixon, P. 2001. <i>Northern Ireland: The politics of war and peace</i>. Palgrave : London, Chap 7</li> <li>• Feeney, B. 2002. <i>Sinn Fein: 100 Turbulent Years</i>, Chap 8</li> <li>• Moloney, E. 2003. <i>A secret history of the IRA</i>. Penguin : London, Chap 4</li> <li>• Coulter, C. 1999. <i>Contemporary Northern Ireland: An Introduction</i> chap 4</li> </ul> <p>Additional readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moloney, E. 2003. <i>A secret history of the IRA</i>. Penguin: London, Chaps 1-3; 7-13</li> <li>• Bew, P. et al. 1979/1994. <i>The State in Northern Ireland</i>, Chap 7</li> <li>• Farrell, M. 1976. <i>The Orange State</i>, Chaps 11-12</li> </ul> |
| <b>Week 5</b>          | <b>Prison Protests and the Hunger Strikes</b>                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bew, P &amp; Patterson, H. 1985. <i>The British State and the Ulster Crisis</i>. Chaps 3-4</li> <li>• Feeney, B. 2002. <i>Sinn Fein: 100 Turbulent Years</i>. Chap 9</li> <li>• Moloney, E. 2003. <i>A secret history of the IRA</i>. Penguin : London, Chap 4</li> </ul> <p>For more general reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O'Malley, P. 1990. <i>Biting at the Grave: The Irish Hunger Strikes and the politics of Despair</i>. Blackstaff: Belfast</li> <li>• O'Rawe, R. 2005. <i>Blanketmen: an untold story of the H-Block hunger strike</i>. New Island : Dublin</li> <li>• Beresford, D. 1987. <i>Ten Dead Men</i>.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Week 6</b> | <b>The Peace Process and the Good Friday Agreement</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cox. M. 2000. <i>A farewell to arms? : from war to peace in Northern Ireland</i>. Manchester University Press: Manchester, Parts 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Feeney, B. 2002. <i>Sinn Fein: 100 Turbulent Years</i>. Chap 11</li> <li>• McGarry, J. &amp; O’Leary, B. 1995. <i>Explaining Northern Ireland</i>. Blackwell: London. Chap 10, Appendices A &amp; B</li> <li>• Moloney, E. 2003. <i>A secret history of the IRA</i>. Penguin :London, Chap 15</li> <li>• Steward, P &amp; Shirlow, P (eds.). 1999. <i>NI: Between Peace &amp; War?</i> Chaps by Steward &amp; Shirlow</li> <li>• Colin Coulter &amp; Michael Murray (eds.). 2008. <i>Northern Ireland after the Troubles? A Society in Transition</i>. Manchester University Press. Chap 1</li> </ul> <p>Additional readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bric, M and Coakley, J. (eds.). 2004. <i>From political violence to negotiated settlement</i>. [See chapters by Jackson, Dixon &amp; De Chastelain in particular]</li> </ul> |
| <b>Week 7</b> | <b>The Experience of Women – during and after the conflict</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coulter, C. 1999. <i>Contemporary Northern Ireland: An Introduction</i>. Chap 3</li> <li>• Ashe, F. 2008. ‘Gender and ethno-nationalist politics in Northern Ireland’ in C. Coulter and M. Murray (eds.), <i>Northern Ireland after the troubles</i>. Manchester : Manchester University Press</li> <li>• Dowler, L. 1998. “And they think I’m just a nice old lady.” Women and war in Belfast, Northern Ireland’ in <i>Gender, Place and Culture</i>. 5: 2 : 159-176</li> <li>• O’Keefe, T. 2012. ‘Sometimes it would be nice to be a man’: negotiating gender identities after the Good Friday Agreement’ in <i>Everyday life after the conflict: The impact of devolution and North-South cooperation</i>. Manchester University Press, Manchester – chapter 6</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Week 8</b> | <b>Know the difference – Education and Sport</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madeleine Leonard, 2006, ‘Sectarian Childhoods in North Belfast’, in M. Corcoran and M. Peillon (eds.) <i>Uncertain Ireland</i>, Dublin: IPA.</li> <li>• F.Stephen, 2006, ‘Integrated Schools: myths, hopes and prospects’ in M. Cox et al <i>A Farewell to arms?</i> 2nd edition, Manchester University Press.</li> <li>• Gallagher, T et al. 2003. <i>Integrated Education in Northern Ireland</i>. UNESCO : Coleraine</li> <li>• Bairner, A. 2008. ‘Still Taking Sides: sport, leisure and identity in Northern Ireland’ in Coulter and Murray (eds.) <i>Northern Ireland After the Troubles: A Society in Transition</i>, Manchester : Manchester University Press</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                         |                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burdsey, D and Chappell, R. 'Soldiers, Sashes and shamrocks: Football and social identity in Scotland and Northern Ireland.' Brunel University, at <a href="http://physed.otago.ac.nz/sosol/v6i1/v6i1_1.html">http://physed.otago.ac.nz/sosol/v6i1/v6i1_1.html</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Week 9</b>           | <b>The Globalising of Northern Ireland society – the issue of Racism</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P. Connolly. 2002. 'Race' and Racism in Northern Ireland: A review of the Research Evidence (Belfast: Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister). <a href="http://www.research.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/racereport4/index.htm">www.research.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/racereport4/index.htm</a></li> <li>Connolly, P &amp; Khaoury, R. 2008. 'Whiteness, Racism and Exclusion in Northern Ireland: A Critical Race Perspective' in Coulter and Murray (eds.) <i>Northern Ireland After the Troubles: A Society in Transition</i>, Manchester: Manchester University Press</li> <li>Jarman, N. 2004. 'From war to Peace? Changing patterns of violence in Northern Ireland, 1990-2003' in <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i>, Vol. 16, No. 3 : 420-436</li> <li>Trademark. 2015. <i>Racism and Racist Attitudes in Northern Ireland</i>. Trademark: Belfast</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Week 10 &amp; 11</b> | <b>Community, class and identity – Loyalism and Republicanism</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aughey, A. 1997. 'The Character of Ulster Unionism' in Shirlow, P &amp; McGovern, M (eds.) <i>Who are 'the People'?</i> London : Pluto</li> <li>Hall, Michael. (ed.). 2006. <i>Loyalism in Transition: (1) A new reality?</i>, (Island Pamphlets No.79), Newtownabbey: Island Publications.</li> <li>McKay, Susan. 2000. "North Belfast: Frankenstein, Friends and Fallen Angels. In <i>Northern Protestants: An Unsettled People</i>. Belfast: The Blackstaff Press, 2000.</li> <li>Shirlow P. 2012. <i>The End of Loyalist?</i> Manchester University Press : Manchester. Chapter 1</li> <li>De Baróid, Ciarán. 2000. "The Easter Riots" in <i>Ballymurphy and the Irish War</i>. London: Pluto Press</li> <li>Feeney, B. 2002. <i>Sinn Féin: 100 Turbulent Years</i>. [chap 8]</li> <li>Ruane, J &amp; Todd, J. 1996. <i>The dynamics of Conflict in Northern Ireland</i>. University Press: Cambridge. Chap 4</li> <li>Spencer, G. 2015. <i>From Armed Struggle to Political Struggle: Republican Tradition and Transformation in Northern Ireland</i>. Bloomsbury Academic: London. Chapter 6</li> </ul> |
| <b>Week 12</b>          | <b>Political futures : ongoing issues in a divided society.</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hall, Michael. (ed.). 2007. <i>Building bridges at the grassroots: The experience of Suffolk-Lenadoon</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|  |  | <p><i>Interface Group</i>, (Island Pamphlets No.81), Newtownabbey: Island Publications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanne McEvoy. 2008. <i>The Politics of Northern Ireland</i>, Edinburgh University Press, Chap 8</li> <li>• Aughey, A. 2005, <i>The Politics of Northern Ireland: Beyond the Belfast Agreement</i>, London: Routledge. [chap 8]</li> <li>• Shirlow P. 2012. <i>The End of Loyalist?</i> Manchester University Press: Manchester. Chapter 8</li> </ul> |
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#### REQUIRED READINGS:

- McGarry, J. & O’Leary, B. 1995. *Explaining Northern Ireland*. Blackwell: London.
- Ruane, J & Todd, J. 1996. *The dynamics of Conflict in Northern Ireland*. University Press: Cambridge.
- Miller, D. 1998. *Rethinking Northern Ireland*. Longman: London.
- Coulter, C. 1999. *Contemporary Northern Ireland: An Introduction*. Pluto: London.
- Dixon, P. 2001. *Northern Ireland : The politics of war and peace*. Palgrave : London
- Hennessey, T. 1997. *A History of Northern Ireland – 1920 – 1996*. Dublin : Gill & Macmillan.
- Aughey, A. 1989. *Under Siege: Ulster Unionism and the Anglo-Irish Agreement*. Blackstaff: Belfast
- Tonge, J. 2006. *Northern Ireland*. Cambridge : Polity press
- Tonge, J. 2005. *The New Northern Ireland Politics?* Basingstoke : Palgrave

#### WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- UK Government Site – [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- UK Government Northern Ireland Office – [www.nio.gov.uk](http://www.nio.gov.uk). This site contains links to the Northern Ireland Executive, the Northern Ireland Assembly and the political parties.
- Irish Government Site – [www.irlgov.ie](http://www.irlgov.ie). See particularly the Dept. of Foreign Affairs site. Also contains links to political parties.
- RTE News – [www.rte.ie](http://www.rte.ie). News site of the Irish state broadcasting service.  
See also - <http://www.rte.ie/archives/search/?q=northern+ireland>
- BBC News – <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>. News site of British state broadcasting service.
- CAIN – Conflict Archive on the InterNet - <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/>. This site contains a vast array of resources, reports, pictures and information related to the Northern Ireland conflict and the peace process. It is hosted by the University of Ulster.
- Island Publications – The **Farset Community Think Tanks Project** -<http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/islandpublications/index.html>
- NICVA - <http://www.nicva.org/>. Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action
- Institute for Conflict - <http://www.conflictresearch.org.uk/index.php>