

Commemoration and Conflict: 24-25 March 2011

The Great Hall, Magee campus, University of Ulster

In the modern world in which conflicts are often caused by ethnic and identity contestation, peace processes have become increasingly commonplace. In addition to the priorities of political and institutional reconstruction and economic regeneration, a key area that has to be addressed in such negotiations concerns the contested past and its commemoration and memorialisation. Commemoration and Conflict examines the many contradictions and tensions of commemoration in post-conflict but still divided societies and discusses the repercussions for policy-makers.

PUBLIC LECTURE: Thursday 24 March, 6.00pm

Professor Sabine Marschall, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa

“Commemoration and Conflict: The Media, Makers and Users of Collective Memory”

ROUNDTABLE: Friday 25 March

Commemoration and Conflict

This set of discussions seeks to address the factors that determine the significance and practices - or otherwise - of commemoration in divided or post-conflict societies.

10.00am-10.15am **Registration/Coffee**

10.15am -10.30am **Welcome**

The context for the day: themes and objectives of the roundtable discussion

ROUNDTABLE: Friday 25 March

10.30am -11.15am **SESSION ONE**

A 'war by other means'? Commemoration and perspectives on conflict during peace processes

Speaker: Dr Sara McDowell, University of Ulster

Chair: Professor Gillian Robinson, University of Ulster

COFFEE

11.30am-12.15pm **SESSION TWO**

Reconciling landscapes of memory after conflict: the challenges facing policymakers

Speaker: Professor Kieran McEvoy, Queen's University Belfast

Chair: Dr Pete Shirlow, Queen's University Belfast

12.15pm-12.45pm **DEMONSTRATION**

Demonstration of CAIN AHRC funded project on 'Visualising the Conflict' featuring GIS maps and Second Life learning environment

LUNCH

2.00pm- 2.45pm **SESSION THREE**

Absent memories: the hierarchy of victims

Speaker: Matan Boord, Zochrot, Israel

Chair: Professor Tom Fraser, University of Ulster

2.45pm-3.30pm **SESSION FOUR**

Commemoration for the future: legitimising a new social order?

Speaker: Professor Sabine Marschall, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa

Chair: Professor Brandon Hamber, University of Ulster

3.30pm-4.00pm **CONCLUDING SESSION**

Synthesis of the views expressed throughout the day

Coffee will be available in The Great Hall from 3.30pm