

## Post-Conflict Belfast

Where better to grapple with the politics of international relations than a post-conflict society?

The conflict in Northern Ireland, known as 'The Troubles', was one of the most contentious and defining conflicts of the 20th century, the ripple effects of which are still felt across Northern Ireland today. Queen's University Belfast played a pivotal role in the peace process, driving world-class research on the political conflict and providing a neutral space within which all voices could be heard.

The University is now regarded as a world-leading centre for the study of political violence, security studies and conflict transformation. Given the unique history of conflict and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, researchers at Queen's are well-placed to offer a unique perspective on many of today's difficult research challenges, both in Ireland and across the globe. With over 35 staff engaged in conflict-related research, Queen's is one of the largest and most impactful centres for interdisciplinary conflict studies in the UK and Ireland. The University offers students the opportunity to study international relations in a location where apparently communal conflicts have a clear international aspect: whether shown through the US-UK-Irish diplomacy that helped produce peace or through the famous murals of West Belfast.



### Politics and International Studies

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT QUEEN'S

The Department of Politics and International Studies at Queen's has always been strongly international in character and today a large proportion of our graduate students, a good proportion of our undergraduates, as well as many members of the faculty are drawn from Europe, North America and further afield. Our aim is to offer students a broad range of options including major theoretical perspectives on IR, the study of conflict as well as peace building, the work of the major international institutions, and the major regions of the world from Europe to the Middle East. We welcome study abroad students from across the world to join us for a semester or full academic year and engage in the unique experiences that our schedule of visiting speakers, international field trips and professional development opportunities afford.

Study Abroad students at Queen's normally take three modules (classes) per semester. Modules are usually worth 20 credits each and students require 60 credits per semester. This equates into 15-18 US credits or 30 ECTS credits. Most departments within the University allow students to select modules from level 1 and 2 regardless of prior study. Modules at level 3 often require demonstration of relevant prior study (i.e. a related major/minor).

If students require more credit for their semester or year abroad, they can opt to take an additional module.

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
<b>Level 1 Classes</b>	
PAI1006 World Politics: Conflict and Peace	PAI1005 Issues in Contemporary Politics
ANT1003 A World on the Move: Anthropological and Historical Approaches to Globalisation	PAI2055 Security and Terrorism
	PAI2056 International Organisations
<b>Level 2 Classes</b>	
PAI2001 Politics and Policy of the European Union	PAI2055 Security and Terrorism
PAI2011 The Politics of Deeply Divided Societies	PAI2056 International Organisations
PAI2017 International Relations	
<b>Level 3 Classes</b>	
PAI3011 Middle Eastern Politics	PAI3057 Ethics Power and International Politics
PAI3073 Security and Technology	PAI3063 Politics in the Global Economy
PAI3041 Asylum & Migration in Global Politics	
PAI30XX Global Resource Politics (not 2016-17)	PAI3038 US Foreign Policy
SOC3048 Global Society	PAI3044 War and Visual Culture

\*Some module choices may require demonstration of prior learning

**Students can also opt to take modules from other disciplines across the University or to undertake a survey/research module of independent study**



### Staff Profile – Professor Beverley Milton-Edwards

Professor Milton-Edwards has been an academic at Queen's for 20 years. Her particular focus is on radical Islam and the politics of the Middle East on which she has written nine books. In 2013, Professor Milton-Edwards was awarded a Queen's teaching award and in 2004 she received an 'Oscar of Higher Education'- a National Teaching Fellowship. Professor Milton-Edwards' expertise in terrorism is regularly requested by national governments such as the UK and US as well as organisations such as the EU CFSP activities.

### Staff Profile – Dr Heather Johnson

When Dr Heather Johnson watches television news pictures showing boatloads of desperate migrants on the Mediterranean, she is more than a concerned observer. Their plight is at the core of her research. Dr Johnson's research examines the journeys and routes of migration to and from global border sites. A current project of Dr Johnson's, funded by AHRC and ESRC, looks at how people are treated as they cross borders and how the regulations and practices that manage the movement of goods are conflated with those that manage the mobility of people.

