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A Resilience Paradox?
Elite and State Stability in Ethnically Divided Societies
11-12 December

Queen's University Belfast, Centre for the Study of Ethnic Conflict
Location: 27 University Square, Belfast BT7 1PB
Room 27UQ/01/003

09:30 Welcome

10:00–11:30 Panel 1

Elite agency and action in power-sharing

Discussant: Adrian Guelke

Tarek Abou Jaoude Queen's University Belfast

Resilience and the Agency of Lebanese Elites: Responses to the Syrian Civil War

Ellie Assaf Keele University

Elite knowledge and the paradox of resilience in Lebanon's Syrian refugee crisis

Ward Peeters Ghent University

Crossing the Consociational Border: Intergroup Interactions in Belgian Federal Parliament

11:45–13:45 Panel 2

Communication, rhetoric and imagined worlds in divided societies

Discussant Dani Renne

Daniil Romanov University of Oxford

War, Rhetorical Adaptation, and Russia's MPs on Social Media

Stefan Surlic & Filip Otovic Visnjic University of Belgrade

From Institutions to Myths: Why Power-Sharing Fails in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Andrea Carlà Eurac Research - Institute for Minority Rights

Shifting Political Landscapes and Outbidding Effects in South Tyrol: Narratives of South Tyrolean Political Forces towards the Autonomy System

Lunch break

15:00–16:30 Panel 3

Comparative power-sharing structures

Discussant Ellie Assaf

William Robinson Victoria University of Wellington (online)

Beyond Consociationalism: Cartelisation and Elite Entrenchment in Lebanon's Power-Sharing System

Patrizia John Queen's University Belfast

Effective Claims and Institutional Barriers

Matthijs Bogaards Central European University

Consociationalism after Civil War: What is Different?

19:30 Dinner at “Himalayan” 62A Botanic Ave,

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/KkTfG6T5UExUacuV7>

Day 2

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 4

Social institutions and inter-community relations

Discussant Timofey Agarin

Peter Doran Queen's University Belfast

Navigating complexity and uncertainty after the Belfast–Good Friday Agreement: the role of societal trauma?

Peter Rutland Wesleyan University

Russian Nationality Policy in the Wake of the Ukraine War

James Waller University of Connecticut

Beyond Our Walled World: Finding Common Ground in Deeply Divided Societies

Lunch break

13:30–15:30 Panel 5

Beyond divide: horizons for consociationalism

Discussant Matthijs Bogaards

Jonathan Arlow *University of Limerick* & Harikrishnan Sasikumar- *Dublin City University*

Federal Lessons for Irish Unity: Comparative Insights from Belgium and Italy

Adrian Guelke Queen's University Belfast

The threat of populism to power-sharing in Northern Ireland and South Africa

Dani Renne University of Oxford

Elite Nonsectarianism and Its Discontents: A View From Beirut

15:30-16:00 Round-up discussion & Closing comments

Informal drinks in Belfast