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0930-1030	Welcome and Keynote Chair: Tom Flynn Speaker: Christopher McCrudden
1030-1100	Tea and coffee
1100-1230	Session 1: Parity of Esteem, secession, citizenship and human rights Chair: Ewan Smith Speakers: Mikel Diez Sarasola and Devyani Prabhat
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1500	Session 2: Parity of Esteem as a constitutional principle Chair: Tom Flynn Speakers: Ewan Smith and Jane Rooney
1500-1530	Tea and coffee
1530-1700	Session 3: Parity of Esteem in Northern Ireland, past present and future Chair: Katy Hayward Speakers: Tom Flynn and Colm O'Cinneide

THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025

0930-1100	Session 4: Plurinationalism, consociationalism, and confederalism Chair: Anurag Deb Speakers: Colin Murray and Lea Raible
1100-1130	Tea and coffee
1130-1300	Session 5: Parity of Esteem in global, theoretical, and historical context Chair: Lea Raible Speakers: Simon Lee and Anurag Deb
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1530	Session 6: Future prospects of the Parity of Esteem concept Chair: Devyani Prabhat Speakers: Nikos Skoutaris and Colin Harvey
1530-1545	Thanks and Future Plans Speakers: Tom Flynn, Katy Hayward, Ewan Smith and Anurag Deb

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