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**LAUNCH EVENTS**

21 MAY - 7 JUNE

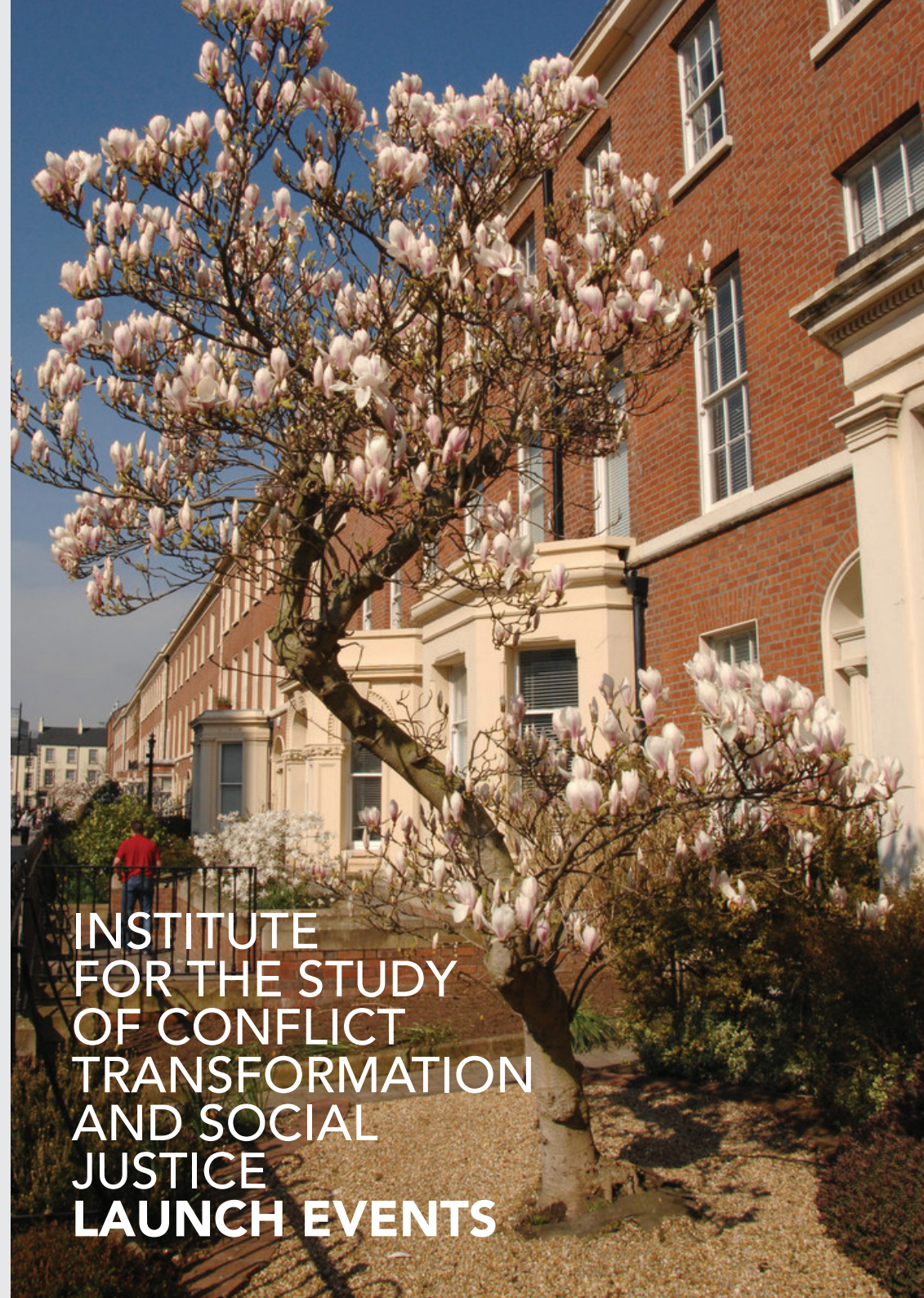


## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

The programme of events outlined here marks the launch of the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice at Queen's University Belfast. The Institute was established in August 2012 to enhance interdisciplinary and cross-culturally comparative research in the broad field of conflict transformation and social justice and to ensure the results of that research deliver benefits beyond the academy. We therefore strive to include all voices in our work, including academics, practitioners, policy makers, politicians and activists.

There are many highlights within this programme, where you will find details of events in a variety of formats and with an exciting range of distinguished speakers. We are particularly honoured to have President Martti Ahtisaari, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, who has agreed formally to launch the Institute on 21 May. We are also delighted to host public intellectual and former politician Michael Ignatieff and Yale academic Jeffrey Alexander on 3 and 5 June respectively. My colleagues and I greatly look forward to welcoming you over the coming weeks to as many of these events as you are able to attend.

**Hastings Donnan**  
Institute Director



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**TUESDAY 21 MAY 2013  
EGALITARIANISM IN  
CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**1st Harri Holkeri Lecture by President  
Martti Ahtisaari and formal launch of the  
Institute.**

The theme of the President's lecture is 'Egalitarianism in Conflict Resolution'.

**Chair: Professor Tony Gallagher, Pro-Vice Chancellor, QUB  
This is an invitation only event.**

Martti Ahtisaari is former President of Finland, Nobel Peace Prize winner and a UN mediator. He is perhaps best known in Ireland for his contribution to the peace process and his role on the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning. In this event he will outline his experiences of peace-building around the globe and take questions from the audience.

After a distinguished career with the United Nations and the Finnish Foreign Ministry, Martti Ahtisaari was elected as President of the Republic of Finland in 1994. He held the position until the end of February 2000. In December 2008, Mr. Ahtisaari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Upon leaving the office of President of the Republic of Finland, Mr. Ahtisaari has taken several international tasks to continue his career in international peace mediation and conflict resolution. He founded Crisis Management Initiative (CMI), a Non-Governmental Organisation, to continue his legacy in helping the international community to do better when it comes to preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and post-conflict statebuilding. Today President Ahtisaari acts as the Chairman of the Board of CMI.

Mr. Ahtisaari's post-presidential activities have included facilitating the peace process between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement, chairing an independent panel on the security and safety of UN personnel in Iraq, and appointments as the UN Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa and Personal Envoy of the OSCE CiO for Central Asia. Between November 2005 and February 2008, Mr. Ahtisaari acted as the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the future status process for Kosovo.

President Ahtisaari is active in numerous non-governmental and non-profit organisations. His main activities are serving as Co-Chair in European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and Chairman of the Independent Commission on Turkey. He is the Director-At-Large of the ImagineNations Group, member of the Silatech Board of Trustees, and member of the Prize Committee of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

The Institute is grateful to the Royal Irish Academy for its contribution to this event.

# THURSDAY 23 MAY 2013 BOOK LAUNCH

**Professor John Brewer** (School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work / Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice)

*'The Public Value of the Social Sciences' and 'Ex-Combatants, Religion and Peace in Northern Ireland'*

**Dr Joanne Murphy** (Management School)  
*'Policing For Peace in Northern Ireland'*

With distinguished guests, **Professor Monica McWilliams, Mark Durkan MP** and **Eamonn Mallie**.

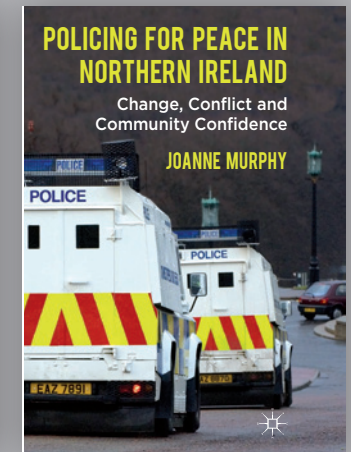
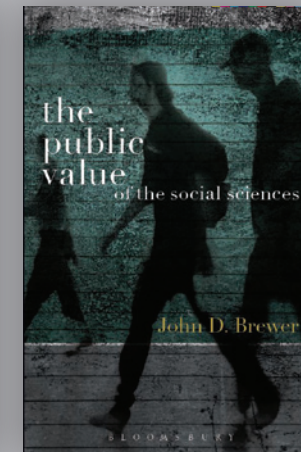
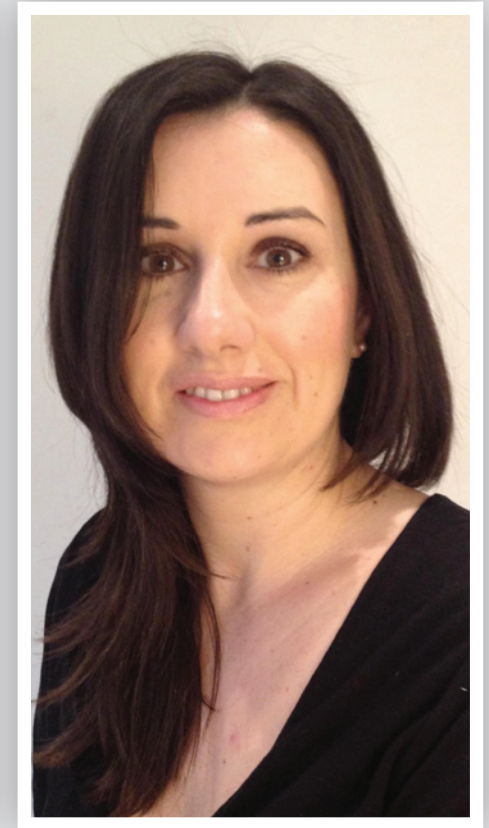
You are warmly invited to join us for this event over a glass of wine, soft drinks and finger buffet.

The Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice is very grateful to the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work for its assistance with this event.

Places are limited, so please email [cts@qub.ac.uk](mailto:cts@qub.ac.uk) by Friday 10 May to reserve your place.

**VENUE:** IRCEP (Maths & Physics level 2), southside of the Lanyon Building on the pathway between Whitla Hall and McClay library.

**TIME:** 4.30-6.30 pm



MONDAY 27  
MAY 2013  
**THE ECONOMICS OF  
CONFLICT RESOLUTION:  
NORTHERN IRELAND AND  
THE CLINTON PEACE  
EFFORTS**



### John J. Cullinane lecture

John J. Cullinane was founder of the first successful software products company and has been honoured by the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council via the prestigious Commonwealth Award for his contribution to the software industry. He created the foundation for the "Big Data" opportunity in Massachusetts and was inducted into the Babson College Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs, and the Infomart Information Processing Hall of Fame. He was the first Fellow in the Centre for Business & Government at the Kennedy School, Harvard University. He also created the Boston Public Library Foundation, was the first President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, and the Founder of the Friends of Belfast. John is a graduate of Northeastern University. John is also involved in the Arab Peace Initiative.

The Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice is grateful to the Centre for Irish Business and Economic Performance for facilitating this event.

This is an invitation only event.

WEDNESDAY 29  
MAY 2013  
**'COURTS AND  
CONSOCIATIONS:  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
VERSUS POWER-  
SHARING'**



### By Professor Christopher McCrudden and Professor Brendan O'Leary

Panel discussion with **Professors Shane O'Neill** (Queen's University), **Beverley Milton-Edwards** (Queen's University), **Yvonne Galligan** (Queen's University), **David Feldman** (Cambridge) and **Michael Kerr** (London School of Economics)

Christopher McCrudden FBA is Professor of Human Rights and Equality Law at Queen's University, Belfast; Leverhulme Major Research Fellow (2011-14), and William W Cook Global Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School.

Brendan O'Leary is the Lauder Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, Professor of Political Science, Queen's University Belfast, and former Senior Advisor on Power-sharing in the Standby Team of the Mediation Support Unit of the United Nations. You are warmly invited to join us for this event over wine, soft drinks and canapés.

The Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice is very grateful to the School of Law for its contributions to this event.

**Places are limited, so please email [cts@qub.ac.uk](mailto:cts@qub.ac.uk) by Friday 17 May to reserve your place.**

**VENUE:** Lecture Room 4, Riddel Hall, Stranmillis Road  
**TIME:** 3 pm

**VENUE:** Council Chamber / Canada Room (Lanyon Building)  
**TIME:** 4.30 - 7 pm

Drawing on his own experiences of political life, and reflecting on political responsibility in divided societies, Michael Ignatieff will argue that democratic politics is now in need of re-invention.

Michael Ignatieff is a writer, teacher and former politician. Born in Canada, educated at the University of Toronto and Harvard University, he has written seventeen books, worked as a television presenter and documentary film maker, editorial columnist and university teacher. He has taught at the University of British Columbia, Cambridge University, the London School of Economics and Harvard University, where he was Director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Kennedy School of Government between 2000 and 2005. He is a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and holds eleven honorary degrees.

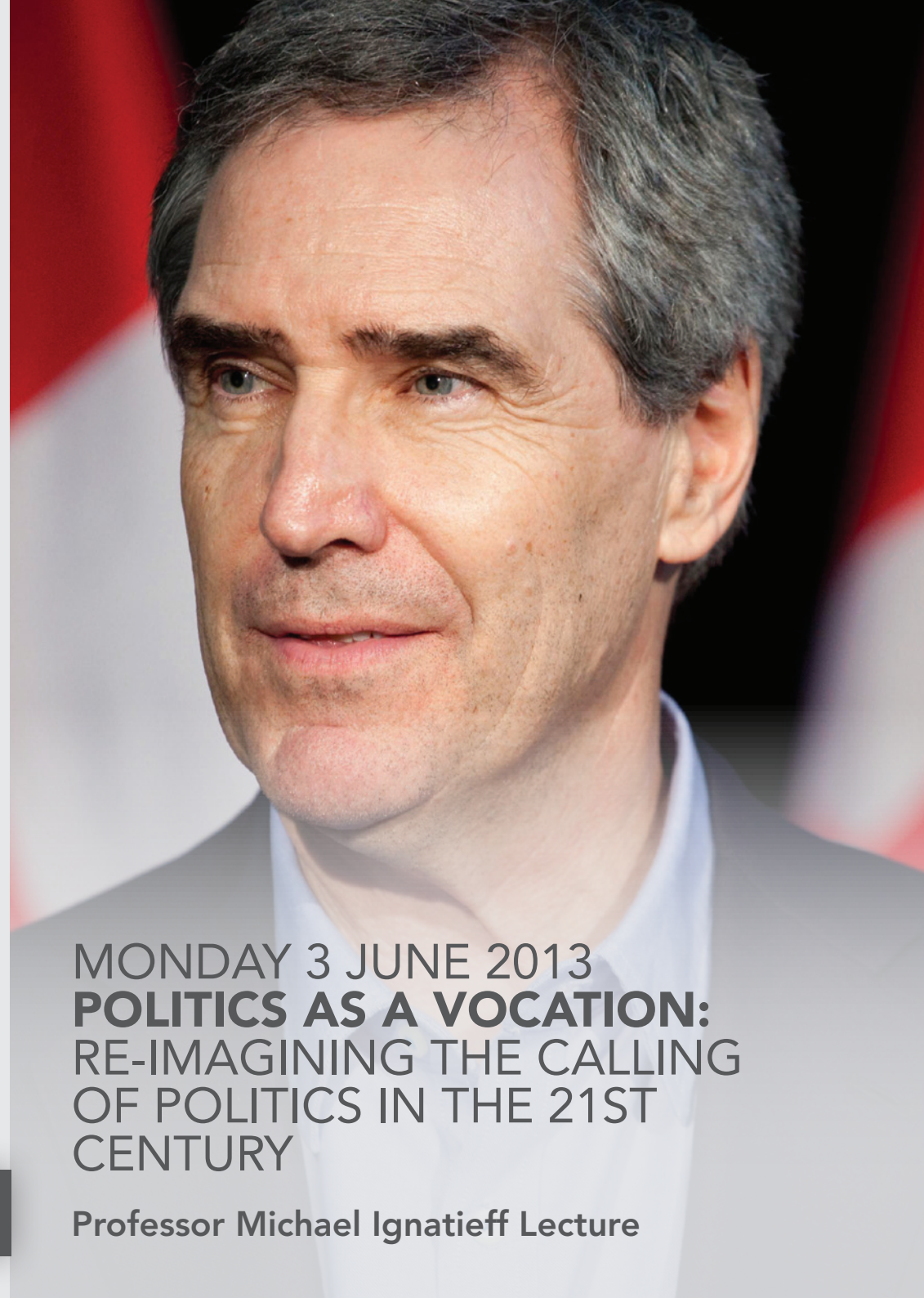
He is the author of *The Needs of Strangers* (1984), *Scar Tissue* (1992), *Isaiah Berlin* (1998), *The Rights Revolution* (2000), *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry* (2001), *The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror* (2004) and *Fire and Ashes: On Success and Failure in Politics* (2013).

Between 2006 and 2011, he was Member of Parliament for Etobicoke Lakeshore, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. He holds a joint professorial appointment at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto and the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He also holds the Carnegie Centennial Chair at the Carnegie Council on Ethics in International Affairs in New York.

The Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice is very grateful to the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy for co-hosting this event.

Please email [cts@qub.ac.uk](mailto:cts@qub.ac.uk) by Friday 24 May to reserve your place.

**VENUE:** Council Chamber / Canada Room (QUB, Lanyon Building)  
**TIME:** 2-3.30 pm



MONDAY 3 JUNE 2013  
**POLITICS AS A VOCATION:  
RE-IMAGINING THE CALLING  
OF POLITICS IN THE 21ST  
CENTURY**

**Professor Michael Ignatieff Lecture**



**WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2013**  
**'THE CULTURAL WORK**  
**OF SOCIAL TRAUMA:**  
**HOLOCAUST, NANJING, 9-11'.**

**Professor Jeffrey Alexander**  
Seminar

Chair: Professor John D. Brewer

Jeffrey C. Alexander is the Lillian Chavenson Saden Professor of Sociology at Yale University. With Ron Eyerman, he is Co-Director of the Center for Cultural Sociology (CCS). Jeffrey Alexander works in the areas of theory, culture, and politics and has a special interest in how societies deal with trauma. He is the author of *The Meanings of Social Life: A Cultural Sociology* (Oxford 2003), *Cultural Trauma and Collective Identity* (with Eyerman, Giesen, Smelser, and Sztompka, University of California Press 2004), and *The Cambridge Companion to Durkheim* (2005), which he has edited with Philip Smith. With Bernhard Giesen and Jason Mast, he is the editor of *Social Performance: Symbolic Action, Cultural Pragmatics, and Ritual* (Cambridge 2006). In the field of politics, Alexander has written *The Civil Sphere* (Oxford 2006), which includes discussions of gender, race and religion, as well as new theorizing about social movements and incorporation. His more recent publications include *Trauma: A Social Theory* (Polity 2012) and *The Performance of Politics: Obama's Victory and the Democratic Struggle for Power* (Oxford University Press 2010).

You are warmly invited to join us for this event over wine, soft drinks and canapés.

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**Places are limited, so please email [ctsj@qub.ac.uk](mailto:ctsj@qub.ac.uk) by Friday 24 May to reserve your place.**

**VENUE:** Old Staff Common Room (QUB, Lanyon Building)  
**TIME:** 1-3 pm

This event is organised by the Interdisciplinary Research Group 'Art, Performance and Media in (Post-) Conflict Societies' hosted and funded by the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice at Queen's University Belfast.

#### **Keynote speakers**

**Dr Alison Jeffers**, Lecturer in Applied Theatre and Performance (University of Manchester)

**Professor Elizabeth Crooke**, Professor of Museum and Heritage Studies (University of Ulster).

A decade and a half after the signing of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, debate in Northern Ireland is increasingly focused on what have become known as 'legacy issues' – particularly the ways in which experiences of conflict, violence, injustice and division are articulated and received within the public and private realms. This symposium aims to explore the framework of that debate and the issues it raises by bringing together a range of different perspectives and approaches.

Speakers represent a wide range of organisations, including Healing Through Remembering; Theatre of Witness; Kabosh; Northern Ireland Arts Council and academic institutions. A round-table focuses on the BBC documentary, *The Memory Man* (2013). The event closes with a performance with actors from Chatterbox Theatre Company.

Panels will address themes such as:  
Storytelling & Performance  
Imagining Narratives  
The Ethics of Archives

**Pre-registration is required so please RSVP by Friday 31 May to [performingthepeace@qub.ac.uk](mailto:performingthepeace@qub.ac.uk)**

**VENUE:** Lyric Theatre, Ridgeway Street, Belfast  
**TIME:** 9.30-6.15 pm



**FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2013**  
**LOCATION OF NARRATIVES:**  
**'STORYTELLING & ARCHIVES'**  
**SYMPOSIUM**



ISCTSJ connects the perspectives of all those who seek to contribute to conflict transformation and social justice - from the insights of world leading researchers to the experience of practitioners, policy makers, politicians and activists. It strives to create dialogue within which all choices can be heard and to underpin the pursuit of peace through world class research.



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