Call for Papers: 'Explorations of Northern Irishness'

Queen's University Belfast

Riddel Hall

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Northern Ireland remains one of the most researched places on earth, and following the Good Friday Agreement has provided a template for the transition to a post-conflict society that has been exported globally. For a place so small it provides a diversiform political and social environment wherein identity and culture have an unusual salience. Overarching and unresolved questions of cultural, political, and historical legitimacy contour societal engagement to the extent it can create an existential threat to the structures of the state, and the individual.

Led by post-graduate research students, representing a range of disciplines at Queen's University Belfast, this symposium will discuss Northern Irish identity, its characteristics, history, problems, and future direction. This symposium is open to all, and will seek to build inter-disciplinary collaboration between participants for future impact and engagement on the importance of identity in modern Northern Ireland.

Those interested in presenting at the symposium are invited to submit an abstract of 250 words which should include title, description of study, and methodology. This should be accompanied by a biography of no more than 100 words including full contact details, and institution/organisation affiliation. This symposium **welcomes submitted abstracts from all disciplines**, and thematic areas of exploration include but are not limited to the following:

- Identities, Lifestyle and Social Change
- Arts, Theatre, Performance and Media
- Creative Writing, Speech and Language
- Representations, Gender and Equality
- Society, Space and Governance
- Urban, Public and Political Histories
- Culture, Social Division, and Memory
- Shared Education, and Social Cohesion

Send proposals to Owen Fenton (ofenton01@qub.ac.uk) **before 5pm on Friday November 7th 2014**.

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