Conflict, Peace and Transition in Northern Ireland

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Semester Syllabus

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1 The iteration of the Augsburg CGEE-Incore program—i.e., the program launch—will occur in the Spring 2023 Semester. This version of the syllabus can be regarded as indicative.
INTRODUCTION

The Conflict, Peace and Transition in Northern Ireland programme is an investigation of a society’s transition from violent conflict to a sustainable democracy, a transition that continues to be fragile and difficult process. The programme:

1. Examines the conflict in Northern Ireland from multiple perspectives.
2. Analyses Northern Ireland’s resources for building an inclusive and sustainable democracy.

Students participate in lectures, discussions, field experiences, and an integrating weekly seminar. A deeper understanding and application of theory is achieved through engagement in a seven week internship placement in a setting that focuses on one or more of the key themes: Diversity and Inclusion; Equality and Social Justice; Democracy and Active Participation; Human Rights and Social Responsibility.

Inc ore, School of Applied Social and Policy Studies, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Ulster University

Inc ore is responsible for the coordination, teaching and administration of the programme.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2013, Inc ore is a joint project of the United Nations University and Ulster University. Inc ore’s associate status with the United Nations University provides for cooperation between the two in the promotion of research, postgraduate education and training, advisory services and dissemination of knowledge throughout the worldwide community of learning and research.

Combining research, education and comparative analysis, Inc ore addresses the causes and consequences of conflict in Northern Ireland and internationally and promotes conflict resolution management strategies. It aims to influence policymakers and practitioners involved in peace, conflict and reconciliation issues while enhancing the nature of international conflict research.

Inc ore co-ordinates the varied peace and conflict-related activity across the University – encompassing work in disciplines such as politics, policy studies, history, international affairs, sociology, geography, architecture, communications and social work, as well as in peace and conflict studies. Inc ore works in partnership with a variety of institutions and organizations – locally and internationally. Partner organizations include community groups and civil society organizations in Northern Ireland, peace and conflict-oriented NGOs and think tanks in Northern Ireland and internationally, and academic institutions around the world.

Programme Coordination

Nigel Glenny is the Programme Site Director for the Conflict, Peace and Transition in Northern Ireland programme. He is a graduate of Queen’s University Belfast with a First Class Honours Degree in Education (Religious Studies and History). He began his career as a history teacher then moved into Local Government as an Education Officer, where he designed and taught a wide range of experiential learning programmes for schools, colleges, youth and community groups. Much of this work utilized elements of Irish cultural traditions to foster cross-community contact between Protestant and Catholic groups from divided communities within Northern Ireland. Nigel then worked several years at a leading non-governmental organization (NGO) engaged in peace and capacity-building initiatives throughout the island of Ireland. At that organization, he developed an International Citizenship Action Project that reached across communities in Northern Ireland, across the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and across the Atlantic to the United States. He created materials for learning about peace and reconciliation, led programmes in how to facilitate student engagement, and trained teachers and youth workers throughout Ireland and the United States. Prior to taking up post with Inc ore, Nigel was Lecturer in International Education and Development based at Ulster University’s
UNESCO Centre, School of Education where he also directed the HECUA programme. Prior to its transition to Augsburg CGEE, the Conflict, Peace and Transition in Northern Ireland programme (formerly known as Democracy and Social Change in Northern Ireland) was delivered in partnership with The Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA), with the first group of students participating in 2002.

CURRICULUM

Aim:
This programme is designed to engage students in a dynamic learning experience that will facilitate a critical understanding of conflict and its impact on society and a rigorous evaluation of the role of citizens as agents of social change.

Objectives:
- Develop an understanding of the Northern Ireland conflict, its causes and effects.
- Critically examine various approaches to social change in Northern Ireland
- Generate critical thinking on social, civic and political issues
- Develop an understanding of global concerns and parallels

These objectives are addressed through an examination of three baseline questions:

1. **What are the roots of the Northern Ireland conflict?**
   Northern Ireland’s unique social, civic and political situation is investigated and the major components that led to conflict examined in depth. An historical overview of the situation is examined tracing it to the modern day and the current social, civic and political landscape.

2. **Who are the agents of change and how have they contributed toward the peace process in Northern Ireland?**
   Key social agents who have contributed to the peace process are investigated. The tools and processes used by these individuals and organizations to achieve change are assessed.

3. **What are the prospects for lasting peace and how is progress being made?**
   Issues examined:
   - The Belfast Agreement (Good Friday Agreement), 1998
   - The political accommodations and agreements of May 2007 to present
   - Challenges faced by the political administration and civil society in relation to:
     - Moving from a divided to a ‘shared society’
     - ‘Dealing’ with the past

Pedagogy:
Augsburg CGEE is inspired by Paulo Freire’s philosophy of popular education, as well as other critical, experiential, feminist, indigenous, and postcolonial pedagogies that foment transformation. The goal of all CGEE’s educational programmes is the empowerment of the participants to work for personal and social transformation.

CGEE’S FIVE PILLARS OF EDUCATION

1. **Intercultural**
   CGEE draws upon the diverse backgrounds of participants, students, faculty, and community members as the basis of an intercultural experience. This experience is enhanced by facilitated reflection which analyses cultural traditions, values, and ways of interpreting the world, whereby participants look at the complexities of diverse cultures and deepen their own cultural self awareness.
2. Experiential
Experiential programming combines a variety of activities such as storytelling, dialogue with a range of community members, small group work, excursions, lectures, internships, films, and the use of music and the arts with other hands-on experiences. As necessary catalysts for learning, critical analysis and reflection of the experiences are central to the programme and facilitation. Participants are asked to reflect upon both new experiences as well as prior knowledge in a global context.

3. Holistic
CGEE is committed to both intellectual and emotional learning. We encourage people to reflect upon how they learn best and to grow outside of their comfort zone.

4. Analytical
CGEE encourages participants to analyze multiple perspectives and to develop their own viewpoints. Our experiential interactions, combined with background reading and research to determine the validity of information, provide the basis for critical analysis of multiple sides of an issue.

5. Transformative
CGEE believes that the purpose of education is to create a more just and sustainable world. Our goal is for learners to engage both in their own transformation and to act to bring about the changes they envision for our world. Transformative education leads to greater personal and social responsibility.
MODULES

Module 1: Interdisciplinary Studies 317: Understanding the Politics of the Northern Ireland Conflict

This module has a particular focus on promoting awareness and understanding of the local and global implications of the conflict in Northern Ireland. Students deepen their understanding of the characteristics and constituent parts of the conflict.

Aim:

● To develop an understanding of the Northern Ireland conflict: Social, cultural and political dynamics, key events and impact upon society.

Content:

● The historical roots of the Northern Ireland conflict
● The role of religion in the Northern Ireland conflict
● Ethnic frontier/contested society: An introduction to conflict theory
● Cultural and political identities: Perspectives on the conflict
● Key events: Bloody Sunday, Enniskillen etc.
● Young people and the Northern Ireland conflict
● The role of women in the Northern Ireland conflict
● The role of Prisoners/ex-combatants in the Northern Ireland conflict
● Sectarianism, division, victims/survivors

Assessment:

1. Group Study Project 60%
Each student, as part of a team, develops a Group Study Project, which begins to develop in weeks 2-5. It will be a semester-long undertaking with specific tasks to monitor its progress along the way. A presentation of the findings will be facilitated at the end of the semester (Wednesday 7 December).

2. Participation 20%
● Punctual attendance at lectures, seminars and field experiences is a requirement. Unless a student has a valid reason and has notified the Programme Director in advance, marks will be deducted for missing a session/arriving late.
● Active group participation is critical. Students’ careful and critical reading for teaching and learning sessions will be evaluated.
● Talking with others in the learning group, listening to them and offering constructive feedback is expected. Students’ contribution to positive, supportive and non-judgemental group dynamics will be evaluated.

3. Field Experiences 20% As part of the field experience curriculum, students produce a reflection paper (due Friday 30 September). This will be graded according to the knowledge acquired and the ability to reflect on observations. Attendance is essential.

Module 2: Interdisciplinary Studies 316: Building a Sustainable Democracy

This module has a particular focus on promoting awareness and understanding of the actions that can be taken by people in the pursuit of peace and an inclusive, sustainable and effective democracy.
**Aims:**
- Develop an understanding of the dynamics of conflict transformation.
- Develop a critical understanding of the effectiveness of social, civic and political initiatives working for peace and the development of sustainable and effective democratic processes.
- Develop an informed view on the potential for, and the challenges of, securing lasting peace.

**Content:**
- The political peace process: The Belfast Agreement, the Human Rights and Equality agendas, critical evaluation of the current political administration.
- Civil Society and the peace process: Good Relations and Community Development.
- Educational responses to conflict: Segregation and integration.
- Young people and Civic Engagement: Opportunities and challenges.
- Moving from a divided to a ‘Shared Society’: Legal, policy and value levers for social change.
- ‘Dealing with the past’.

**Assessment:**

1. **Independent Study Essay – Mid-term Proposal and Final Paper 60%**
   The mid-term proposal **due Monday 17 October** is an outline of what is intended to be studied, proposed methodology, time management and the structure of the final paper. The final paper is due **Friday 2 December**.

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**MODULE 3: Interdisciplinary Studies (INS) 387 & INS 399: Internship Integration Seminar & Internship Placement**

*The Conflict, Peace and Transition in Northern Ireland Internship* is a means by which students develop skills and acquire new insights into how different facets of society in Northern Ireland are working towards the development of a sustainable and effective democracy.

Students are required to work **200 hours** during the internship.

Student experiences are reflected upon in **weekly seminar sessions**, which are designed to facilitate deepened self-awareness and a critical understanding of the internship site. Reflection journals aid discussions at seminars.
Seminars are held on Mondays – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm (unless indicated otherwise):

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**Assessment:**

1. **Supervisor’s Evaluation Report 20%**
   
   Evaluation is based on the progress towards attainment of the learning goals and duties outlined in the Learning Agreement. The internship site supervisor will account for the overall performance of the student while at work.

2. **Weekly Internship Logs and Mid-term Evaluation 20%**
   
   Performance of 200 hours as required. Timely submission of a quality completed weekly Internship Log is required. Late Internship Logs will not be counted towards your final grade.
   
   **Due by 9am each Friday, Weeks 4 to 11.**
   
   All logs = A 6 = B 5 = C 4 = D 3 = F

3. **Participation 20%**
   
   Students are required to attend all seminars and demonstrate active participation with an ability to raise critical questions. Being on time is required. Discussion of what is being learned from the internship and demonstrated attempts to integrate other components of the programme will be assessed. Listening to and asking questions of fellow students and guest speakers is expected and will be evaluated.

4. **Assignments and Presentations 40%**
   
   ‘*My Internship Organisation and its Role in Promoting Social Change.*’
   
   There is one paper (20%) and one presentation (20%). These require critical reflection and analysis of the internship placements.

**Late assignments drop one full grade per day late.**

Paper: *Due Monday 14 November.*
(Presentations will be delivered during the last internship seminar)

**Lectures, Seminars and Field Experiences**

Students spend six weeks based at the Magee campus of Ulster University and 1 week on an extended field experience in the border counties of Northern Ireland. During this period there will be a concentrated focus on two of the modules:

- Understanding the Politics of the Northern Ireland Conflict
- Building a Sustainable Democracy
### Weekly Outline

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<td>• Extended Field Visit to Border Counties (Tyrone, Fermanagh and Armagh)</td>
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<td>• Integrating Experiences with Theory</td>
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<td>• Reflection retreat (8-9 December)</td>
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SEMESTER OUTLINE BY WEEK
The following is an outline of programme activities. Because of the need to remain flexible, in order to respond to changing events, some activities venues and times may change. Selected readings will be distributed throughout the programme.

WEEK 1a Orientation and Introduction to Northern Ireland

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| Thursday 1 September | • Collection at Airports  
|                     | • Transport to student housing |
| Friday 2 September  | • Visa monitoring  
| MD111               | • University Registration  
|                     | • Programme administration |

WEEK 1 Orientation (Campus) and Residential (Corrymeela)
Field Experience to North Antrim Coast
Understanding the Northern Ireland Conflict

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| Monday 5 September  | Topic: Introduction to University IT and Library services  
| MM221 (Library lab.) | Facilitator: Janice McQuilken, Social Sciences Librarian  
| 9.30 am MD111       | Aim: Familiarisation of Ulster learning environment.  
| 11.00 am            | Outcomes: Understand how to access learning material from library services.  
|                     | Briefing: Ulster University International Department, Student Support Services, Students Union and Accommodation Services |
| Tuesday 6 September | Orientation Residential: Corrymeela Centre  
| 8.30                | Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
| 11.00               | Meeting Point: Duncreggan Student Village  
|                     | • Acquaintance exercises  
|                     | • Hopes, fears, expectations  
|                     | • Northern Ireland Orientation briefing  
|                     | • Introduction to the programme – ‘Creating a learning community’ |
| Wednesday 7 September | Orientation Residential: Corrymeela Centre  
|                     | Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
|                     | • ‘Clash of Cultures?’  
|                     | • Unpacking the Course: Syllabus, Readings, Assignments |
| Thursday 8 September | Orientation Residential: Corrymeela Centre  
|                     | Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
|                     | • Internship Selection process  
|                     | • Introduction to the Programme: Key Themes |
Friday  
9 September  
11 am  
Afternoon

** Topic: Field Experience on North Antrim Coast  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
- Depart Corrymeela Centre  
- Dunluce Castle  
  [http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/places_to_visit_home/historic_monuments/dunluce.htm](http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/places_to_visit_home/historic_monuments/dunluce.htm)  
- Giant’s Causeway  
- Other visits along north coast on return to Derry-Londonderry

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**WEEK 2 Understanding the Northern Ireland Conflict**  
**Field Visits Derry-Londonderry**

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| **Monday**  
12 September  
MD111  
9.00 am – 12.00 am  
1.00 – 5.00 pm | **Topic: What is this Conflict, and Peace, all about?**  
**Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University**  
**Aim:** Stimulate discussion about what we know and what we need to know in relation to the Northern Ireland conflict and peace process.  
**Outcomes:** Develop an understanding of some theoretical and practical models and resources.  
**Topic: Perspectives on Irish History (Part One)**  
**Speaker:** Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
**Aim:** Provide an overview of relevant historical events.  
**Outcomes:** Develop an understanding of the significance of key historical events in relation to the Northern Ireland Conflict and the process of building peace. |

| **Tuesday**  
13 September  
10.00 am – 11.15 pm  
1.00 - 5.00 pm  
MD111 | **Topic: Finding History in the Streets: Using Photography to Observe, Explore and Evaluate**  
**Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University**  
**Aim:** Examine how history is ‘seen’ and understood with reference to visual literacy and intercultural competence.  
**Outcomes:** Observe, State, Explore and Evaluate visual elements of the history of Derry/Londonderry.  
**Visit Apprentice Boys of Derry Museum**  
**Topic: Perspectives on Irish History (Part Two)**  
**Speaker:** Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
**Aim:** Provide an overview of relevant historical events.  
**Outcomes:** Develop an understanding of the significance of key historical events in relation to the Northern Ireland Conflict and the process of building peace. |
| Wednesday 14 September | Topic: Was the Northern Ireland Conflict Religious?  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
Aim: Examine the role of religion in the Northern Ireland conflict.  
Outcome: Develop an understanding of the relationship between religion and politics, culture and identity in Northern Ireland. |
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| 9.30 – 11.30          | Topic: Interpretations and Perspectives regarding the Conflict in Northern Ireland  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
Aim: Examine a variety of perspectives and interpretations of the conflict.  
Outcomes: Map different perspectives on Northern Ireland and understand how they contribute to the continued divisions in society. |
| 11.30 – 1.00 pm       | Topic: ‘Battle of the Bogside’  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
Aims: Introduce issues relating to the outbreak of the ‘Troubles’ in Northern Ireland. Prepare for field visit to Derry/Londonderry.  
Outcome: Appreciate the political significance of key events that occurred in Derry/Londonderry in the late 1960s and early 1970s. |
| 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm     | Topic: ‘Bloody Sunday’  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
Aim: Introduce issues relating to the outbreak of the ‘Troubles’ in Northern Ireland. Prepare for field visit to Derry/Londonderry.  
Outcome: Appreciate the political significance of key events that occurred in Derry/Londonderry in the late 1960s and early 1970s. |
| 3.45 pm – 6.30 pm     | Thursday 15 September  
Field visit: Derry/ Londonderry  
Meet with internship supervisors  
Meet guide on city walls  
Lunch (in Gasyard Centre)  
Museum of Free Derry  
Follow with meeting and Q&A with John Kelly |
| Friday 16 September   | Topic: The Life Cycle of a Peace Process  
Speaker: Prof Paul Arthur, INCORE, Ulster University  
Aim: Explore a number of key developments that led to the 1998 Belfast / Good Friday Agreement and discuss issues relating to subsequent political agreements.  
Outcomes: Develop an understanding of key political agreements, their significance, and a number of implications with regard to the continuing peace process |
| 9.00 am – 10.30 am    | Topic: Shared and Ethical Remembering  
Facilitator: Maureen Hetherington, The Junction  
Aim: Examine the ‘The Decade of Commemoration’ in relation to the development of constructive community relations.  
Outcomes: Appreciate some of the challenges presented by the commemoration of historical events and become aware of some work being done to develop more inclusive and shared processes for remembering the past. |
| 11.00 – 1.00          |
2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

| Topic: Field visit reflection |
| Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University |
| Topic: Debrief |
| Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University |
| Aim: Critically reflect on experiences to date. |
| Outcomes: Identify knowledge gained, challenges etc. |

WEEK 3 Building a Sustainable Democracy
Field visit to Belfast

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| Monday 19 September | Topic: Identity Perspectives  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
Aim: Clarify Unionist and Nationalist perspectives.  
Outcomes: Share understandings of traditional identity perspectives and identify relevant issues with regard to violent conflict and peacebuilding. |
| MD111 9.00 – 10.30 am | Topic: Preparation for Field Visit  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
Aim: Introduce some issues that will be experienced during the field experience to Belfast.  
Outcomes: Develop an understanding of issues relating to community segregation and sectarianism. |
| 10.45 am – 11.30 am | Topic: The Role and Use of Violence and Security in the Escalation and Resolution of the Northern Ireland Conflict  
Speaker: Dr Brendan Lynn, Incore, Ulster University  
Aim: Explore the Role of Political Violence in the Escalation and Maintenance of Conflict.  
Outcomes: Develop an understanding of the Nature of Violence in the Northern Ireland Conflict and its Impact with regard to the Conflict and Peace Process. |
| 11.45 am – 1.30 pm | Topic: Dealing with the Past  
Facilitator: Prof Brandon Hamber, The John Hume and Thomas P. O’Neill Chair in Peace, Incore, Ulster University  
Aim: Explore issues relating to victims/survivors, truth recovery, remembrance, forgiveness, and reconciliation.  
Outcomes: Develop a critical understanding of the legacy of the conflict and an awareness of key proposals in relation to ‘dealing’ with this. |
| 2.45pm – 4.45 pm | Field Visit to Belfast  
Meeting Point: Duncreggan  
Tour of Falls - Facilitated by Cóiste  
Lunch and Q & A with Republican Activist |

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**Wednesday 21 September**

**Topic: Reflections on Development and Social Justice**  
**Speaker:** Neil Alldred, International Development Consultant  
**Aim:** Examine experiences of development and social justice in Africa.  
**Outcomes:** Develop an awareness and understanding of global parallels in relation to social justice.

**Topic: Education and Peacebuilding: Segregation, Integration and Sharing**  
**Speaker:** Dr Alan McCully, School of Education, Ulster University  
**Aim:** Examine a number of key issues relating to education and peacebuilding in Northern Ireland including segregation, integration and sharing.  
**Outcomes:** Identify challenges, opportunities and implications with regard to schools in Northern Ireland promoting mutual understanding and social cohesion.

**Topic: Northern Ireland: A Contested Society**  
**Facilitator:** Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
**Aim:** Examine the notion of Northern Ireland as a contested society and how this relates to conflict theory.  
**Outcomes:** Develop an understanding of the dynamics of a contested society.

**Topic: Field visit reflection and debrief**  
**Facilitator:** Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University

**Thursday 22 September**

**Topic: Considering the spatial characteristics of violence and peace in Northern Ireland.**  
**Speaker:** Dr Adrian Grant, School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences, Ulster University  
**Aim:** Explore how architectural design and planning policies impacted the dynamics of segregation and conflict during the Troubles, and how these processes continue to shape lived experience in Northern Ireland.  
**Outcomes:** Develop an understanding of the micro-dynamics of segregation and division in Northern Ireland, how it impacted and was impacted by the conflict, and how it shapes relations and everyday life in ‘post-Troubles’ society.

**Topic: ‘What do the People Say?’ Northern Ireland Attitudinal Surveys**  
**Speaker:** Dr Paula Devine, Co-Director of ARK and Director of Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey, Queen’s University Belfast  
**Aim:** Explore a number of social attitudes surveys and examine some key findings relevant to the investigations of this programme.  
**Outcomes:** Become aware of relevant social attitudes surveys and begin to appreciate their value in terms of understanding Northern Ireland.
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<td>Social Work in Northern Ireland – Personal, Professional, Political</td>
<td>Vincent McCauley, School of Sociology and</td>
<td>Explore the impact of the conflict and peace process on social work</td>
<td>Develop an awareness of ‘lessons learned’ from the provision of social</td>
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<td>11.45 – 1.15 pm</td>
<td>Topic: The position of women and children in post-conflict Northern Ireland</td>
<td>Goretti Horgan, School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences, Ulster University and Policy Director ARK</td>
<td>Examine how the legacy of the conflict impacts on the rights of women and children in Northern Ireland today</td>
<td>Develop a critical understanding of the gendered nature of the legacy of the conflict and an awareness of how it impacts on the day to day lives of women and children.</td>
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<td>‘Becoming a Critical Friend’ (Internship preparation workshop)</td>
<td>Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University</td>
<td>Critically examine the role of the intern in relation to internship organisations and their operations.</td>
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**Internship Placement Seminars**

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<td>Pm: Visit Northern Ireland Assembly – Observation of debate from public gallery (if in session), presentation by education office and research office, meeting and Q&amp;A with MLA’s.</td>
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## WEEK 9
Fountain Estate  
Mon 31 Oct  
**Am:** Fountain Estate  
Discussion Theme: **My Organisation’s Role in Promoting Social Change**  
**Pm:** Meeting at New Gate Arts and Culture Centre

## WEEK 10
MD111/Possible field experience  
Monday 7 Nov  
Discussion Theme: **Personal Learning**

## WEEK 12
MD111  
Monday 14 Nov  
**Internship Papers and Presentations:** ‘My internship organisation and its role promoting social change.’

### WEEK 12 Extended Field Visit to Tyrone, Fermanagh and South Armagh Border

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| **Tuesday 22 November**  
Morning  
Early afternoon  
Late afternoon | Topic: Remembering, Commemorating and Celebrating  
*Ulster American Folk Park*  
Omagh Memorial  
Meeting *UISCE*  
Overnight: *Belmore Court & Motel* |
| **Wednesday 23 November**  
Morning and afternoon | Topic: Victims / Survivors: support, experiences, and testimonies  
*South East Fermanagh Foundation*  
Overnight: *Belmore Court & Motel* |
| **Thursday 24 November**  
Morning  
**Aims** To examine the work of a faith-based organisation engaged in cross community and cross-border work  
**Outcomes:** Develop an understanding of issues relating to faith-based interventions, reconciliation, and legacy issues as experienced in border communities.  
Outdoor activity in Fermanagh  
Meeting with Ian and Pauline, tour of Darkley House, meeting with residents. Dinner  
Overnight: *Armagh City Hotel* |
| **Friday 25 November**  
Morning  
Afternoon | Topic: ‘Borderlands’: Impact and Legacy of Violence  
**Facilitator:** Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
**Aims:** To examine the impact of violent conflict on a rural community.  
**Outcomes:** Develop an understanding of issues relating to the impact of Violence in border communities.  
Briefing at Crossfire trust  
Tour of South Armagh |
### WEEK 13 Critical Reflection and preparation for assignments

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| Monday 28 November | Topic: Discussion seminar and planning meeting for the last two weeks of the programme.  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
**Topic: Reflection on Experiences**  
Facilitator: Nigel Glenny, Incore, Ulster University  
**Aim:** Reflect upon experiences and how they illuminate theories studied during the course.  
**Outcomes:** Deepen an understanding of the relevance of personal experiences in relation to the Northern Ireland context. |
| MD111              |         |
| Tuesday 29 November| Tutorials with Nigel re: assignments  
Study time for coursework completion |
| MD111              |         |
| Wednesday 30 December| Tutorials with Nigel re: assignments  
Study time for coursework completion  
Second Field Visit Reflection Paper due 5.00pm |
| Thursday 1 December| Study time for coursework completion |
| Friday 2 December  | Study time for coursework completion  
*Independent Study Essay due 5.00pm* |

### WEEK 14 Preparation for Group Study Conference / Reflection Residential Corrymeela

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| Tuesday 6 December | Study and preparation for GSP Conference. Meetings to discuss:  
• Group study project  
• Final summary presentation |
| MD111              |         |
| Wednesday 7 December| Group Study Presentations  
Dinner in the city |
| MD111 1.00 – 4.30 pm|         |
| Evening            |         |
| Thursday 8 December| Final Reflection Residential, Corrymeela, Ballycastle Centre  
Meet at Duncreggan Student Village  
Arrive at Corrymeela  
Reflection and evaluation exercises |
| 8.30 am 11.00 |         |
| Morning, afternoon and evening |         |
### COURSEWORK AT A GLANCE

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Coursework Guidelines

Field Experience Reflection Papers

Reflection Paper 1: Due Friday 30 September
Reflection paper 2: Due Wednesday 31 November
Word Count: 1,500 to 2,000 words (5 - 7 pages approx.)
Line Spacing: Double

Objectives
- Utilize a visit to a place as a stimulus for critically reflective learning.
- Develop and enhance observation and critical thinking skills.
- Develop an awareness of personal interpretive process.

During the field experience:
- Observe (look and listen): What are people doing? How is public space used? What are the businesses and organizations? What art do you see and what does it say? What kind of language is being used? Who is affirmed in their identity? Who could be undermined and threatened? Why?
- Question: Ask questions and analyse answers given:
  ○ Who is offering answers?
  ○ Where is this occurring?
  ○ Why are these answers being given?
  ○ What is not being said?
- Take notes and photographs to aid you.

Following the field experience:
Use the books and articles you have read to develop a thorough analysis of your experiences. This reflection paper will draw on course readings, notes taken during the experience, and your subsequent reflections.

Reflection paper Guidelines:

The focus of the paper is to document what you have learned from the field experience. Include the following in your paper:

Personal experience:
- What were the most memorable events or observations that occurred during the experience? What did you find to be most striking / surprising and why? Be specific
- How did the experiences make you feel? For example: what was familiar, strange, depressing, encouraging?
- What if anything did you find to be challenging?
- What do you want/need to learn more about?

Connection to the course readings:
- Apply some of the concepts and/or terms from the course readings to your personal experience.
- Discuss the broader contexts (including social, economic, cultural, and political dimensions)

Analysis / conclusions:
- What ‘lessons’ are you taking from the experience in relation to:
  a. Northern Ireland
  b. Your ‘self’ (cultural, ethnic, class, gender, sexual, religious/spiritual etc. identity)
Checklist:
- This paper should include at least five references to relevant readings.
- Ensure that the paper has a coherent theme, is well organized and written.
- Pay attention to spelling and grammar.
- Photographs are welcome. They are not counted as part of the paper length requirement.

Grading Criteria:

Quality of Information:
- Information clearly relates to the main topic.
- Description of personal experience is so vivid that the reader can almost “see” what happened.
- Concepts, theories, or terms from the course readings are clearly connected to personal experience.
- The author demonstrates both the depth of the experience and a thorough understanding of the course material.

Organization:
- Information is well organized and constructed.
- Grammar, spelling, and punctuation are all accurate

Sources:
- All sources are appropriately referenced using the Harvard citation standard. See guide: http://library.ulster.ac.uk/soc/harvard.pdf

First Reflection paper: Should relate to either Londonderry-Derry or Belfast or combine experiences of both places.

Second Reflection Paper: Should relate to border counties experiences.

Group Study Project

Paper and Presentation: Due Wednesday 7 December
Word Count: 3,000 – 5,000 words (10-16 pages approx.)
Line spacing: Double

Objectives:
- Apply experiences and theories to a relevant area of interest.
- Develop social and communication skills.

Directions:
1. Monday 19 September: Form groups around issues of common interest. Present to the Programme Director the proposed issue you want to investigate.
2. Consider how to connect the GSP to your internship placement as this will enhance and facilitate your study and understanding of the topic.
3. Monday 10 October: Written proposal
   The proposal should be formulated under the following headings:
   - Issue under investigation - describe what it is you wish to explore.
   - Rationale - describe why you think this is an important and relevant question. Why would anyone want to know about the information and knowledge you will assemble and create? What is the history of this issue? What implications might your study have for social change activities, strategies, tactics etc.?
   - Methodology - describe in as much detail as you can how you will approach the question. Describe proposed methods of investigation and consider all relevant ethical issues. Review existing literature related to your topic by using the web, libraries, literature suggested by people engaged within the field, in lectures and as
recommended by the Programme Director.

4. **Wednesday 9 November:** Produce and agree a **group study plan** with details of roles and timescales:
   - Resources / materials required: How can you find and get access to these?
   - Roles and responsibilities: Who is doing what? Include all stages of the project - data collection, analysis, writing of report and presentation of findings.
   - Timescale: what is a realistic time frame for carrying out the steps involved in your study? Are there any obstacles that you are likely to encounter? What could you do to overcome those obstacles? What kind of support will you need?

5. **Progress Meetings.** Group will meet Nigel in a progress meeting to make sure you are on track.

6. **Wednesday 7 December: GSP Completion.** Submission of report and presentation of findings.
   - Be creative in supporting and presenting your report utilizing photography, art etc.
   - The Group Study Report should include the following components.
     I. Issue
     II. Rationale
     III. Methodology
     IV. Findings
     V. Conclusion and Recommendations
     VI. Bibliography

The following topics are suggested for consideration as possible topics for a Group Study Project:

- The Role of *(Education, Young People, Religion, Women, Ex-prisoners, Civil Society)* in creating a ‘Shared Society’
- ‘Dealing’ with the past
- Racism, the new sectarianism?
- Defining Loyalists / Republicans
- Young men in Northern Ireland
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**Independent Study Essay**

Midterm Essay Proposal: **Monday 17 October**

Final Essay: **Friday 2 December**

Word Count: 3,000 – 5,000 words (10-16 pages approx.)

Line spacing: Double

An example of essays completed by students in the past:

- How Best to Promote Integrated Education? Comparisons between the USA and NI
- The Contribution of Citizenship Education to the Building of a Sustainable Democracy
- Can wall murals play a role in creating a ‘Shared Society’?
- Healing for Victims? An Examination of Options for Truth Recovery
- A Critical Examination of Cross-community Contact Programmes for Young People
- A Critical Examination of the Role of Former Republican Prisoners in Community Development
- A Critical Examination of the Role played by the Arts in Building Peace
- A Critical examination of the role played by the Irish and British Governments in the Peace Process
- Addressing Antisocial Behaviour
- American Actors on an International Stage: The United States and the Northern Ireland Peace Process
- Community Healing: Why it is needed? How it can be achieved?
- Derry/Londonderry: A Divided City to a Shared Space
- Remembering 1916: The legacy of the Easter Rising and the Battle of the Somme in Northern Ireland

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As you settle into your internship you will want to learn as much as you can about your organisation and its work. If possible, set up brief meetings with people at your organisation either informally over coffee/lunch or a formal meeting with your supervisor. Try to talk to a variety of staff, contacts in the community, clients or constituents, board members, etc. Asking questions is important, but it is vital that you listen and observe. Remember that the people in your organisation often have invested a great deal in their work (emotionally, financially, and professionally). Critical questions could be construed as threatening so be sensitive to people’s concerns and insecurities.

Title: ‘My Internship Organisation and its Role in Promoting Social Change.’

Your reflective response should include the following:

(1) How does the organisation present itself?
   a. What is the Mission of the organisation? - Does the organisation have a mission statement?
   b. What is the history of the organisation? How has the organisation changed over time? How is its history reflected in its work?
   c. What is the social issue or cluster of issues that the organisation is trying to address through its work? d. What will be different in NI / the world if the organisation succeeds?

(2) How do I experience the organisation?
   a. Is the mission statement consistent with the issue(s) the organisation is trying to address?
   b. Is the mission statement clearly communicated and understood by staff and ‘clients’?
   c. What is the working culture of the organisation? Is it consistent with the mission of the organisation?
   d. What is the relationship between ‘reality’ and ‘vision’ within the organisation? e. How do my internship / project fit into the organisation’s mission and history?

(3) How does the organisation promote positive social change?
   a. What are some examples of positive practice?
   b. What is the potential and what are the challenges for these approaches? (Consider public policy, public opinion, organisational culture etc.)

(4) What have I learned about myself?
   a. Challenges faced (and overcome)??
   b. Growth and development?
c. Relevance of experiences to future plans?

The written reflection should contain a detailed examination and analysis of the above issues. The paper should include at least five references to relevant readings.

The presentation should convey this information in a way that is appropriate to your audience of peers. You need to actively consider presentation style, format and resources.

**GRADING**

**Explanation of Grades**

Augsburg University uses a letter grading system using the following definitions:

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*The letter grade equivalent of a P grade is a C- or higher.

**The letter grade equivalent of an LP grade is a D-, D, or D+.**
CGEE Grading Policy and Late Assignments
You must submit assignments on time. If you need an extension, you must talk to us in advance to negotiate a new deadline. If you have not been given an extension in advance and you turn in a late assignment, you will be docked half a grade. If you are more than one week late, you will be docked a full grade. No assignments will be accepted more than two weeks after the original deadline; a “0” will be given after that. Assignments due near the end of the semester will not be accepted after the last day of the semester.

Re-writing Assignments
If you receive a grade of C- or lower, you may revise a paper as long as you resubmit it within one week of the date it was returned to you. Your final grade will be an average of the two grades.

Augsburg Honesty Policies
You are expected to follow the Augsburg Honesty Policies. We assume that you have read the honesty policy, understand it, and are following it. Except when the assignment expressly encourages group work, it is assumed that all course work will be your own. You may not copy other students’ work. The first occurrence of plagiarism will result in the failure of the assignment. A student who commits plagiarism a second time will fail the course.

Students’ Rights and Responsibilities
Students with formally diagnosed learning or physical differences have legal rights to course modifications. Those who qualify should identify themselves to the instructor as soon as possible in order to obtain extra assistance.

Accommodation and Adaptation
Augsburg University is committed to providing an environment where all students have the opportunity to equally participate in the academic experience, including students with disabilities. Students with disabilities have rights as determined by federal and state laws which require institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for the student’s disability in order to afford an equal opportunity to participate in the university’s programs, courses, and activities.

Non-Discrimination Statement
Augsburg recognizes that our individual differences can deepen our understanding of one another and the world around us, rather than divide us. In this class, people of all races, ethnicities, gender expressions and gender identities, religions, ages, sexual orientations, disabilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, regions, and nationalities are strongly encouraged to share their rich array of perspectives and experiences. If you feel your differences may in some way isolate you from Augsburg’s community or if you have a need of any specific accommodations, please speak with the instructor early in the semester about your concerns and what we can do together to help you become an active and engaged member of our class and community.

Select Readings
It is important to note that core readings (and many supplementary readings) designed for preparation for class and field experiences are contained in the reading material that will be supplied at the beginning and throughout the course.


McKay, S. (2008) *Bear In Mind These Dead.* London: Faber and Faber


Morrow, D.J. and


Wilde, O. (1999) *De Profundis, The Ballad of Reading Gaol and Other Writings*. Ware: Wordsworth Editions


When Incore was established in 1993 a symbol that would capture the work of the organisation was commissioned. The symbol chosen was the Roundel, designed by Helen Averley. It has become widely used as a motif in Incore’s work.

On first glance the Incore Roundel looks complex but harmonious. On closer inspection it becomes discordant. The patterns, which are interwoven in the Roundel, represent the rich diversity of cultures and ethnic groups found around the world. These artistic forms of expression reflect the complexity of the societies who created them. Patterns have symbolically marked out cultural territory, be it through body painting, textiles or architecture. However, the colourful patterns in the Roundel find themselves clashing. This disharmony represents the friction that can arise between close neighbours. Flash points and areas of conflict are depicted by barbed wire and other violent forms. Both the symbols of conflict and those celebrating ethnicity are here bound inside the circle. The circle, in a sense like the earth is a complete unit, but it has a limited space, which all elements are forced to share.

Societies can be reconciled to co-exist amicably and in mutual respect but this does not always occur; here lies the need for an initiative.