

Overview

DCU's Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction (IICRR) draws on the University's deep vein of academic experience of working in and with societies affected by violent conflict. The Institute draws on Ireland's own historical experience of peace and conflict to produce internationally accessible, academically rigorous and definitive accounts of the implementation of the Northern Ireland peace process; to assist in the analysis of other conflict zones and to use international best practice to assist the remaining legacies of conflicting Ireland. The geographical scope of the Institute's work is global but focuses in particular on Northern Ireland, the post-Soviet space, the Western Balkans, Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. The Institute supports cutting edge taught programmes at BA, MA and PhD levels in the School of Law and Government and works with key civil society partners and governments so that our evidence-based knowledge is both relevant and accessible to those involved in practice.

Research Areas

The Institute specialises in conflict resolution, post-conflict peacebuilding, and reconstruction. The Institute hosts some of Ireland's most prominent scholars in the area of international security, conflict resolution and development, as well as area experts from Eastern Europe and Western Balkans, Middle East, South Asia, and Africa.

IICRR is currently leading three major EU funded projects and a range of medium scale projects supported by the Irish Research Council, private donors and civil society organisations. We lead the largest Network of Excellence on Violent On-Line Political Extremism, looking at issues of on-line radicalisation (FP7, €6m) and two EU Marie Curie ETN PhD programmes on the post Soviet space and on the Caspian region, each worth €3.8m. The Institute regularly organises conferences, seminars and policy workshops which are open to visitors. In the last round of Irish Research Council grants two staff members won awards – focused on public protests in Iran and Gender dimension of EU peacebuilding operations in the Balkans.



Why work with us?

- IICRR is Ireland's largest research institute in conflict studies with 30 staff and 35 PhD students associated with the Institute.
- IICRR is a truly multidisciplinary centre hosting the University's diverse and rich academic expertise in national and international politics, security and foreign policy, peace, gender, and development.
- IICRR is based at the School of Law and Government, which hosts Ireland's most prominent interdisciplinary programmes in the area of international relations, peace, security, and development.
- IICRR attracts extensive national, European, and international funding to generate world class and influential knowledge in many areas.
- IICRR values strong connections with government, policy-makers and civil society to build a strong bridge between academic knowledge and practice.

Centre Members



Prof. John Doyle

Professor John Doyle is the Director of the Institute and the Executive Deaf of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at DCU. His research interests include comparative nationalist and ethnic conflict; Northern Ireland, conflict in South Asia and Irish foreign policy.



Dr. Walt Kilroy

Dr Walt Kilroy is the Associate Director of the Institute and also a lecturer in DCU. His research interests include development, conflict, and post-war reconstruction. Walt previously worked with development organisations on conflict and advocacy.



Dr. Eileen Connolly

Dr Eileen Connolly is a Senior Lecturer in Politics in DCU as well as Director of India Ireland Institute. Her research interests include gender and politics, development and the relationship between states and civil society. Eileen has extensive experience working with national and international development organisations.



Dr. Maura Conway

Maura Conway is a Senior Lecturer in International Security in DCU. She is currently leading a major EU project on on-line political extremism. Maura's research interests are in the area of terrorism and the Internet, a topic on which she is in high demand as a speaker, including at the UN and European Commission.



Dr. Gëzim Visoka

Dr Gëzim Visoka is a Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies in DCU. His research focuses on post-conflict peacebuilding, global governance, and foreign policy of small states. Gëzim has over ten years experience working with civil society and donors in Kosovo, including UN agencies.