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Languages in Conflict and Reconciliation

A half-day conference exploring the role of languages in conflict and reconciliation. Contributions from academics and practitioners in Northern Ireland, Ukraine and many other contexts around the world.

Friday 25 January 2019

1.00pm – 5.00pm

**Canada Room,
Queen's University Belfast**

All welcome. Please register at:

<https://qublcr.eventbrite.co.uk>

Organised by the AHRC-funded Open World project '*Multilingualism: Empowering Individuals, Transforming Societies*', with support from the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice and the Modern Languages Core Disciplinary Research Group (School of Arts, English and Languages)

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The AHRC-funded Open World project 'Multilingualism: Empowering Individuals, Transforming Societies' (MEITS) warmly invites you to a half-day conference at Queen's on **Languages in Conflict and Reconciliation**.

This half-day conference will bring academics and practitioners together to discuss the role of languages in conflict and reconciliation. The panels will explore the role of languages, not just as markers of cultural or political identity that may be central to particular conflicts, but crucially also their role in developing deep levels of cultural understanding of the conflict zones themselves and in building relationships with key participants (combatants, politicians, NGOs, etc.). We will also consider the part languages can play in conflict resolution, reconciliation and peace-keeping. There will be two panels, one focusing on Northern Ireland and Ukraine (both of which are central to the MEITS project) and one on other conflict zones in Africa, South America and Asia.

Confirmed speakers include:

Linda Ervine (Turas, East Belfast Mission)

Prof. Hilary Footitt (University of Reading)

Prof. Mícheál Ó Mainnín & Dr Deirdre Dunlevy
(MEITS, QUB)

Prof. Alison Phipps (University of Glasgow)

Dr Feargal Mac Ionnrachtaigh (Glór na Móna)

Prof. Michael Semple (Senator George J. Mitchell Institute, QUB)

Dr Rory Finnin & Dr Ivan Kozachenko
(MEITS, University of Cambridge)

Patrick Colgan (Senior Advisor, Government of Ireland)

Dr Natalia Kudriavtseva (Kherson National Technical University)

Olena Rozskavova (International Renaissance Foundation, Eastern Ukraine)

This conference is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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