FOR YOUR DIARIES:
FORTHCOMING CONFLICT IN CITIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 18-22 MAY 2011, QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

Queen’s University will host a major international conference on the theme of conflict in cities and the contested state, 18-22 May 2011. The conference is currently at the planning stage and will include:

1. Reports of findings from the project research on Belfast, Jerusalem and the linked cities (Beirut, Mostar, Nicosia, Berlin, Brussels, Kirkuk and Tripoli);
2. Keynote speakers on the conference theme;
3. An open call for papers organised into parallel sessions;
4. A series of round tables involving policy makers, community activists and academics.

Dear colleague,

This is to alert you that new material has been added to our ‘Conflict in Cities’ Project website which might be of interest to you. Below is a brief description of the newly added items. The full information is available on: http://www.conflictincities.org

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP IN JERUSALEM, JANUARY 2010

On 10-12 January 2010, Conflict in Cities held an international Workshop on "Jerusalem and other Contested Cities". A full day of tours of Jerusalem on 10 January was followed by a two-day Project Workshop held at the Notre Dame Centre in Jerusalem. The work that was presented covered a variety of (past and present) divided cities – from Jerusalem, Belfast and Beirut to Sarajevo, Berlin, Nicosia and Odessa.

The workshop booklet, including the programme, abstracts and speakers’ biographies is available on our website: http://www.conflictincities.com

WORKING PAPERS SERIES

Four new working papers were published on our website since July 2009:
Liam O’Dowd and Milena Komarova’s paper *Regeneration in a contested city: A Belfast case study* queries the role of urban regeneration in modifying or transforming inter-communal divisions and their inscription into the spatial and physical fabric of the city;

Lisa Smyth’s paper *Gender and public space in divided cities: Dynamics of everyday urban life* addresses the ways in which ‘public’ and ‘private’ spaces in cities are gendered; and asks what might this mean for the possibilities for complex forms of civility in a divided city such as Belfast?

In their paper *Political Islam in Contested Jerusalem: The Emerging Role of Islamists from within Israel* Mick Dumper and Craig Larkin examine the growing involvement of the Islamic Movement (IM) of Israel in Jerusalem. They ask how significant and far reaching is the Islamic movement’s impact within Jerusalem and amongst the local Palestinian inhabitants;

In *Negotiating Civic Space in Belfast or The Tricolour: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow* Dominic Bryan queries the role of key public events taking place in Belfast city centre in the negotiation of different political identities within the city.

Two more working papers are currently being prepared for publication: Guy Baeten’s *Territorialising Brussels: Belgian Devolution and the Spatial Conundrum of a Bilingual Capital* and Lisa Smyth and Martina McKnight’s *The Everyday Dynamics of Belfast’s ‘Neutral’ City Centre: Maternal Perspectives*.

Papers are available online in pdf format and can be accessed using Adobe Acrobat Reader at: [www.conflictincities.org/workingpapers.html](http://www.conflictincities.org/workingpapers.html)

**OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**

- **New appointments:** Conflict in Cities (Jerusalem team) has appointed two Research Assistants to be based in Jerusalem. Nadera Karkaby and Razan Makhlouf will be assisting Wendy Pullan and Mick Dumper in their field work and data collection.
- See ‘News and Events’ page of the website for information on new publications and invited talks by members of the Conflict in Cities team: [http://www.conflictincities.org/newsandevents.html](http://www.conflictincities.org/newsandevents.html)