Email Newsletter, July 2009

Dear colleague,

This is a brief update on the ‘Conflict in Cities’ project developments since January 2009. Further information on any of the items in this newsletter can be found on our website: http://www.conflictincities.org/newsandevents.html

Project Workshop, September 2009

Our second annual workshop will be held at the University of Exeter, September 16th - 18th, 2009. The theme of the workshop is Conflict in Cities and Everyday Life. Guest speakers at the last (open) day of the workshop include: Jo Beall, Eyal Weizman, Martin Coward, Oliver Creighton and Yael Navaro-Yashin. Details about the workshop programme, presentation abstracts and a list of participants, can be found on our website closer to the time.

Working Papers Series

Nine papers are currently available under our peer-reviewed, electronic Working Paper Series. New working papers, added since our last update in January of this year, are: Jon Calame’s and Amir Pasic’s Post-war reconstruction in Mostar: Cart before the horse; Craig Larkin’s Reconstructing and deconstructing Beirut: Space, memory and Lebanese youth; and Power-sharing and research in divided societies: A rough guide to collecting evidence in Belfast and Beirut by Michael Kerr.

The papers are available online in pdf format and can be accessed using Adobe Acrobat Reader at: www.conflictincities.org/workingpapers.html

Other Project-related News and Events

Research Visits

The Conflict in Cities team (W.Pullan, M.Dumper, J.Anderson, L.O'Dowd and L. Kyriacou) undertook the first of several planned research visits to divided cities between 21 -28th March 2009. The venue was Nicosia. The visit included interviews with planners, academics, journalists, politicians and civil society activists from both the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities.

Another research trip to Jerusalem by M. Dumper, W. Pullan, L. Kyriacou and C. Larkin took place between June 18th and 28th. Mick Dumper’s impressions of current political developments in Jerusalem, gleaned from the visit - were published in The Guardian (July 1st, 2009) under the title ‘No change in Jerusalem, yet’: http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/jul/01/jerusalem-israel-palestine-settlement

In Brussels on an EU research project (May 6th and 7th), James Anderson took the opportunity to meet with some academics working on the city (and other ‘divided cities’) in the fields of geography, history and sociolinguistics.

Colloquia

Wendy Pullan and Liam O'Dowd attended the final project colloquium of the ESRC funded Project: The urban environment: mirror and mediator of radicalization? at the University of Manchester, 21-22nd May 2009: www.manchester.ac.uk/architecture/research(radicalisation)/

Members of the Belfast Conflict in Cities team (J. Anderson, M. Komarova and L. O'Dowd) contributed to a Colloquium entitled Transitional Justice and Public Space organised by the Transitional Justice Institute at the University of Ulster, 12 June 2009.
Lectures/Presentations

In addition to the above events various members of the ‘Conflict in Cities’ project have delivered a number of lectures and presentations over the course of the past six months. For information on these visit our website on: http://www.conflictincities.org/newsandevents.html