International Conference - Call for Papers

URBAN CONFLICTS - ETHNO-NATIONAL DIVISIONS, STATES AND CITIES
Queen’s University Belfast, 19 – 21 May, 2011

The call for papers for the Project’s International Conference is now available online at: http://www.conflictincities.org

This multi-disciplinary conference aims to further our understandings of the nature and dynamics of ethno-national conflicts as manifested in divided cities. Conversely, it questions how cities and everyday urban life are used - and abused - in the containment of these wider national conflicts, and it explores their potential for achieving the self-sustaining moderation, constructive channelling or resolution of conflict.

The conference aims to enhance dialogue between academics and non-academic policy practitioners and community activists. It will include plenary and parallel sessions, key-note speakers, round table discussions and a guided tour of Belfast’s ‘peacewalls’ and ‘shared spaces’.

For further details, please see the Call for Papers [attached]. Abstracts should be submitted by 31
electronic series. Please check at:
http://www.conflictincities.org/workingpapers.html

‘Jerusalem: The Cost Of Failure’
The new Chatham House Briefing Paper
‘Jerusalem: The Cost of Failure’ was launched in
February 2010. The briefing paper is authored
by Mick Dumper and Wendy Pullan, and is now
available online here:

‘Healing Old Wounds in Cities of Conflict’
Wendy Pullan and James Anderson have been
quoted in a Financial Times special report
entitled: ‘Healing Old Wounds in Cities of
Conflict’, by Simon Kuper. Read the article
here:
http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/8aa172e6-38d4-11df-9998-00144feabdc0,dwp_uuid=05c2777c-38da-11df-9998-00144feabdc0.html

World Bank Blog with a Submission from the
CinC Project
A note about the Conflict in Cities project has
been submitted to the WB’s ‘Conflict and
Development’ blog. The blog debates practical
suggestions on how to address conflict and
fragility at the local, national, regional and
global levels. You can read the CinC submission
here:

October 2010. There will be further information
on our website later in the year.

Visiting Scholars

Dr Hazem Abu Orf began his four-month visit as a
Research Associate with the Cambridge ‘Conflict in
Cities’ group in May 2010. Dr Abu Orf is a lecturer
within the Faculty of Applied Engineering and Urban
Planning at the University of Palestine in Gaza. His visit
at Cambridge is funded by the Scholarship Rescue Fund
based in New York. During his academic visit in the UK,
Dr Abu Orf is looking at the relationship between space
and urban informality, addressing research questions
such as: What drives spaces to be violent?; and Does
urban informality matter and to what extent?

Dr Haim Yacobi is to begin a Marie Curie Fellowship
with Dr Wendy Pullan in July 2010. Dr Yacobi is a
senior lecturer at the Department of Politics and
Government at Ben Gurion University and an associate
of the Conflict in Cities project. He will be based in
Cambridge and his work will focus on the Geopolitics of
Neighbouring, a comparative study of the effect of
geopolitical conditions on neighbourhoods, planning
and the everyday life of minority groups in contested
cities.

New Team Members

Conflict in Cities (Cambridge) has appointed two new
Research Assistants:
Dr Britt Baillie is focusing her work for the Project on
the changing landscape of East Jerusalem. Her broader
research interest include: the politisation of
cultural heritage, memory and identity, religious
uses and concepts of space, and theories of
destruction; Dr Yair Wallach’s work on the Project is
on the problems and possibilities of “shared space” in
divided cities, and especially in Jerusalem. His
research interests are in the Palestine-Israel
conflict, and the intersection between ideas and
material culture in the everyday experience of
modernity.

Dr Katy Hayward has stepped in as a primary research
partner to work on the Belfast-based module ‘From
Conflict Management to Conflict Resolution’ Dr
Hayward is a lecturer in Sociology at the School of
Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work at Queen’s
University Belfast. Her primary research interests lie in the arena of nationalism and conflict transformation on the island of Ireland and the influence of the European Union on these processes.

**Annie Kane-Horrigan**, a new international PhD student, will join the Project team in September 2010. She is funded by Queen’s University, Belfast and will study visible and invisible borders in post-conflict Belfast.

### Balkan City Visits

Conflict in Cities investigators **Wendy Pullan, James Anderson, Mick Dumper** and **Liam O’Dowd** visited Mostar and Sarajevo in May (17 – 23) 2010 in order to study these two cities and meet with colleagues. They were joined by CinC PhD student **Giulia Carabelli** who is currently doing her fieldwork in Mostar. **James Anderson** also visited Mitrovica to attend the inaugural conference for *The Forum for Cities in Transition* (http://citiesintransition.net), on 23 – 26 May. He further visited Prishtina and Skopje where he interviewed journalists, representatives of national and international NGOs, politicians and academics.

### Coming Up

**Giulia Carabelli** and **Lefkos Kyriacou** will present their recent work at the *International Visual Sociology Association Conference,* in sessions entitled: *The contribution of visual techniques in the analysis of ethno-territorial conflicts and Thinking, doing and publishing visual research: the state of the field?*, Bologna (20-22 July 2010).

Conflict in Cities PhD student **Linda Rootamm** will present a paper entitled ‘New Berlin through the eyes of Berliners’ at the *Social Agency: Theoretical and Methodological Challenges of the 21st Century Humanist Sociology Conference* (20-22 October 2010) in Wroclaw, Poland. Linda’s paper will be part of the session entitled ‘Social agency and civil society in Central and Eastern Europe’.