

CONFLICT IN CITIES AND THE CONTESTED STATE

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This two day workshop introduces 'Conflict in Cities and the Contested State', a Large Grant project supported by the ESRC, beginning 2007 and running until 2012. The wider theme of the workshop reflects the main concern of the project, the dichotomy between contested cities and contested states.

The workshop has three main aims:

- To introduce the project to our new PhD students, and for the first time, to bring together the full Conflict in Cities team, from the Universities of Cambridge and Exeter and Queen's University
- To use Belfast as a laboratory for understanding a city central to a long ethno-national conflict
- To bring into the project comparative material, based on other divided cities and states

Accordingly, the first day of the Workshop will be a round table for the Conflict in Cities team. The second day will be open to guests and include papers on Belfast, Jerusalem and other divided cities, as well as a round table discussion with Belfast policy makers and community activists. Tours of Belfast will take place on Wednesday 24 September and Thursday 25 September.

