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Programme

- 10.00am WELCOME**
Dr Helen Johnston, Chair, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- OPENING REMARKS**
Dr Anthony Soares, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- 10.10am KEYNOTE**
Rt Hon Julian Smith CBE MP
MODERATOR: **Maureen O'Reilly**, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- 10.50am VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.20am THE PROTOCOL ON IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND**
Adebayo Babajide, Head of Political Section, European Union Delegation to the United Kingdom
- 11.40am GOVERNANCE, DIVERGENCE, CONVERGENCE:
IMPLEMENTING THE PROTOCOL AND UK-WIDE FRAMEWORKS**
CHAIR: **Michael D'Arcy**, Centre for Cross Border Studies
Professor Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast
Professor Federico Fabbrini, Dublin City University
Allie Renison, Institute of Directors
David Henig, European Centre for International Political Economy
- 1.00pm LUNCH**
- Institute of Public Health**  **AFTERNOON SESSION GENEROUSLY SPONSORED
BY THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
- 2.00pm LAUNCH OF THE 2020 JOURNAL OF CROSS BORDER STUDIES IN IRELAND**
Dr Anthony Soares, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- 2.10pm RESPONDING TO COVID-19 ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND**
Professor Deirdre Heenan, Ulster University
- 2.50pm HEALTHY CO-DEPENDENCIES:
COORDINATION ACROSS BORDERS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND BEYOND BREXIT**
CHAIR: **Dr Teresa O'Doherty**, Centre for Cross Border Studies
Martin Unfried, ITEM, Maastricht University
Damien McCallion, Cooperation And Working Together
Joanne Morgan, Community Development and Health Network
Michael Tomlinson, Queen's University Belfast
- 4.20pm CLOSE**

Conference Speakers



Dr Helen Johnston

Dr Johnston is Chair of the Centre for Cross Border Studies. In her day job, Helen is a Senior Social Policy Analyst at the Irish National Economic and Social Council (NESI). Helen previously worked at the Irish Combat Poverty Agency where she was Director for six years and Head of Research for eight years.

During her time with Combat Poverty, Helen was involved in implementation of the Peace Programme, with Pobal, in the Border Counties.

A native of Northern Ireland, Helen worked in the Northern Ireland Civil Service in the early years of her career. She has qualifications in environmental science, town and country planning, business administration and a doctorate in governance.



Dr Anthony Soares

Dr Anthony Soares is Director of the Centre for Cross Border Studies. His role includes leading in the development and advocacy of policies at regional, national and European levels that support sustainable cross-border and transnational cooperation. This has increasingly meant coordinating CCBS's responses to the UK's referendum on EU

membership and its aftermath, publishing Briefing Papers and reports, submitting evidence to parliamentary committees in both Westminster and Dublin, and consulting with a range of political representatives and organisations on the island of Ireland, Great Britain and in Europe.



Rt Hon Julian Smith CBE MP

Julian was appointed Secretary of State for Northern Ireland following Boris Johnson's election as Prime Minister in July 2019. On behalf of the UK government, he led the recent negotiations that restored devolved Government to Northern Ireland following a three year impasse. The talks included negotiation of a £2bn financial package to

support the Northern Ireland executive. He was awarded Spectator magazine's Minister of the Year following the deal.

During his time as Secretary of State, Julian delivered same sex marriage and abortion legislation finally bringing Northern Ireland's social laws into line with the rest of the UK. He regulated for a wide ranging compensation scheme for victims of the Troubles and took through the Commons a landmark bill for victims of child abuse who had waited decades for recognition.

From 2017-2019 Julian was Government Chief Whip. Usually a low profile role, the combination of a hung parliament and Brexit placed it in sharp focus. Julian led efforts to hold the Conservative party together during the most divisive period in the party's history.

Prior to becoming Government Chief Whip Julian was a Minister in various roles in the Whips office including Deputy Chief Whip and

Vice Chamberlain – the Minister who regularly updates the Sovereign on parliamentary affairs.

Julian has been Conservative MP for Skipton and Ripon since 2010. Prior to entering parliament he built and ran an executive search firm in London and Singapore.



Maureen O'Reilly

Maureen is a Senior Research Associate at the Centre for Cross Border Studies and an independent economist with more than 25 years' experience across a range of areas including policy evaluation, economic impact assessment, cost benefit analysis, economic appraisal, strategy, briefing, research and statistical analysis. She was previously Senior

Research Economist with the Economic Research Institute for Northern Ireland (ERINI). Prior to this she headed up the Policy Evaluation Unit at the Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre (NIERC). She was an Associate Lecturer in Economics with the Open University from 2003 to 2009. She now heads up her own consultancy company. Maureen acts as economist for the NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Economic Associate with Pro Bono Economics which supports charities to understand and improve their impact and value. She is also a Board Member of Enterprise Northern Ireland which represents the interests of local enterprise agencies and lobbies on behalf of small business.



Adebayo Babajide

Adebayo is the Head of Political Section of the EU Delegation to the UK.

He started his foreign service career in the Austrian MFA during the country's accession negotiations to the EU. He joined the EU's external services in 1997 and has had assignments in various areas, including trade

negotiations, development cooperation, enlargement negotiations, as well as security policy, including non-proliferation and disarmament. Before joining the newly established EU Delegation to the United Kingdom, following the UK's departure from the EU, he worked in the EU's Delegation in New York. He has previously been posted to the Caribbean, the Western Balkans and the EU's representation to the UN in Vienna.



Michael D'Arcy

Michael was an early pioneer of Sir George Quigley's proposal for an island economy and he has passionately pursued it as a topic throughout his career, encouraging and supporting the evolution of the joined up all island business activity and success Sir George envisaged. This year Michael gave the CCBS's 5th Annual Sir George Quigley Memorial

Lecture (in honour of the founder of the concept of an island economy) on 'reimagining the island economy in the aftermath of Covid 19 and Brexit'.

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Most recently he co-authored with Prof Frances Ruane *'The Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, the island of Ireland economy and Brexit'* (2018) for the British and Royal Irish Academies and coordinated production Ibec/CBI's *'Business on a Connected Island'* Report (2018). And with Prof Peter Shirlow *'The Contagion of Uncertainty: The Protocol on Ireland & Northern Ireland and the EU Withdrawal Agreement'* for the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool.

Michael is currently the independent advisor to the work of Ibec/CBI's Joint Business Council (JBC), and for the last five years he has co-presented a Guest Lecture with former CCBS Director Andy Pollak on political violence and the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement to political science students in Trinity College Dublin and last year was a Panelist at the Thomas D'Arcy Magee Summer School in Carlingford on the operation of N/S Bodies established by that Agreement.



Professor Katy Hayward

Professor Katy Hayward is Reader in Sociology and a Fellow of the Senator George Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security & Justice at Queen's University Belfast. She is currently a Senior Fellow of the UK in a Changing Europe Initiative for which she is working on 'The Future and Status of Northern Ireland'.

A political sociologist, Katy's research has covered various aspects of conflict and conflict transformation on the island of Ireland – from local level contentious events (such as the Flags Protest) to the impact of EU membership on the Irish border and peace process. She is the author of over 200 publications, including *'Brexit at the Border'* (2018) and the co-edited book *'Dynamics of Political Change in Ireland'* (2017). Katy has presented widely on the topic of Brexit and Northern Ireland/Ireland to public, policy, media and academic audiences. She has presented written and oral evidence on this subject before parliamentary committees in the UK and Ireland, as well as in the European Parliament. Outside academia, she is also a member of the Board of the Centre for Cross Border Studies.



Professor Federico Fabbrini

Federico Fabbrini is Full Professor of European Law at the School of Law & Government of DCU and the Principal of the Brexit Institute. He holds a PhD in Law from the European University Institute and he is a fully qualified attorney in Italy. He previously held academic positions in the Netherlands and Denmark.

He is the author of *'Fundamental Rights in Europe'* (Oxford University Press 2014) and *'Economic Governance in Europe'* (Oxford University Press 2016) as well as the editor, among others, of *'The Law & Politics of Brexit'* (Oxford University Press 2017) and *'The Law & Politics of Brexit. Volume 2: the Withdrawal Agreement'* (Oxford University Press 2020).

He regularly engages with EU institutions and national governments, and has presented his work to among others, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank, the European Commission, the European Court of Justice, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, the

EFTA Court, and the UK Financial Conduct Authority. In 2019 he was awarded the Charlemagne Prize fellowship for research, in recognition of his work on the Future of Europe.



Allie Renison

Allie Renison is Head of EU and Trade Policy, and leads on devising recommendations and representing the voice of members on EU policy matters both to Westminster and Whitehall and with European institutions. She provides the link between business and Government on increasing international trade and has authored a number of reports on

trends in both trade and trade policy, as well as running a number of trade missions for IoD members around the world every year. She also routinely provides advocacy for the IoD on a range of regulatory issues in Brussels.

Allie joined the IoD in April 2014. Prior to this, she was Research Director at Business for Britain, the campaign focused on renegotiating the UK's relationship with the EU. Allie has previously advised a number of parliamentarians in both Houses on EU legislative issues, with particular focus on trade and employment policy areas. She holds a Masters Degree in the political economy of emerging economies in the post-Soviet space.



David Henig

David Henig is Director of the UK Trade Policy Project at the think-tank European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE) and one of the UK's leading authorities on trade policy. He has studied and written extensively on the trade implications of Brexit and what comes next, including detailed analysis of the Ireland / Northern Ireland Protocol. He also

examines global trade issues such as USA-China tensions, future of the WTO, and EU trade agreements. Prior to joining ECIPE in March 2018 he worked for the UK Government including on Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership (TTIP) talks between US and EU, and in establishing the Department for International Trade after the referendum. He co-founded the UK Trade Forum, discusses trade issues frequently in the media, and is active on social media. A graduate of Oxford University, David has also worked in the private sector as a consultant.



Professor Deirdre Heenan

Prof Deirdre Heenan is a Professor of Social Policy at Ulster University and a senior research associate at the Nuffield Trust London, she is also research fellow at Pivotal. She is a Board member of the British Irish Association, a columnist with the Sunday Business Post and a former member of the Irish Council of State. She has written and

researched extensively in the area of healthcare and political systems and is a co-founder and former co-director of the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey.



Dr Teresa O'Doherty

Dr Teresa O'Doherty is President of Marino Institute of Education, Dublin, an Associated College of Trinity College Dublin. Teresa's research focuses on the areas of teacher education and the history of education, and she has published widely in these fields. She is President of the Educational Studies Association of Ireland, and is a member of a number of Boards, including the State Examinations Commission, SCoTENS and the Centre for Cross Border Studies.



Martin Unfried

Martin Unfried (1966) has been working as a senior researcher at the Institute for Transnational and Euregional Cross Border Cooperation and Mobility (ITEM) at Maastricht University since 2015. He is inter alia the project leader for the annual ITEM cross border impact assessment. He has been participating in an ESPON project on Territorial Impact assessment of INTERREG programmes in 2018/2019 and was responsible for the assessment of the programme "The Netherlands-Germany". He has recently written advisory reports on regulatory impact assessment for DG Regio of the European Commission and the Dutch Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations, and reports on the legal instruments of cross border coordination for the Dutch Provinces of Limburg and the Province of Zeeland. He has been involved in the realisation of cross border information points (Grens-informatiepunt Maastricht (GIP)) and the establishment of a Cross border employment-service at the German-Dutch border. In 2019/20, he did a research project for the Euregion Meuse-Rhine with respect to the transition into an EGTC.



Damien McCallion

Damien McCallion was appointed Director General of CAWT (Co-operation and Working Together) and National Director with responsibility for the HSE North-South Unit in July 2017. He is also the HSE's National Director for Emergency Management and is currently Interim National Director for the National Screening Service. Prior to this, he was the HSE National Director for the Ambulance Service with responsibility for Pre-Hospital Emergency Care services in Ireland. In addition, he led on Unscheduled Care Planning within the HSE. He has worked previously in the HSE as Area Manager for Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan responsible for Acute and Community Care. He was also the HSE's Director of the Integrated Services Programme as the Head of ICT. Previously in the North Western Health Board, Damien held roles as the Director of ICT and as the National SAP Programme Manager. Prior to his career in the Health Services he spent over ten years in the airline industry with British Airways in several roles through sales, marketing and ICT. He has been a Board Member of CAWT (Co-operation and Working Together) for five years. He holds an MSC in Change Management.



Joanne Morgan

Joanne Morgan is the Director of Community Development and Health Network (CDHN), a membership organisation working across Northern Ireland to end health inequalities through community development. A qualified Town Planner, Joanne has worked within the community, voluntary and statutory sectors for the past 20 years with experience gained as a Peace Manager local government and Manager of Early Years services including a range of Sure Start projects. Joanne has been director of CDHN for 11 years. She has a particular interest in knowledge translation, co-production and health literacy and their impact on communities. Joanne is a passionate believer in the power of community development to bring about transformation in local communities.



Mike Tomlinson

Mike Tomlinson is Emeritus Professor of Social Policy, Queen's University Belfast. For most of his career, social statistics were at the centre of his work on describing social problems and evaluating policy responses to those problems. His research interests lie in two main areas: economic and social marginalization, and social control – specifically the workings of criminal justice systems. He has written on policing and penal policies, and has spent time in most prisons in Ireland (North and South) – as an Open University tutor.

Over the years his research projects have included studies of long-term unemployment and associated policies; poverty and social exclusion, including major population-wide surveys that recorded people's experiences of the Northern Ireland conflict; post-conflict trends in mental health and suicide; child poverty; regional inequality across the UK; and the relationship between poverty and measures of 'happiness'. Most of these projects have included comparisons between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.



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