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**Agenda of the Political Power, Criminality and
Conflict Conference
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The Gallery, Helix, DCU Glasnevin campus (Dublin 9)

Schedule

9,30	Welcome remarks	Professor John Doyle (IICRR, DCU)
9,35	Political power-criminality -conflict relationship. A peace-building perspective.	Professor Oliver Richmond (Dublin City University)
9,45	Setting the stage	Professor Francisco Gutiérrez-Sanín (UNAL, Colombia) & Dr. José A. Gutiérrez (IICRR, DCU)
10,30	Break	
10,45	First session: the politics of criminalisation Chair: Paola Rivetti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The politics of citizenship and exclusion in Colombian goldmining -Christoph Kaufmann (University of Zurich) b. Criminalising Political Resistance in Palestine. Israel's use of military law and the courts in the Occupied Palestinian Territories -Nery Ramati (DCU) c. Let die and make die [hacer morir]. On the criminalization of coca and marijuana producers in the persistent internal armed conflict in Colombia -Irene Vélez-Torres (Univalle, Colombia) & Chiara Chiavaroli (LSE) d. Q&A
11,45	Break	
12,00	Second Session: Gangsters and Other State-Makers Chair: Erika Biagini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Separatism and Crime: Myths and Patterns from East Europe, Middle East and West Africa -Danilo Mandić (Harvard University) b. Criminalisation and patterns of violence against civilians. The political-criminal divide in the Colombian paramilitary ideology -Francisco Gutiérrez-Sanín (UNAL, Colombia) c. A Heavy Hand with a Weak Arm. Local consequences of State-Criminal organizations conflict on violence prevention and State Legitimacy in Caracas, Venezuela. -Guillermo Sardi (CUNY) & Fernando Garlin (University of Paris Cité) d. Q&A
13,00	Lunch	
14,00	Third Session: After-War Legacies Chair: Valesca Lima	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When the war is over. Special Forces, Organized Crime and Curbed Democratic Consolidation in Serbia -Vladimir Petrović (Harvard University) b. Greedy peace-makers -José A. Gutiérrez (IICRR, DCU) c. The Libyan uprising: between a rocky political transition and a violent internal conflict -Nada Ahmed (Ulster University) d. Q&A
15,00	Break	
15,10	Fourth Session: Law, Order and Conflict Chair: Walt Kilroy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Criminality, power and politics in post conflict Northern Ireland -John Doyle (IICRR, DCU) b. Governing through deterrence in Colombia -Ana María López (Constitutional Court of Colombia) c. In the shadows of the green recognition pact: the limits of law enforcement against illegal mining in the Peruvian Amazon - Gisselle Vila Benites (Clark University) d. Politics, Crime and Non-War Violences: the case of Mexico - Jenny Pearce (LSE) e. Q&A
16,10	Break	
16,20	Closing remarks	Dr. Danilo Mandić (Harvard University)

Speaker biographies

Francisco Gutiérrez Sanín, is an anthropologist and political scientist, researcher at the Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Relaciones Internacionales (Universidad Nacional de Colombia). Recent books: 'Clientelistic Warfare? Paramilitaries and the State in Colombia' (Peter Lang, 2019) and '¿Un nuevo ciclo de la guerra en Colombia?' (Random House, 2021).

Professor John Doyle is Director of DCU Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction and Professor of International Conflict Resolution in DCU School of Law and Government. His research interests include comparative nationalist and ethnic conflict; Northern Ireland, conflict in South Asia and Irish foreign policy. He is Editor of Irish Studies in International Affairs. At present John is leading DCU's contribution to cross-border collaboration on the island of Ireland, including Ireland North-South: a research programme on the Future of the island of Ireland. In this capacity John is on the Steering Committee of the ARINS project, a collaboration involving the Royal Irish Academy and the University of Notre Dame and also the board of the Centre for Cross Border Studies.

José A. Gutiérrez. Sociologist, researcher and lecturer. He has worked extensively on the Colombian conflict on issues related to governance and state-building. He has experience in Ireland, the EU, Kenya and Indonesia on development research. Currently he works in the Université Libre de Bruxelles as post-doctoral research fellow. He is also lecturer at the school of law of the Universidad Santo Tomás, Medellín, Colombia.

Professor Oliver Richmond is a leading scholar in the field of IR, Peace and Conflict Studies and International Research Professor in DCU. In 2019, he received an Eminent Scholar Award from the International Studies Association. He has worked with international actors, especially the UN, and civil society organisations in several conflict-affected areas around the world, and has also conducted fieldwork on local, state, and international problems of peacebuilding in Timor Leste, Sri Lanka, Cyprus, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Colombia.

Vladimir Petrović researches mass political violence and strategies of confrontation with its legacy. He graduated from Contemporary history (Faculty of Belgrade: BA and MPhil) and Comparative history of Central and Southeastern Europe (Central European University: MA and PhD), completing his postgraduate studies at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam. His latest book *The Emergence of Historical Forensic Expertise: Clio takes the Stand* (Routledge, 2017) examines the role of historians and social scientists as expert witnesses in some of the most dramatic legal encounters of the 20th century. Petrovic was himself working in this intersection between history and law, both in the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and in the Serbian War Crimes Prosecutor's Office. He published extensively on ethnic cleansing in the Balkans and attempts to undo its legacy, as well as on the history of nonalignment during the Cold War. He is a Full Researcher Professor at the Institute for Contemporary History in Belgrade, as well as Visiting Professor at History and Legal Department of Central European University. At Boston University, he teaches in the Core.

Irene Vélez-Torres, PhD – Full Profesor Universidad del Valle. Dr. Vélez-Torres (PhD Political Geography, University of Copenhagen) is a Colombian activist researcher, dedicated to the critical, transdisciplinary and participatory study of environmental and agrarian conflicts, examining its intersections with historical processes of domination and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, and social class. She is a Full Professor at the Universidad del Valle, Assistant Editor at GEOFORUM, and Co-Chairs the Colombian Section at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). As a Fulbright scholar she engaged in Postdoctoral research at Clemson University and was a postgraduate visiting scholar at the Centre of Social Studies at the University of Coimbra.

Danilo Mandić is the author of *Gangsters and Other Statesmen* (Princeton U.P.) and co-editor of *Changing Youth Values in Southeast Europe* (Routledge). He published on war, nationalism and forced migration in *Theory and Society*, *Nationalities Papers*, *International Migration*, *Ethnopolitics* and other journals. His forthcoming book *Drowned Out* investigates Syrian refugees. He is is Associate Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Harvard University.

Jenny Pearce is a Political Scientist at the London School of Economics, who works with anthropological methods on violence, security, participation and social change in Latin America. Her most recent (2020) monograph is *Politics without Violence? Towards a Post Weberian Enlightenment*. Her current research is on security and violence in Mexico and elites and violence in Colombia.

Chiara Chiavaroli is a Ph.D student in International Development at the London School of Economic and Political Science researching the politics of chemical risk management in Colombia, and the interplay between reproductive and environmental violence in communities exposed to toxic contamination. After completing a (Ba) in Anthropology at the University of Bologna (Italy) she obtained a MREs in Anthropology at the University College London (UK) and a Msc in Environment and Development at the University of Copenhagen (Denmark).

Christoph Kaufmann is a last-year PhD student at the Political Geography Unit at the University of Zurich. His overall research interest is about the intersections of resource governance schemes with the renegotiation of the conditions for inclusion of historically marginalized lives in Colombia.

Nada Ahmed has worked as a legal and human rights researcher after she obtained a master's degree in human Rights Law from Paris X University in France after obtaining her bachelor's degree in international law from both Paris 1 Sorbonne University and Cairo University. Nada has worked with human rights lawyer Negad El Borai as a legal researcher where she authored *The Prisoner's Handbook: a Q & A about prison rules and regulations in Egypt*. To pursue her interest for transitional justice, she joined the Transitional Justice Institute for her PhD focusing on Narratives of Perpetration in transitional justice mechanisms after the Arab Spring.

Gisselle Vila Benites. PhD student in Geography at Clark University. MA in Environmental Development and Lic. in Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP). Her research lies at the intersection of political ecology and critical resource geography, focusing on natural resource governance in Andean – Amazon states. For her doctoral dissertation, she explores the criminalization and formalization of artisanal and small-scale mining in Colombia and Peru. Gisselle has published in *Environmental Science and Policy*, *The Extractive Industries and Society*, and *Historica Crítica*, among other journals. Before joining Clark University, she was the Coordinator of the Program on Sustainable Development and Social Inequalities in the Andes (TRANDES), a PUCP and Freie Universität Berlin initiative funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Adv. Nery Ramati is a PhD candidate at Dublin City University, School of Law and Government. He is an IRC Doctoral Fellow and has been awarded the Andrew Grene Postgraduate Scholarship in Conflict Resolution. He is conducting PhD research titled: 'The Use of Preventive Artificial Intelligence Tools in Counter-Terrorism and their Impact on Human Rights'. Prior to his studies, Adv. Ramati was a partner in Gaby Lasky and Partners Law Office, a leading human rights office in Israel, specialising in freedom of expression and protest. He has represented Palestinian, Israeli and international human rights and anti-occupation activists in the military and civil courts.

Guillermo Sardi García is a Venezuelan political psychologist enrolled in the Political Science PhD at the City University of New York's Graduate Center (CUNY). He has both academic and applied experience in conflict and peacebuilding research. Guillermo studied psychology and clinical community-psychology at Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (UCAB), a master's in social and cultural psychology at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and a master's in interdisciplinary studies at New York University (NYU). From an applied perspective, he has worked in the NGO "Caracas Mi Convive" and taught at a university level about community organising and violence prevention.

Fernando Garlin Politis is a PhD candidate at the Université Paris Cité (CEPED, IRD). His current thesis is entitled: "Humanitarian states? Ethnography of humanitarian policies and practices in Venezuela and Colombia". His publications include: "Chacun sa fête: désaccords humanitaires et confrontations politiques" ("To each his own: humanitarian disagreements and political confrontations") (FMSH editions) and "Migrating Home, Going Home Abroad. Venezuelan Refugees' Detours Between Colombia and Venezuela During the Covid-19 Pandemic" (Noria Research).

Ana María López is a lawyer working in the Constitutional Court of Colombia. She has lectured in Universidad Lasalle and Universidad Santo Tomás, Medellín, Colombia.