

Queen's University, Belfast

University College, Dublin

Initial Meeting of the 'Political Studies Association in Ireland'

Date: Friday 19th and Saturday 20th March 1982

Venue: Room 5052, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin

PROGRAMME

Friday

4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Accommodation Desk. (Accommodation will be in local inexpensive hotels).

5.00 - 6.30 p.m. Plenary session: the formation of the association.

Saturday

10.00 - 11.00 a.m. John Maguire (Cork), Market and Motivation: problems of revolutionary action in Hegel, Marx and modern theory.

11.30 - 12.30 p.m. Paul Arthur (Ulster Polytechnic), Direct Rule in Northern Ireland

2.30 - 3.30 p.m. Mick Cox (Queen's), American Power and the Soviet Threat.

Could all those who have not yet replied concerning attendance and accommodation please do so by March 8th to:

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POLITICAL STUDIES
ASSOCIATION OF
IRELAND

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS,
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October 1982

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your subscription to the P.S.A.I., a receipt for which has been sent to you separately. You will be glad to hear that the society's funds now amount to IR£220.14 lodged in Bank of Ireland Deposit Account No. While scarcely an astronomical sum, it is a reasonable "float" to start with.

Your committee has, in its collective wisdom, decided that an Autumn meeting might be a little over-ambitious, and has postponed the next meeting until early next year. I would like at this stage to get from you, or from people outside the P.S.A.I., proposals for papers which might be given at the next meeting. In part, my intentions are firstly to find out who is working on what and secondly devise a programme that will encourage people to become aware of each other's activities while being of a reasonably broad appeal.

This letter is also an invitation to you to submit ideas, proposals and opinions to your committee. The structure now exists; it is up to you to start using it.

Yours faithfully,

T. GARVIN,
Convenor.

A meeting of the P.S.A.I. will take place at Trinity College Dublin in Room 5039, Arts Building on Friday 13 May 1983.

(Please note change of date).

A G E N D A

9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. PLENUM : Election of new Convenor; decision on next meeting.

10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. FIRST SEMINAR

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| John Whyte (QUB) | <u>The Permeability of the Irish Border</u> |
| Adrian Guelke (QUB) | <u>The "Ballot Bomb": the Northern Ireland Assembly Election and the Provisional IRA</u> |
| T.K. Daniel (UP) | <u>Electoral Politics in Northern Ireland</u> |
| Henry Patterson (UP) | <u>The British State and Catholic Politics since 1972</u> |
| Tom Gallagher (UB) | <u>Fianna Fail and Partition : Continuity and Change</u> <u>1926 - 83</u> |

1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. LUNCH

2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. SECOND SEMINAR

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| Lee Komito (UCD) | <u>Brokerage and Bureaucracy in Dublin Local Politics</u> |
| Bill Beamish and John Coakley (NIHEL) | <u>Electoral Behaviour in Bye-elections : the Irish Experience</u> |
| Michael Marsh (TCD) | <u>Electors' Assessments of Dail Candidates 1948 - 82</u> |
| Richard Sinnott (UCD) | <u>Dimensions of Difference between Parties in the Irish Republic</u> |

TOM GARVIN
Convenor

19 April 1983

PSAI Conference: Galway 5-7 October 1984

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(Further papers may be added to this at a later stage)

SESSION 1: Friday 5 October, 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.

SYMPOSIUM: THE FUTURE OF THE IRISH PARTY SYSTEM

Speakers will include:

Senator Michael D. Higgins (UCG)*
Maurice Manning T.D.* (UCD)

Brief presentations followed by general discussion.

SESSION 2: Saturday 6 October, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

CULTURE & IDEOLOGY IN IRELAND

Stein Ugelvik Larsen (Bergen) "Political Culture & Partisanship in Ireland"

Paul Arthur (Ulster Poly.) "The New Ireland Forum: Attitudes North and South".

LUNCH: 12.30-1.30

SESSION 3: Saturday, 6 October, 2.00p.m. - 4.30p.m.

THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF DEMOCRACY

Brian Girvin (UCC) "Liberal Democracy and Nationalism: The Irish Case".

John Dunne (IPA) "Professionalising Public Administration - the Implications for Democracy".

Gordon Hutton (UCG) "Democratic Theory and Democratic Practice in Ireland".

BUSINESS MEETING: Saturday 6 October 5.00p.m. - 6.30p.m.

1. To consider the adoption of a constitution for the IPSA (draft constitution herewith).
2. To consider matters relating to subscriptions, publications, etc.
3. To consider a date and venue for the next conference.

RECEPTION: Saturday 6 October, 7.00p.m. - 7.45p.m.

CONFERENCE DINNER: Saturday 6 October, 8.00p.m.

SESSION 4: Sunday, 7 October, 10.00a.m. - 12.30p.m.

THE PRACTICE OF PARTY POLITICS IN IRELAND

Papers

Paul Hainsworth (Ulster Poly.)

"The European Elections in Northern Ireland".

Mary Kelly (UCD)

"The European Elections in the Republic" (Provisional)

Peter Mair (Manchester)

"Party Organisation, Vote Management and Candidate Selection"

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POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Association shall be the Political Studies Association of Ireland (Cumann Polaiteolaiochta na hEireann).
2. The aim of the Association shall be to promote the academic study of politics in both philosophical and empirical modes.
3. Membership of the Association shall be open to members of the staff of third-level institutions and of other appropriate bodies who are engaged in teaching or research in the area of politics; to post-graduate students of politics; and to other persons approved by the Committee. The subscription rate shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
4. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six ordinary members, elected at the Annual General Meeting, and up to three members co-opted by the Committee. Any election shall be conducted by means of the single transferable vote by a returning officer appointed by the outgoing Committee. The term of office of Committee members shall expire at the succeeding Annual General Meeting. Vacancies occurring between Annual General Meetings may be filled until the following Annual General Meeting by the Committee from the list of members. At Committee meetings five shall form a quorum.
5. The Association's business year shall end on each 31st December. Cheques shall be signed by two persons so authorised by the Committee. The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer and shall be audited and certified annually, and the audited accounts for the year shall be submitted to the next Annual General Meeting for approval.
6. At least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting, each member shall be sent a notice listing the main businesses to come before the meeting.
7. A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called by the Committee or upon the request of one third of the membership.
8. In case of an equality of votes at any meeting of the Association or of its Committee, the person presiding shall have a second or casting vote.
9. Any doubt that may arise as to the interpretation of this constitution shall be determined by the Committee, subject to appeal to a general meeting.
10. This constitution may be amended at the Annual General Meeting. Motions to amend the constitution must be received by the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall, however, be empowered to accept emergency resolutions at the Annual General Meeting.

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NOTES ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

This document has been drafted after examination of the constitutions of three comparable associations: the Sociological Association of Ireland, the Geographical Society of Ireland and the Irish Association for European Studies. It is much shorter than the others, confining itself to essential points and leaving a good deal for interpretation or to be decided elsewhere.

The following matters that arise in other constitutions have been omitted, but might require to be dealt with: grades of membership; alternate Committee members; date of AGM; frequency of Committee meetings; fate of funds if association dissolves; details relating to elections (nominations, etc.); question of who shall chair meetings; date from which subscriptions are valid; preparation of a roll of members. It could, of course, be argued that some at least of these are covered by implication in the constitution.

Note the following particular points:

Art. 1: All other societies seem to have an alternative Irish name. It may solve problems later if we adopt one now.

Art. 2: This is adapted from the announcement of the formation of the Association published in the Sociological Association of Ireland Bulletin, no. 28, March 1982.

Art. 3: This is a formulation of the policy on which, I believe, we agreed at our first meeting.

Art. 4: This may appear to be a top-heavy body in view of the small number of members, but if the quorum is to be set at five we would need at least double this number of committee members to ensure that meetings could take place. "President" has been used to avoid the "Chairman/Chairperson" issue. Use of the STV for Committee elections is likely to cause all kinds of difficulties, but in practice we will probably have few elections. In theory, the one-year term of office might cause instability, but in practice the opposite problem - colonisation of offices by a small number of individuals - is more likely in our case.

Art. 5: This appears to be a bit formidable, but something like this is probably essential. I assume that the Association will have a current account. Colleagues in Business Studies departments would presumably be willing to act as honorary auditors?

POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION'S GENERAL MEETING, IMPERIAL HOTEL,
GALWAY, 6 OCTOBER 1984, 17h00-18h30

ATTENDANCE:

Paul Arthur, John Coakley, Neil Collins, Maeve Cooke, David Coombes, Bernard Crick, Chris Curtin, John Dunne, Vincent Geoghegan (chair), Brian Girvin, Adrian Guelke, Lee Komito, Brigid Laffan, Michael Laver, Frank Litton, Tom Lyne, Michael Marsh, Philomena Murray, Tony Parker, Dennis Pringle, Jim Smyth, John Whyte.

1. ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION:

The draft constitution was adopted, subject to the following amendments:

Art. 1: Accuracy of Irish version of title to be checked;

Art. 2: Delete "academic", delete words after "politics";

Art. 3: Add "and shall be due by 1 January";

Art. 4: Reduce number of ordinary elected members to four; reduce quorum to four; insert as third sentence "Only paid-up members shall be entitled to vote in Committee elections";

Art. 5: Replace "business year" by "financial year"; insert after "certified annually" "by a person designated by the Committee";

Art. 6: Add provision that each member shall be notified of the date of the Annual General Meeting at least four weeks before the date of the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

The following were elected as members of the Committee:

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| President: | Tom Garvin |
| Vice-President: | Michael Laver |
| Secretary: | John Coakley |
| Treasurer: | Vincent Geoghegan |
| Other members: | Paul Arthur |
| | John Dunne |
| | Brian Girvin |
| | Michael Marsh |

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, ETC.:

The annual subscription was fixed at IEP5.00 for members in the Republic of Ireland and GBP5.00 for members in the sterling area. For students and unsalaried members the respective rates were fixed at IEP2.00 and GBP2.00. The Committee was asked to look at the possibility of the Association's sponsoring publications.

4. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT CONFERENCE:

It was decided that the next annual conference should be held in Northern Ireland under the auspices of the University of Ulster, preferably in Derry in late September or early October. Paul Arthur agreed to act as conference convenor.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Michael Laver, conference convenor, reported that the event had been successful financially and would show a profit.

Neil Collins reported that an Irish Studies Group of the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom would meet shortly and he would like to hear from anyone interested.

POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND
National Institute for Higher Education, Limerick

To: All members

November 1984

Annual Subscriptions

Dear Member,

At its General Meeting in Galway on 6 October 1984 the Association adopted a constitution and elected the following Committee: Tom Garvin (President), Michael Laver (Vice-President), John Coakley (Secretary), Vincent Geoghegan (Treasurer), Paul Arthur, John Dunne, Brian Girvin and Michael Marsh.

It was decided that the annual subscription should remain at £5.00 (or £2.00 for student and unsalaried members), payable in Irish pounds in the Republic of Ireland, in sterling in Northern Ireland and Great Britain and in either currency elsewhere. As subscriptions for 1985 fall due on 1 January, you are invited to renew your subscription at your earliest convenience and to forward the form below to Vincent Geoghegan, Treasurer.

John Coakley
John Coakley
Secretary



To: Treasurer, Political Studies Association of Ireland

I wish to renew my subscription to the Political Studies Association of Ireland for the year 1985, and enclose a cheque for £5.00/£2.00 (delete as necessary).

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____
(Dr, Ms, Professor, etc.)
ADDRESS: _____

INSTITUTION: _____ POSITION: _____
(If different from above)
RESEARCH INTERESTS: _____

Please forward, with a crossed cheque or money order payable to the Political Studies Association of Ireland, to the Treasurer, Dr Vincent Geoghegan, Department of Political Science, The Queen's University, Belfast BT7 1NN.