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Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies

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Student News and Resources



Undergraduate Studies in Religion



Postgraduate Programmes in Peace Studies



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The School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies is a multi-disciplinary, cross-border school within Trinity College Dublin.

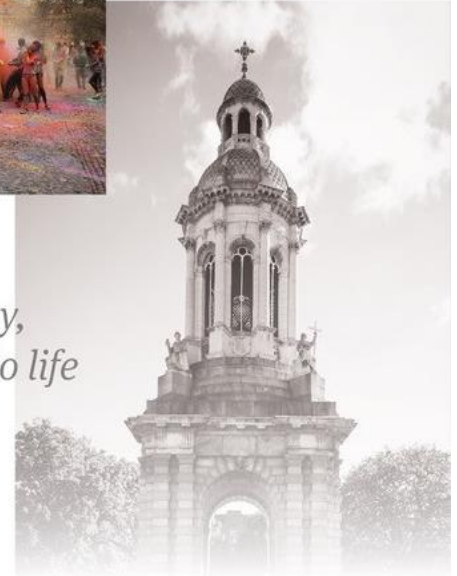
Our School has its origins with the foundation of the university in 1592.

We tackle the big questions facing humanity - the roles of religion, peace-making and theology in their historical settings as well as in contemporary life.

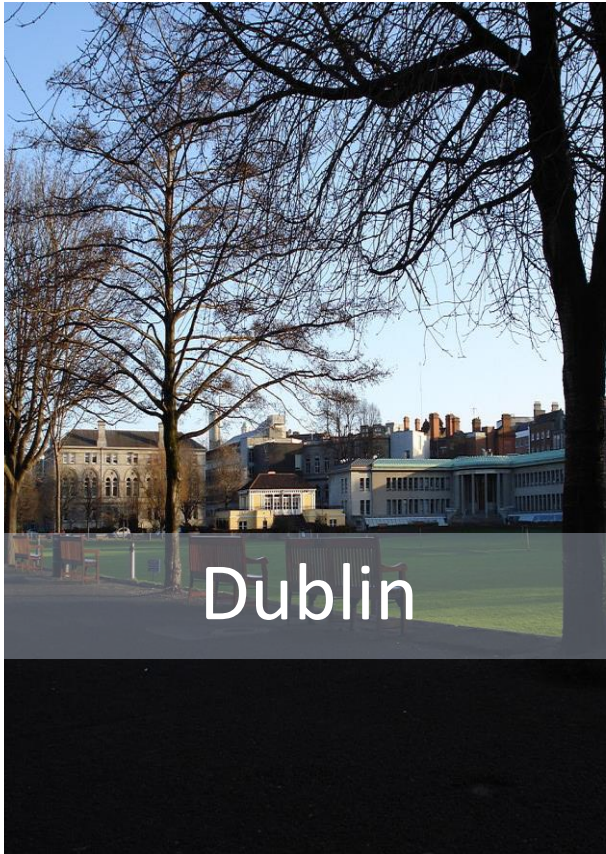
We combine academic work with advocacy, Through research, education and civic engagement, we promote dialogue between religions, and works for peace and justice globally.



*Bringing politics, history,
literature and the arts to life*




CAMPUSES DUBLIN AND BELFAST



Distinctive features of our Programmes



A satellite-style world map showing the continents and oceans. The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean, with North and South America on the right and Europe, Africa, and Asia on the left. The colors are realistic, with green for land and blue for water.

Alumni work as policy-makers, educationalists, peace-makers with governments, IGOs and NGOs around the world, including in Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Georgia, Lebanon, Nepal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Uganda and Zimbabwe

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion

The School is committed to advancing the values of equality, diversity and inclusion across all our activities.

The **EDI Committee** is especially responsible for advancing these values through: creating awareness, providing a forum to raise and advance issues, gathering and analyzing EDI-relevant data and trends, overseeing the implementation of our EDI objectives (55 Actions, published in the Athena SWAN Application.)

Student members elected.





The Trajectory of Peace Studies

From an **anti-nuclear & pacifist movement** to a **scholarly discipline**
analysing the causes of human conflict
and the promotion of peace, human
rights and social justice



Distinctively Inter- & Multi-disciplinary

Peace Studies is an inter- multi-disciplinary field that draws upon international relations, political science, sociology, history, anthropology, psychology, philosophy, theology and other related fields of human knowledge..



**Research-led teaching driven
by specific regional & global specialisms**

**transformative theories and praxes geared
towards social justice**

Grassroots & Community Level

**we value inclusivity and diversity, as reflected in
our student cohorts and academic staff**



A Unique 'Cross-Border' Synergy

Belfast: Conflict Resolution & Reconciliation

Dublin: International Peace Studies



Peace Studies at Trinity College Dublin

**You will be part of the vibrant
Postgraduate Community of TCD,
Ireland's leading university, which has
inspired generations of brilliant
thinkers and activists**

Religious Studies:

Explores significance of religion and its political interactions in different historical periods and geographical contexts;

Expertise in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Indic Religions;

Uses textual, historical analysis as well as contextual, critical and constructivist approaches to the study of religion and theology – including feminist, decolonial and postcolonial analyses.



Religious Studies Research Areas

- the Bible in the arts;
- religion in antiquity;
- the Dead Sea Scrolls;
- critical theory and theology;
- theological engagement with religious fundamentalism;
- theological perspectives on truth in a post-truth age;
- human rights in the anthropocene;
- environmental ethics , religion and ecology;
- interreligious dialogue in peace-building
- gender and religion, with focus on Christianity and Islam,


Religious Studies PG Taught

Contextual Theologies
and Interfaith
Relations

Christian Theology

MTh Church of
Ireland Theological
Institute



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- MPhil in Contextual Theologies and Interfaith Dialogue: an interdisciplinary course that explores the contextuality and pluralism of theologies, including their complex relationships with caste, race, gender, nationhood, and inter-faith relations.
 - MPhil Christian Theology: focused on developing an in-depth knowledge of contemporary Christian theology, drawing on biblical scholarship, classical theological texts and contemporary scholarship.
 - MTh CITI designed for those preparing for ministry, this programme combines academic study with pastoral practice.

PG Research – PhD and MLitt Peace Studies Religious Studies

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Programme

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Overview

M.Phil. in Christian Theology

M.Phil. in Contextual Theologies and Interfaith Relations

M.Phil. in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation

M.Phil. in International Peace Studies

Postgraduate Certificate in Christian Theology

Postgraduate Diploma Conflict and Dispute Resolution Studies

Postgraduate Diploma Christian Theology

Postgraduate Research / Structured Ph.D. Programme

PhD Research in Focus

Postgraduate Scholarships


Current Students

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Short Courses

PROGRAMME / POSTGRADUATE / PHD RESEARCH IN FOCUS

PhD Research in Focus




Claudio Alberti

PhD Title: Does the use of bottom up approaches in peacebuilding interventions increase local ownership?

I am a Ph.D. Researcher in International Peace Studies and a Development Aid worker with an academic background in Political Science and Economics. Over the past years, I worked with different UN Entities and NGOs in development and humanitarian settings in Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Central/South Asia in progressively responsible M&E capacities.

My doctoral research focuses on local ownership in peacebuilding processes and analyzes how and if Adaptive Peacebuilding interventions can build local ownership through the empirical case study of the peacebuilding process in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. My main research interests are: adaptive peacebuilding, bottom up approaches to peacebuilding, Design Monitoring and Evaluation for peace and peace education.

Supervisor: [Professor Etain Tannam](#)




Lydia Blake

PhD title: A Political Pope in Hell: The Cardinal Sin. The Political Theology of Dante Alighieri

MPhil in International Peace Studies and recipient of the James Haile Memorial Prize for best dissertation. Honours Bachelor's Degree in World Religions, Theology & Near and Middle Eastern Studies.

My current research explores how Dante Alighieri's (1265-1321) political theology is expressed within His Divine Comedy. It will demonstrate how Dante uses theology to reflect critically on the governing political authorities and the ecclesiastical organisations and to articulate his plea for reform, by using two strategies, the first being the literary device Contrapasso and the second, through his critical and creative imagining of an alternative world in which divinely sanctioned accountability takes concrete shape.

Supervisor: [Professor Andrew Pierce](#)



Seungeun Chung

PhD Title: Militarised masculinity and UNPK - the case of South Korea

I'm a PhD candidate of International Peace Studies. I have focused on gender issues in the post-conflict peacebuilding process. My master thesis focused on a concept of gendered security as a framework for designing and implementing a more gender-sensitive and a comprehensive peacebuilding process. The current research is about the impact of peacekeeping experience on the masculine identity of soldiers who serve in the peacekeeping operations.

Considering that every peacekeeping mission involves military personnel, regardless of using armed forces, and that problems caused by peacekeepers' misbehavior such as sexual exploitation and abuse against the local women are still prevalent, I think it is necessary to explore the construction of soldier's militarized masculinity and how it is changed, and reshaped by peacekeeping missions. I'm also highly interested in the education field especially for women and children in conflict-ridden societies who can rarely have the opportunity to get an education. It would be great to cooperate with these people in making genuine, sustainable 'security' and 'peace'.

Supervisor: [Professor Gillian Wylie](#)



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You are very welcome to our
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Any Questions?