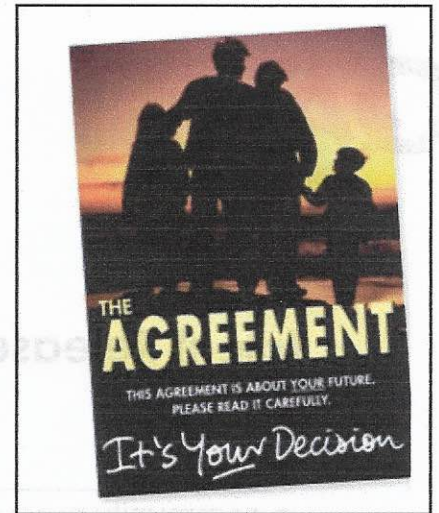


Irish History Course - On Line

Six Counties/Northern Ireland 1998 - 2020

Thursdays 7:15 - 8:15 pm -

April 9, 16, 23, 30



This course will focus on the introduction and implementation of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland/Six Counties.

The Agreement almost did not happen but was secured in the final moments on the 10th April 1998 after the direct involvement of President Bill Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair. It led to the formation of a Northern Ireland power sharing Assembly and executive, a range of North/South intergovernmental bodies, and a roadmap for a future United Ireland by consent of the majority in Northern Ireland.

It had a difficult beginning and the Assembly has been suspended five times. The Agreement and the Assembly remain in place today. The most recent suspension lasted from January 2017 until it was reconvened in January 2020. The current Assembly is the sixth to be elected.

The course will cover the following topics:

- The Belfast/Good Friday Agreement
- The formation of the Northern Ireland Assembly and executive.
- How the key issues of decommissioning, demilitarization and policing have been dealt with.
- The reasons behind the suspensions of the Assembly.
- Implementation of the North/South Intergovernmental bodies.
- Political developments since the Agreement particularly the emergence of Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionist Party as the leading parties.
- The St. Andrews Agreement 2006
- The effect of Brexit on the Agreement
- Opposition to the Agreement by dissidents on both sides
- The Border Poll.

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