

The Modern Irish Troubles: 1968-1998

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Draft Syllabus

- Origins of the Modern Irish Troubles: 1922-1968. Two introductory sessions cover the Irish War of Independence, Partition, Development of Stormont and the rise of the Civil Rights Movement.
- Revolt in the North: 1969 and the emergence of the IRA
- Internment and the 'Hooded men', 1971
- 'Bloody Sunday' in context; An analysis of what happened and why, responses in Ireland, Britain and the USA.
- Constitutional responses: Sunningdale 'power sharing' agreement.
- 'Ulsterization' and the 'Long War': 1976-1978
- Counterinsurgency and the Prison Struggle
- The 1980 Hunger Strike
- The 1981 Hunger Strike and the rise of Sinn Fein (two lectures)
- Stalemate: Early Peace Process
- Nearing the 'Endgame', 1986-1993.
- The 1994 Cessation and its collapse
- Restoring the peace: US engagement
- Negotiating the Good Friday Agreement (1998)

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