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Draft Syllabus


- 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.


- 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


- The 1994 Cessation and its collapse

- Restoring the peace: US engagement

- Negotiating the Good Friday Agreement (1998)
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• The Access Research Knowledge (ARK) [www.ark.ac.uk](http://www.ark.ac.uk)