

## **Culture, Politics, and Identity in the ‘Celtic Fringe’**

*Friday, 20 June 2025 13:15 (1h 30m)*

Our panel brings together scholars from England, Wales, Scotland, the Netherlands, and the USA, several with ties to the island of Ireland, to interrogate questions of culture, politics, and identity in the so-called ‘Celtic Fringe’. By placing the notion of the periphery at the centre of our collective analysis, we aim to raise the importance of areas outside the purported ‘core’ of British politics at the 50th convocation of BISA. Three of the presentations focus on politics in Northern Ireland (including issues of gender, language, and identity), with the fourth paper employing Irish postcoloniality as a comparative tool for discussing the case of contemporary Welsh subalternity within Great Britain. In response to the CFP which seeks ways for IR to be ‘undisciplined’, we aim to employ methods and approaches from outside traditional forms IR analysis to highlight blind spots in the field, particularly around those people, places, and politics that are perceived to be at the fringes.

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