

# PSA Specialist Group Conference

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# Conference Programme

**Thursday 7 January**

**Welcome (9.45am)**

**Panels 1 & 2 (10am – 11.20am)**

**Panel 1: Devolution, Finance & Public Policy (Chair: Jonathan Bradbury)**

1. Iain McLean: Calman and Holtham: the public finance of devolution
2. David Heald and Alasdair McLeod: The Taxation and Borrowing Powers of the UK Devolved Administrations
3. Guy Lodge and Katie Schmucker: Devolution in practice: the implication of policy variation across the UK

**Panel 2: Regionalism and European integration (Chair: Nicola McEwen)**

1. Paolo Dardanelli: The European Dimension in Flanders' Quest for Autonomy, A Longitudinal Study of Party Strategies
2. Eve Hepburn and Peter McLoughlin: Celtic nationalism and European integration: a comparison of Scottish and Northern Irish party responses to a 'Europe of the Regions'
3. Karen Schlüter: European Integration and intergovernmental relations in federal and decentralised states

**11.20am – 11.40am                      Tea/coffee**

**Panels 3 & 4 (11.40am – 1.00pm)**

**Panel 3: Territorial responses to cultural change (Chair: Rune Dahl Fitjar)**

1. Robert Tatham: Media in the Mountains, Viewing in the Valleys: Broadcasting Policies for Wales
2. Brieg Powel: The dislocation of "Welshness": Comparing Plaid Cymru and Cymdeithas yr Iaith Discourses on Welsh National Identity since Devolution
3. Katie Tonkiss: Separating Citizenship and Territory: Nationalist Resurgence and European Migration in England

**Panel 4: Devolution Finance in Financial Hard Times (Chair: Iain McLean)**

1. Alan Trench: Fixing devolution finance in the UK?
2. Scott Greer: Territorial Politics in Hard Times: The welfare state under pressure in Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom
3. Russell Mellett: Social Citizenship and Fiscal Arrangements

**1.00pm -2.00pm                      Lunch**

**Panels 5 & 6 (2.00pm – 3.20pm)**

**Panel 5: Breaking the Patterns of Conflict... I (Chair: Derek Birrell)**

1. John Coakley: Constitutional blueprints and political structures: the dilemma of implementation in Northern Ireland
2. Jennifer Todd: Breaking the patterns of conflict in Northern Ireland. The Anglo-Irish Agreement, constitutional metaphors and institutional change
3. Cillian McGrattan: Settlement Processes in Northern Ireland: The Hidden Politics of the Peace Process

**Panel 6: Parties and regional party systems (Chair: Wilfried Swenden)**

1. Klaus Detterbeck: Political parties and the dynamics of federalism
2. Alex Wilson: Party System Change in the Spanish Regions
3. Arjan H. Schakel: Regional reform and territorialization of party systems

**3.20pm – 3.40pm**

**Tea/coffee**

**Panels 7 & 8 (3.40pm – 5.00pm)**

**Panel 7: Breaking the Patterns of Conflict... II (Chair: Richard Parry)**

1. Susan McDermott: The journey from Hillsborough 1985 to Belfast 1998, analyzing the role of Irish party politics in the transition of Irish government policy from the Anglo Irish Agreement to the Good Friday Agreement
2. Paul Gillespie: How political change in the European Union affects British-Irish relations
3. Michael Anderson: Breaking Patterns of conflict: creating a new dynamic of relations between Dublin and loyalism

**Panel 8: Parties and the politics of regionalism (Chair: Klaus Detterbeck)**

1. Simon Toubeau: Social Democracy and Regional Nationalism in Multi-Level Systems
2. Elodie Fabre: Right-wing political parties, nationalism and regionalization
3. Andreu Orte and Antoni Rodon: Model of State, electoral cycle and intraparty dynamics in Spain: the case of PSOE 2006-2009

**7pm**

**Wine reception, sponsored by *Regional and Federal Studies*  
Merton College**

**8pm**

**Conference dinner  
Merton College**

## **Friday 8 January**

### **Panels 9 & 10 (9.30am – 10.50am)**

#### **Panel 9: Scottish and English questions (Chair: Arthur Aughey)**

1. John Curtice, Rachel Ormston and Susan Reid: Ready for the Next Step? Nationalist Government and Attitudes towards Independence in Scotland
2. Sarah Ayers and Graham Pearce: Taking stock and contemplating regional governance in England after the 2010 General Election
3. Margaret Arnott and Jenny Ozga: Nationalism in Post Devolution Scotland: The SNP and Devolved Government

#### **Panel 10: Devolution and Public Policy (Chair: Paul Cairney)**

1. Øivind Bratberg: Policy divergence and ideational legacies: analysing the Westminster and Holyrood debates on higher education
2. Gordon Marnoch: 'The better we are watched the better we behave'. Has devolution provided a better window for oversight?
3. Richard Parry: Party strategies and devolved public policy: the Conservatives and the nationalists

**11.10am – 12.30pm                      Tea/coffee**

### **Panels 11 & 12 (11.10am – 12.30pm)**

#### **Panel 11: The dynamics of regionalism and political decentralization (Chair: Nicola McEwen)**

1. Andrea Fischer: Towards a theory of devolution processes
2. Francesc Amat, Sandra León-Alfonso and Ignacio Jurado: Party Systems and the Dynamics of Decentralization
3. Rune Dahl Fitjar: Region-building in an Emerging Petro-Region

#### **Panel 12: The politics of devolved executive government (Chair: John Curtice)**

1. Derek Birrell: Devolution and government in Northern Ireland since 2007; still governing without consensus
2. Paul Cairney: The SNP and minority government in Scotland
3. Adrian Kay and Laura McAllister: Consensualism and the development of policy capacity in the National Assembly for Wales

**12.30pm - 1.30pm                      Lunch**

## **Panels 13 & 14 (1.30pm – 2.50pm)**

### **Panel 13: Whither the Nation-State? (Chair: Xabier Ezeizabarrena)**

1. Jonathan Bradbury: Territorial politics in the United Kingdom in comparative perspective
2. Arthur Aughey: Fifth Nation: The United Kingdom between definite and indefinite articles
3. Antonio-Carlos Pereira Menaut: Backpedaling: Is Spain re-centralising?

### **Panel 14: Multi level governance and public policy (Chair: Ian Stafford)**

1. Nicola McEwen: Pushing at boundaries of devolution: energy and climate change policy in Scotland
2. Anna-Lena Högenauer: The Impact of Intergovernmental Dynamics on Regional Engagement in European Policy-Making: A Comparative Study of Legislative Regions
3. Connie Smith: Barring Unsuitable People from Working with Children in a devolved UK

**2.50pm – 3.10pm**

**Tea/coffee**

## **Panels 15 & 16 (3.10pm – 4.30pm)**

### **Panel 15: Territory and the reconstruction of the state (Chair: Nicola McEwen)**

1. Wilfried Swenden: Keeping Belgian federalism symmetrical? Good governance, autonomy and solidarity
2. Amita Shastri: The politics of devolution in Sri Lanka
3. Xabier Ezeizabarrena: Scottish Devolution and Basque Historical Titles: Two Legal scopes for co-sovereignty?

### **Panel 16: Restructuring regional governance (Chair: Jonathan Bradbury)**

1. Steve Martin, Tom Entwistle, James Downe and Valeria Guarneros-Meza: Central-local partnership in Wales: the whole truth, a half truth and nothing like the truth
2. Ian Stafford: The regional governance of transport policy in Wales: towards institutional decongestion?
3. Oleg Kodolov: Budgeting at a time of constraint: Canadian provincial governments respond to financial crisis

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