Something Old, New, Borrowed, Blue
Where Next for Public Administration in the Devolved UK

Stormont Hotel, Belfast
Monday 3rd – 5th September 2007

PROGRAMME
MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

12.00-17.00  Conference Registration, Reception Foyer (Tea and coffee available). CONFEX CENTRE FOYER

12.30-14.00  Buffet Lunch (*for PAC institutional representatives only*). ROOM: LA SCALA RESTAURANT

14.00-17.00  PAC Business Meeting (institutional representatives only). ROOM: CONFEX 1/BOARDROOM

17.00-18.00  Opening Lecture: Edward Goldenberg, Senior Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Canada, 1993-2003 – Title: Where Next: Some Lessons from Canada. ROOM: DUNMISK

19.00-1930  Drinks Reception, sponsored by Sage Publications. ROOM: DUNMISK

19.30  Dinner at the Stormont Hotel
TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

8.00 – 9.00 BREAKFAST

9.00 – 10.30 SESSION ONE – Parallel Panels

Panel A
Local Government - John Fenwick and Janice McMillan (Northumbria)
*Paper 2*: Jim Chandler (Sheffield Hallam), Joined-up Government or Determining Priorities.
*Paper 3*: Martin Laffin (Durham), Central-Local Relations.
*Paper 4*: Josie Kelly (Aston), Local Area Agreements: A Case of Multi-level or meta-governance?
*Paper 5*: John Fairley (Napier), Local government in Scotland.
**ROOM: CONFEX 1/BOARDROOM.**

Panel B
Consumers and Citizens: Aspects of the Changing Public Sector – Catherine Farrell (Glamorgan)
*Paper 1*: Anneliese Dodds (King’s College London), Liberalisation and the Public Sector: the pre-eminent role of governments in the ‘sale’ of higher education abroad.
*Paper 2*: Marcus Whiting (Birmingham), UK Government Pension Policy
*Paper 3*: Catherine Farrell (Glamorgan), Citizens and Consumers in Education
*Paper 4*: Jennifer Law (Glamorgan), Strategy Implementation and Public Service Performance
**ROOM: CONFEX 2**

Panel C
Doctoral Panel I – Karen Miller and Duncan McTavish (Glasgow Caledonian)
*Paper 2*: Gillian Fyfe (Glasgow Caledonian), An overview of the Scottish Executive/Parliament’s position on gender equality/gender mainstreaming.
*Paper 3*: John Connolly (Strathclyde), Trans-national Crisis Management and Policy Change as Europeanisation: foot and mouth and avian influenza
**ROOM: CONFEX 3**
10.30-11.00  BREAK (tea and coffee)

11.00-12.30  SESSION TWO – Parallel Panels

Panel A
Policy and Practice: The Challenge for Local Governance After the White Paper - Joyce Liddle (Nottingham), John Diamond, Mike Rowe

*Paper 1*: Simon Pemberton and Greg Lloyd (University of Liverpool), Devolution, institutional de-congestion and changing morphologies of community governance and regeneration

*Paper 2*: Dr Lorraine Johnston (Manchester), Double devolution at the crossroads? The possibilities and challenges of future area decentralisation

*Paper 3*: Dr Mike Rowe (University of Liverpool Management School), Neither Fish nor Fowl: what is local government now for?

*Paper 4*: Nicola Headlam and Dr Jon Coaffee (Centre for Urban Policy Studies, University of Manchester), Mediating networks, hierarchies and market approaches: The role of Local Area Agreements (LAAS) as a governance hybrid

**Discussants**: Dr Joyce Liddle and Professor John Diamond (Nottingham), The future challenges for Local Government

**ROOM**: DUNMISK

Panel B
Doctoral Panel II – Karen Miller and Duncan McTavish (Glasgow Caledonian)

*Paper 1*: Diana Stirbu (Liverpool), The National Assembly for Wales: An Institutionalist Critique of the Development of Wales’ Second Constitution.

*Paper 2*: Alice Mosely (Exeter), Coordinating Public Services: The Use of Top Down v Bottom-up Tools in 'Joining-up' Services for Homeless People.

*Paper 3*: Nicki Senior (Nottingham), Measuring Satisfaction with Public Services: Exploring the Delivery Paradox – A Work in Progress.

*Paper 4*: Sarah Annesley (Stirling), Changing services to support self-care for people with long terms conditions: a case study of institutional entrepreneurship.

**ROOM**: CONFEX 2/3

12.30-1.30  LUNCH

12.30-1.30  (PPA Editorial Board meeting)  **ROOM**: CONFEX 2/3
TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

1.30-4.45 SESSION THREE – Parallel Roundtables (includes tea/coffee at 3.00-3.30)

ROUNDTABLE 1: Evidence Based Policy in Northern Ireland
Chair: Alvin McKinley (Chief Executives’ Forum, Northern Ireland)
Contributor 1: Linda Wilson, Head of Economic Policy Unit, Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.
Contributor 2: Owen Metcalfe, Institute of Public Health in Ireland
Contributor 3: Colin Knox and Paul Carmichael (Ulster), The Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland
Discussant: Janet Grauberg (Public Management and Policy Association)
Discussant: Francis Coxhead (National School of Government)
ROOM: DUNMISK

ROUNDTABLE 2: Equality
Chair: Robert Osborne (Ulster)
Contributor 1: Evelyn Collins (Equality Commission, Northern Ireland), Working towards equality in NI in a European context.
Contributor 2: Carol Agocs and Robert Osborne (Western Ontario), Comparing Equality Policies in Canada and Northern Ireland: Policy Learning in Two Directions.
Contributor 3: Colm O’Cinneide (UCL), Equality Duties in Britain: New Directions and Fresh Uncertainties?
ROOM: CONFEX 2/3

5.00 – 6.00 The Frank Stacey Memorial Lecture: Sir Hugh Orde, Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland
ROOM: DUNMISK

7.00-7.30 Drinks Reception, Stormont Parliament Buildings (Great Hall)

7.40 approx Assembly Chamber Tour

8.10 approx Annual Dinner, Stormont Parliament Buildings (Members’ Dining Room)
WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

8.00 – 9.00 BREAKFAST

9.00– 10.30 SESSION FOUR – Parallel Panels

Panel A
New Leadership Development Programme - Sylvia Horton (Portsmouth)
*Paper 1*: Sylvia Horton (Portsmouth), Leading the Civil Service in the 21st century: A case study of the Senior Civil service Top Leadership Programme.
*Paper 2*: Richard Chapman and Barry O’Toole (Glasgow), New Leadership in the British Civil Service.
*Paper 3*: Adina Iulia Dudau (Liverpool), Close encounter of a third way. A question of leadership.
*Paper 4*: Peter Barbaris (Manchester Metropolitan), The elite of the elite revisited: permanent secretaries under the Blair government

ROOM: CONFEX 1/BOARDROOM

Panel B
Performance Measures, Targets and their Political Consequences – Martin Lodge (LSE)
*Paper 1*: Martin Lodge (LSE), Analysing Civil Service Trajectories.
*Paper 3*: George A. Boyne (Cardiff), Oliver James (Exeter), Peter John (Manchester) and Nicolai Petrovsky (Cardiff), Satisfied consumers, loyal voters? Voter reaction to performance in English local governments.

ROOM: CONFEX 2

Panel C
Aspects of Devolution in Scotland - Paul Cairney (Aberdeen)
*Paper 1*: Paul Cairney (Aberdeen), Mental Health in Scotland: What England can Learn
*Paper 2*: Tom Forbes (Stirling), Health and Social Care Partnerships in Scotland

ROOM: CONFEX 2

10.30-11.00 BREAK (tea and coffee)
WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

11.00 –12.30 SESSION FIVE – Parallel Panels

Panel A
Central Government – Richard Parry (Edinburgh)
*Paper 1:* Richard Parry (Edinburgh), The Decline of the Westminster Model
*Paper 2:* Audrey MacDougall (Scottish Office), Strategic Capacity in Post-devolution UK Government
ROOM: CONFEX 1/BOARDROOM

Panel B
Aspects of Devolution in Wales – Kerry Howell (Plymouth)
*Paper 1:* Kerry Howell (Plymouth) Worldviews, Moral Templates, Scripts, Symbols and Norms: Welsh Culture and the Role of the Welsh Assembly
*Paper 2:* Laura McAllister (Liverpool), The Normalisation of Politics in the UK – all except England.
*Paper 3:* Stephen Prosser (Glamorgan), Leadership and Change: the Challenge for the Public Sector Managers.
ROOM:CONFEX 2

Panel C
Issues in Regional Governance – Derek Birrell (Ulster)
*Paper 1:* Derek Birrell (Ulster), Quangos and Devolution: Principles for the distribution of governance.
*Paper 2:* Philip Whiteman and Barbara-Ann Allen (Birmingham), The Muddle in the Middle – The Evolution of Regional Centres of Excellence in the delivery of national efficiency and procurement policy.
*Paper 4:* Sarah Ayres and Ian Stafford (Bristol), Productivity, democracy or holism? Exploring the trajectory of English regionalism.
ROOM: CONFEX 3

12.30-1.30 LUNCH

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