“Psychology and Power-Sharing”

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12 Noon
Conference Room, Penn Program in Ethnic Conflict
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Professor Ed Cairns is Professor of Psychology at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. His research focuses on the psychological aspects of political violence in relation to conflict in Northern Ireland. He also writes on inter-group contact and peace psychology.

In this lecture, Professor Cairns will evaluate whether contact group research demonstrates the psychological foundations necessary for power-sharing. Afterwards, he will turn his attention to the types of intergroup relations that correlate best with power-sharing systems.

The Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Power-Sharing in Deeply Divided Places explores power-sharing and evaluates its role as a standard prescription for alleviating protracted conflicts.