Keynote Speaker

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Abstract

Ireland and Scotland: From Partition to Peace Process
This lecture will primarily consider the political character of relations between Ireland and Scotland since partition and the creation of Northern Ireland as a devolved entity within the UK. It will highlight the relationship of both Scotland and Northern Ireland to the theme of devolution and constitutional change, and will be concerned with the re-formulation of Irish-Scottish relations in the context of the Northern Ireland peace process, the re-shaping of the UK, and the social and cultural transformation of the Irish Republic.

Biography
Professor Walker is Professor of Political History at Queen’s University Belfast. His research interests include the political history and contemporary politics of Scotland and Northern Ireland, particularly the politics of Unionism; the history and contemporary role of the Labour movement in the UK; political biography; and the politics of sport.