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**Globalisation and Civilisation in International Relations:  
Towards New Models of Human Interdependence  
9-10 April 2010**

**Friday 9 April:** *Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson St.*  
**Saturday 10 April:** *Humanities Institute of Ireland, UCD Belfield*

*It is less possible than ever before to separate what goes on inside a state, and especially the distribution of power within a state, from what takes place between states, in particular their power relationships. Wherever one looks, one comes across the interdependence of intra-state and inter-state processes.*  
– Norbert Elias

Recent years have seen a convergence between the concerns of the disciplines of International Relations and Sociology: transitions from peace to war (and back); the dynamics of post-conflict social and political life, changing standards of acceptable behaviour between states; and rising levels of global interconnectedness.

In particular, an affinity has become evident between the 'English School' in International Relations and the theory of civilising and decivilising processes stemming from the thinking of Norbert Elias in Sociology. The affinity is especially manifest in the recent writings of Andrew Linklater, leading up to his three-volume study of *The Problem of Harm in World Politics* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming) and in Stephen Mennell's *The American Civilizing Process* (Polity, 2007).

This conference brings together an international group of scholars in International Relations, Sociology and cognate disciplines to explore central issues concerning the possible emergence of a single global society.

Registration is free, but space is limited, so please register by sending your details to: [globalisationandcivilisation@gmail.com](mailto:globalisationandcivilisation@gmail.com) by Thursday 1 April.



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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### Thursday 8 April

18:00 Newman House, 86 St Stephen 's Green, Dublin 2

#### Three Faces of Civilisation: 'In the beginning all the world was Ireland'

Robert van Krieken - Inaugural Lecture as Professor of Sociology, UCD

### Friday 9 April

Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2

<b>09:15 – 09:45</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
	Including reservation and payment for the optional conference dinner at the Clarence Hotel at 19.30. For those who wish to attend, there will be a charge of €40.00 – payable in cash or by cheque drawn in euro on an Irish bank account. (Unfortunately, we shall not have the equipment to accept payment by credit card.)	
09.45 - 11:15	<b>Opening of Conference</b>	Welcome by Professor Brigid Laffan, Principal, UCD College of Human Sciences
	<b>The global conundrum: Norbert Elias and the human condition</b>	Godfried van Benthem van den Bergh ( <i>International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam</i> )
	<b>Harm and world politics: international relations and process sociology</b>	Andrew Linklater ( <i>International Politics, Aberystwyth University</i> )
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Stephen Mennell</i>	
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea</b>	
11.30 – 13.00	<b>Exploring the dynamics of world formation</b>	Dennis Smith ( <i>Sociology, University of Loughborough</i> )
	<b>Expectations, epochs, and everyday politics: explaining generational change through civilisational analysis</b>	Len Seabrooke ( <i>International Political Economy, University of Warwick</i> )
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Johan Goudsblom</i>	
<b>13.00 – 14.15</b>	<b>Lunch</b> (participants to make their own arrangements; there are many cafés and snack bars near the RIA)	
14.15 – 15.45	<b>International terrorism and the soiled habitus</b>	Stephen Vertigans ( <i>Sociology, Robert Gordon University</i> )

	<b>'Terrorism' in nineteenth and early twentieth century Britain as part of inter-and intra-state processes</b>	Michael Dunning (Sociology, <i>Brunel University</i> )
	<b>Exploring social practices in war: British and American experiences in the global war on terror</b>	Alastair Finlan ( <i>International Politics, Aberystwyth University</i> )
	<b>Historical sociology of the nuclear revolution</b>	Campbell Craig ( <i>International Politics, Aberystwyth University</i> )
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Katie Liston</i>	
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b><i>Coffee/Tea</i></b>	
15.45 – 16.30	<b>The civilising of economic elites</b>	Reinhard Blomert (Editor, <i>Leviathan, Wissenschafts Zentrum Berlin</i> )
	<b>Climate change: A global problem with no global solution – How Norbert Elias's figurational sociology can help us to understand the failure of the Copenhagen climate talks</b>	Bernd Sommer ( <i>Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen</i> )
16.30 – 17.15	<b>The clash of civilizations and the battle of the sexes</b>	Abram de Swaan ( <i>Sociology, University of Amsterdam</i> )
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Hermann Korte</i>	
<b>17:15 – 18:15</b>	<b><i>Wine reception, Members' Room, Royal Irish Academy</i></b>	
	including the presentation of the Norbert Elias Prize 2009 for the best <i>first</i> book by an author in sociology or a cognate discipline. The 2009 Prize is awarded to <b>Dr Elizabeth Bernstein</b> for her book <b><i>Temporarily Yours: Intimacy, Authenticity, and the Commerce of Sex</i></b> (University of Chicago Press, 2007). The presentation will be made by Dr Wilbert van Vree, chairman of the jury.	
<b>19:30 – 22:00</b>	<b><i>Conference Dinner at the Clarence Hotel, 6 Wellington Quay, Dublin 2.</i></b>	
	Reservations and payment of €40.00 to be made at Registration (9.15 to 9.45 – see above).	

## Saturday 10 April

Humanities Institute of Ireland, UCD Belfield, Dublin 4

09.30 – 0.15	<b>In the name of civilisation</b>	Brett Bowden ( <i>Politics, University of New South Wales</i> )
10.15 – 1.00	<b>Not politics but culture: how civilising processes in international relations may work? And why do we need a 'sociology' of international relations to analyse it?</b>	Dieter Reicher ( <i>Sociology, University of Graz</i> )
	<b>Culture and civilisation: Hofstede and Elias on social habitus</b>	Jonathan Fletcher ( <i>Amsterdam</i> )
Chair:	<i>Richard Kilminster</i>	
<b>11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea</b>		
11.15 – 2.45	<b>Emotions &amp; habitus of officers as reflected in great literature: the case of the Habsburg Army 1848–1918</b>	Helmut Kuzmics ( <i>Sociology, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz</i> )
	<b>About post-national Integration: towards a socio-historical approach</b>	Florence Delmotte ( <i>Politics &amp; Sociology, Facultés universitaires Saint-Louis, Bruxelles</i> )
	<b>The civilising mission in Asia: Asian paternalism today</b>	Shogo Suzuki ( <i>Politics, University of Manchester</i> )
	<b>Migrants in a small Japanese town: The established– outsider dynamic in action</b>	Julian Manning ( <i>Nihon University, Japan</i> )
Chair:	<i>Andrew Linklater</i>	
<b>12:45 – 14:00 Lunch (Sandwiches, tea &amp; coffee will be provided in the HII)</b>		
14.00 – 5.30	<b>The nation state from a transnational point of view: some Eliasian considerations</b>	Bernard Lacroix & Arnault Skornicki ( <i>Université de Paris X –Nanterre</i> )
Chair:	<i>Helmut Kuzmics</i>	

14.45 – 5.45	<p><b>Lust for life! Motorcycles taming veteran warriors</b></p> <p><b>The emergence of a global society: a consequence of Elias’s theoretical perspective</b></p> <p><b>Seeing Wendtian cultures of anarchy as figurations: making stories more sociological, more historical and more human</b></p>	<p>René Moelker (<i>Royal Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda</i>)</p> <p>Lars Bo Kaspersen (<i>Copenhagen Business School</i>) &amp;</p> <p>Norman Gabriel (<i>Education, University of Plymouth</i>)</p> <p>Aurélie Lacassagne (<i>Sociology, Laurentian University</i>)</p>
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Eric Dunning</i>	
<b>15:45 - 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea</b>	
16.00 –17.00	<p><b>Religion, Secularisation and International Politics: A Weberian Framework</b></p> <p><b>Globalisation and cultural lag in Ireland: we- and they-feelings through figurational changes</b></p> <p><b>The myth of the warrior – the central archetype of Western culture</b></p>	<p>Antonio Cerella (<i>Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane, Florence</i>)</p> <p>Paddy Dolan (<i>Sociology, Dublin Institute of Technology</i>)</p> <p>Sandy Dunlop (<i>Folklore, UCD</i>)</p>
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Wilbert van Vree</i>	
17.00 – 17.45	<p><b>Abschiedsvorlesung: Realism and Reality Congruence – International Relations and Sociology</b></p>	<p>Stephen Mennell (<i>Sociology, UCD</i>)</p>
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Robert van Krieken</i>	