

**Neutrality and Irish Identity**  
**CVs of participants in the seminar at**  
**Irish School of Ecumenics, Dublin,**  
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**Dr. Iain Atack** is Lecturer and Programme Coordinator of International Peace Studies, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin. His expertise is centred on the ethics of peace and war, peacebuilding and conflict prevention, and the ethics and politics of nonviolence. He is a member of the board of Action from Ireland (Afri).

**Ivana Bacik**, LL.B., LL.M. (Lond), B.L., F.T.C.D., is Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology at Trinity College Dublin, an Independent Senator for Dublin University, and a practising barrister. She has written and published on a range of criminal, constitutional, human rights and equality law issues.

**Senator Deirdre de Burca** is the Green Party's Spokesperson on European Affairs and on Defence. She has represented the Green Party on the National Forum for Europe since 2002. She has a particular interest in the issue of neutrality and believes that a national debate on the issue of Irish neutrality is long overdue. She would like to see a progressive and meaningful definition of our neutrality being enshrined in the Irish Constitution. She believes that Ireland's status as a neutral country could be of advantage to the European Union, in the context of its developing Common Foreign and Security Policy.

**Professor Edward Dommen** is Swiss. He worked extensively with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and as University professor. He has been inter alia a founder member of the Board of the Geneva International Peace Research Institute, President of the Scientific Committee of the Geneva International Academic Network and Clerk of the Quaker Council for European Affairs.

**Dr. Noel Dorr** is former Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and former Irish Ambassador to the United Nations and to the United Kingdom.

**Seán McCrum** is a Quaker. He is Convenor of the Dublin Monthly Meeting Peace Committee. He works as a free-lance curator of cultural projects. He considers that a serious debate about the nature and use of neutrality as an Irish and European Union issue is long overdue. This is particularly of concern given Ireland's and the European Union's drift towards militarisation, following 60 years of successful non-violence. Any debate is problematic given the current lack of informed discussion.

**Dr. Bill McSweeney** is Senior Research Fellow in International Peace Studies, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin. His work relates particularly to theories of international relations, religion and US foreign policy, and US foreign policy after the Cold War. His commentary appears regularly in the Irish Times and other media outlets.

**Professor John Maguire** is Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University College Cork. He is a member of the board of Action from Ireland (Afri).

**Dr. Magnus Petersson** is Senior Research Fellow at The Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies, Department of Norwegian Security Policy. He is concerned with defence and security policy and military theory. He has written on the security situation in Scandinavia and Northern Europe during the Cold War. He is now working on a project concerning defence transformation in small states after the Cold War.

**Wiglef M.W. Puerschel** is an economic journalist, living in Austria and working in Frankfurt. He was born in 1956 in the western free part of Berlin, thus exposed to the effect of political issues on people's lives. He trained as a physician in Germany, Austria and the US, but later decided to work as a journalist, helping people to understand today's increasingly incomprehensible world. He served as editor-in-chief of a news agency, newsroom co-ordinator, and set up a German state-wide TV station. After 1989, he set up the Chamber of Commerce system in the states of the former GDR.

**Dr. Andy Storey** is Lecturer in Development Studies, The School of Politics and International Relations, University College, Dublin. He is also Chair of the board of Action from Ireland (Afri).

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**Martina Weitsch** is a lifelong Quaker. She has worked at Quaker Council for European Affairs, Brussels, since 2002. Her main focus is on peace issues and within that area – EU Common Foreign Security Policy, European Security and Defence Policy, European External Action (including trade, energy, development assistance, crisis response, conflict prevention). Her current research focus is EU Foreign Policy Drivers.