



**AHRC Centre for Irish-Scottish Studies, University of  
Aberdeen in association with Queen's University Belfast**

**Irish-Scottish Forum: 'The Politics of Devolution'**  
Sponsored by AHRC and supported by The Scottish Parliament

*Thursday 4 November 2010*

- 18.00 Tour of the Parliament Building
- 18.30 Reception hosted by Alex Fergusson MSP (Presiding Officer, Scottish Parliament) and attended by Fiona Hyslop MSP (Minister for Culture and External Affairs, The Scottish Government)
- 19.30 Forum Supper – by invitation

*Friday 5 November*

- 9.15 Welcome: Cairns Craig (Aberdeen): Committee Room 1
- 9.20 **Parallel Session 1: 'Parliaments and the Judiciary':** Committee Room 1  
Chair: Cairns Craig (Aberdeen)  
John Williams (Aberystwyth), Austen Morgan (Barrister, N. Ireland),  
Christopher Gane (Aberdeen)
- Parallel Session 2: 'Inter-parliamentary Institutions':** Committee Room 3  
Chair: John Osmond (Institute of Welsh Affairs)  
Paul Murphy MP (House of Commons), Graham Walker (Queen's, Belfast),  
Paul Docherty (British Council)
- 10.45 Tea/Coffee
- 11.15 Welcome to the Parliament, Alasdair Morgan MSP, Deputy Presiding Officer:  
Committee Room 1
- 11.20 **Plenary Session 1: 'The Workings of Devolution':** Committee Room 1  
Chair: Alasdair Morgan MSP (Deputy Presiding Officer, Scottish Parliament)  
Henry McLeish (former First Minister of Scotland), Rhodri Morgan AM (former  
First Minister of Wales), Lord Alderdice (former Speaker, Northern Ireland  
Assembly)

12.45 Sandwich lunch

14.00 **Parallel Session 3:** 'Devolved Governments and Central Government':  
Committee Room 1  
Chair: David Mc Crone (Edinburgh University) Lord Sewel of Gilcomstoun  
(House of Lords), Paul Cairney (Aberdeen), Elin Royles (Aberystwyth)

**Parallel Session 4:** 'The Economic Powers of Devolved Governments':  
Committee Room 3  
Chair: Cairns Craig (Aberdeen) Eurfyl ap Gwilym (Cardiff); Graham Brownlow  
(Queen's, Belfast); David Heald (Aberdeen)

15.30 Tea/Coffee

16.00 **Plenary Session 2:** 'Culture, Language and Media': Committee Room 1  
Chair: Joyce McMillan (drama critic and journalist)  
John Kirk (Queen's, Belfast), Pwyll ap Sion (Bangor), Pat Kane (writer and  
activist), Adrienne Scullion (Glasgow)

18.15 Forum Reception and Dinner – by invitation



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