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DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM  
STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2020

# NORTHERN IRELAND

*The Power of Narratives in Conflict Transformation*

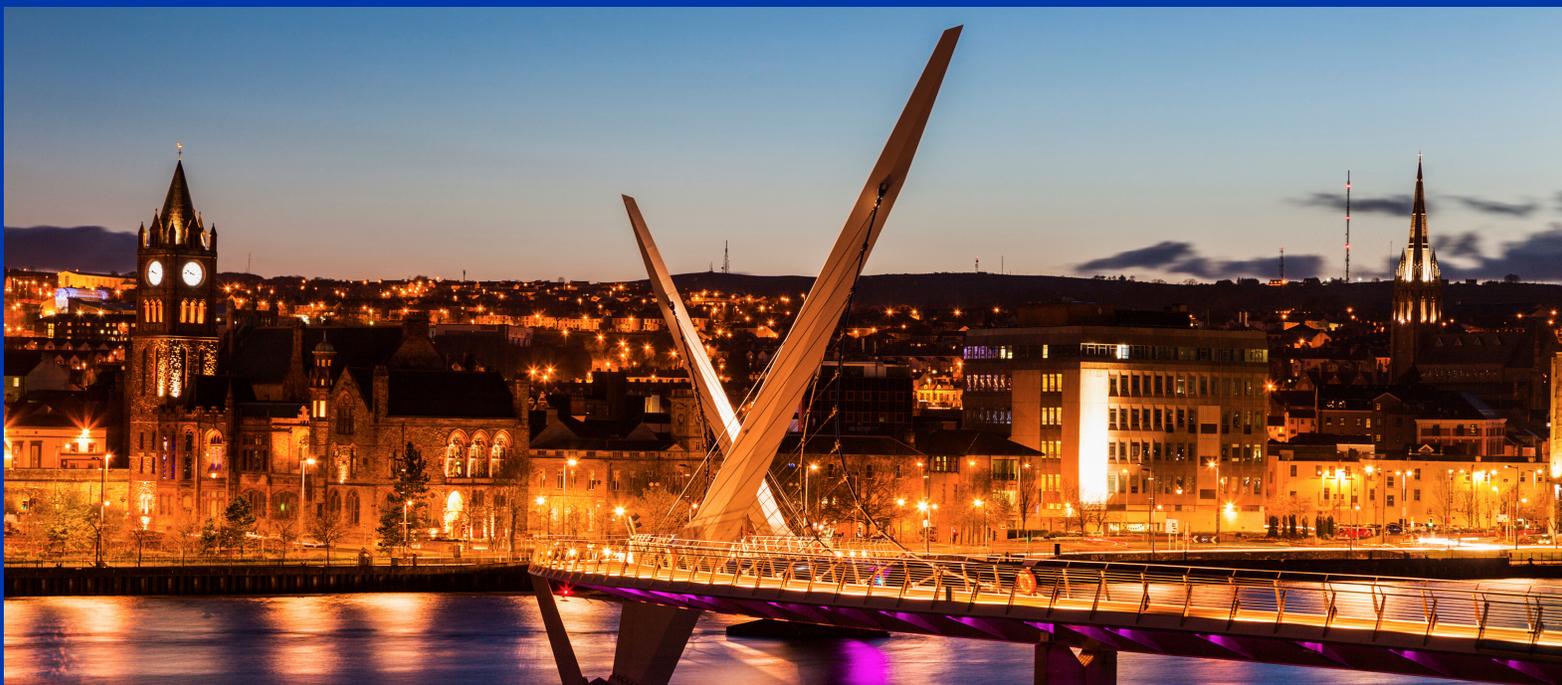
*July 19 - 26, 2020*

**Student's Cost: \$2,315 Room & Board**

**Airfare and program tuition not included. Room and Board rate based on double occupancy room arrangements.**

**TUITION-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

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# THE POWER OF NARRATIVES IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

JULY 19-26, 2020  
DERRY & BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

**DR. BETTY SNYDER**

## **Course Description:**

Storytelling has existed for centuries. Harnessing narratives to help analyze, engage, and transform conflict is a rapidly developing concept within the conflict resolution field. Emerging through the imperfect peace of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, Northern Ireland presents a unique, hands-on opportunity for students to engage narrative as a modality for dealing with the past and transforming current conflicts. Students will travel to Derry and Belfast, and gain insights into post-conflict Northern Ireland through dialogue with ex-combatants, security personnel, victims, and survivors. The narratives of those who have traveled great social, political, and psychological distances to find common ground will help inspire students in pursuit of conflict transformation. Additionally, students will engage in a wide range of activities that expose them to the ongoing peace and reconciliation work of leading arts and community organizations in Northern Ireland. Experiences will focus on the power of the arts through the use of storytelling, theatre, film, and visual art as a mechanism to explore complex social issues and conflict transformation. Students will also be exposed to the various strategies that community organizations are using to weave in the use of narratives as peacebuilding tools. Concepts learned in this course will empower students to redefine conflict, and apply the skills across an array of conflict and peace methodologies, and settings.

\$500 DEPOSIT (NON-REFUNDABLE) GUARANTEES YOUR SEAT

