

Femininity in Dissent: The Women of Armagh

An inaugural lecture by
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During the conflict in Northern Ireland, the criminal justice system played a central and visible role in containing, managing and repressing social disorder and, hence, became associated indelibly with issues of the state.

Although much has been written about the recent political struggles in Northern Ireland, too often it has been women's experiences which have been silenced and under explored. This lecture will chart the contours of women's experiences of imprisonment by contextualising the history of Armagh Prison and the central role it played during the conflict in Northern Ireland.

This paper is based on the testimonies of former female ex-combatants of the Irish Republican Army (IRA). It will examine key moments in the history of the imprisonment of the Armagh women (such as the No Wash Protest and strip searching). By using these examples Professor Wahidin will examine how subjectivity, gender, the corporeal body and resistance were articulated in situations of heightened political violence. The impact of the conflict opened spaces for women to place traditional constructions of femininity in dissent. The narratives of the ex-combatants will illustrate how violence became institutionalised and operated 'through strategies about which people seldom talk: namely the mechanisms of fear' (Poulantzas 1978:83).

You are cordially invited to attend this inaugural lecture

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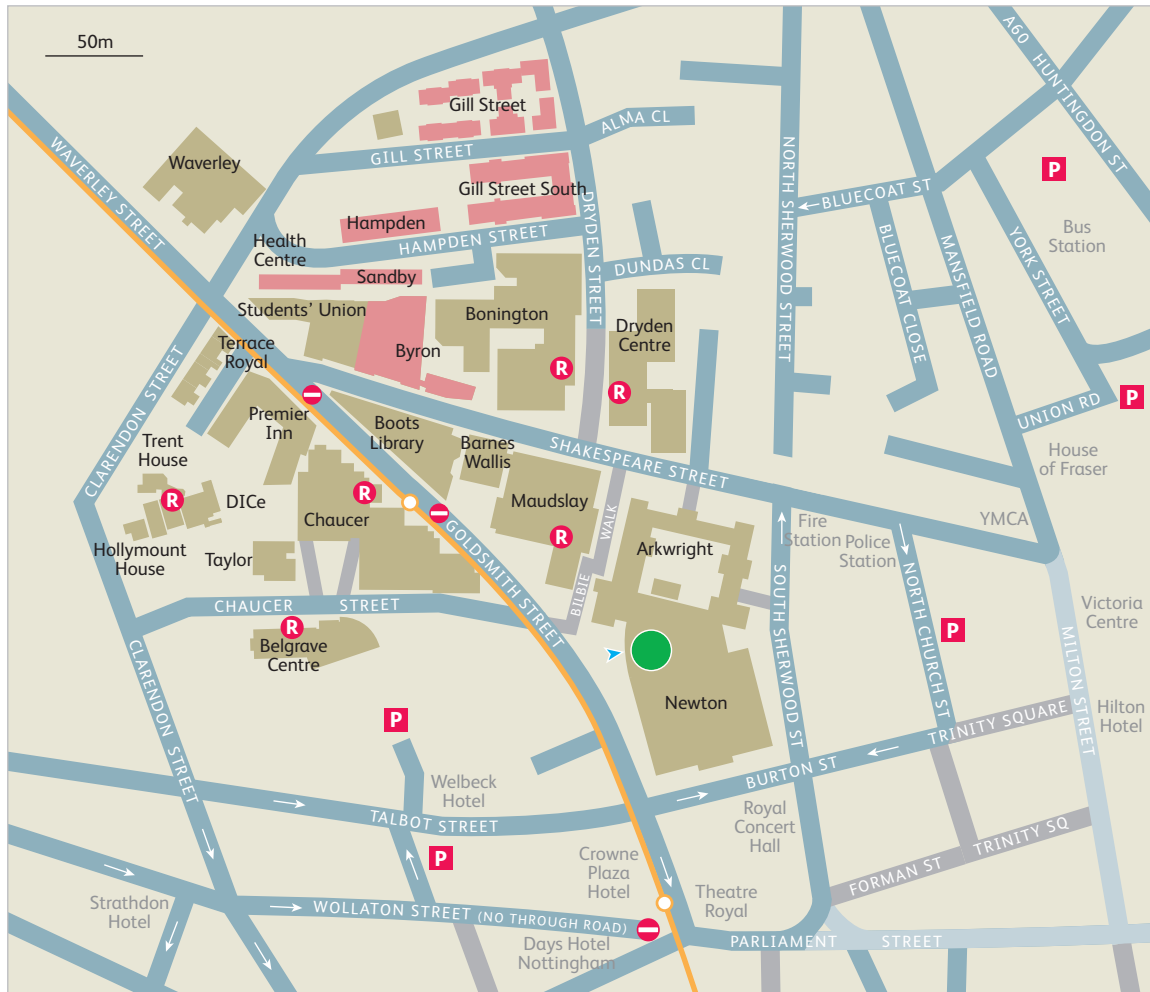
Time: 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Venue: Nottingham Trent University, Newton building, Burton Street, Nottingham, NG1 4BU

Programme:

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| 5.30 pm | Registration, drinks reception with canapés |
| 6.00 pm | Inaugural lecture in the Newton building |
| 7.30 pm | Close |

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