

Northern Ireland: Fragile Peace in an Age of Austerity  
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#### **'New Dissidents are but Old Provisionals Writ Large'? The Dynamics of Dissidence**

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#### **Interpreting the Peace Process and the Future of Northern Ireland**

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### **Legion of the Rearguard: Dissident Republicans and the New 'Long War'**

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### **The Media, the Peace and 'Bread and Butter' Politics**

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### **Republicanism Domesticated**

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**Unionism after Good Friday and St Andrews**

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**'Ending Ulster Loyalism'**

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**The Problem of Loyalist Transition**

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**Menace without Mandate? Is there any sympathy for 'dissident' Irish Republicanism in Northern Ireland?**

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