



Meeting of Minds at The Mind Body Practice



Workshop with Lord Alderdice

Fundamentalism, Radicalization and Terrorism

Tuesday, 13th October 2015 - Registration & Coffee – 7.45pm

Workshop: 8pm – 10pm

While enduring, violent, political conflicts are often interpreted as resulting directly from socio-economic inequity, fundamentalism has been more puzzling for serious theorists on the political left and on the right.

Starting with his home province of Northern Ireland and extending his observations to other regions including Peru, Nepal and the wider Middle East, Lord Alderdice's close observation of societies with persistent 'terrorism' reveals the response as an emotional and self-destructive one, rather than being marked by rational self-interest. In this talk he will chart how the sense of disrespect/humiliation is the most toxic stimulus and that in so far as there is socio-economic inequity it is the component of 'unfairness' or 'injustice' that is the potent element. The perverse 'righting of a terrible wrong' is therefore a key to understanding and addressing these conflicts.

Lord Alderdice. As leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland for eleven years', John Alderdice played a significant role in the negotiation of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He was the first Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly until 2004 and then served for seven years on the Independent Monitoring Commission tasked with closing down terrorist operations and overseeing security normalization. From 2005 until 2009 he was President of Liberal International (the global network of over 100 liberal parties) and from 2010 until 2014, Chairman of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords. A former consultant psychiatrist and senior lecturer in psychotherapy at Queens' University, Belfast and Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia, he is currently Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict at Harris Manchester College, Oxford and Chairman of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building, in Belfast.

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