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# Political Prisoners, Law, and the Northern Ireland Peace Process

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Political prisoners have long played a central – and controversial – role in the Northern Ireland peace process. From their early release under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 through to a recent debate about a de facto immunity for ‘on the runs’, they have raised difficult questions about the out-workings of peace in post-conflict Northern Ireland. This lecture considers those questions on the basis of public law principles and considers how far ‘law’ has been overtaken by ‘politics’.

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