

## **Press release**

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### **[Tribal politics gets a change of identity](#)**

The Manchester Salon is hosting a discussion on the decline of tribal politics with particular reference to the past struggles in Northern Ireland.

Such struggles were once viewed as a straight conflict between nationalists and unionists, even Protestant and Catholic communities - big tribes demanding their followers be for or against one side or the other.

Alongside the decline in tribal politics thought, there's been a rise of identity politics – less about self-determination than cultural affiliation, and this has helped alter the political landscape in Northern Ireland and elsewhere.

The discussion will be led by Kevin Bean and Chris Gilligan. Kevin Bean teaches Irish politics at the Institute of Irish studies, University of Liverpool and has written on the peace process and the political evolution of the provisional Republican movement in newspapers, magazines and journals

Chris is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of the West of Scotland and is currently working on a book on racism and sectarianism in Northern Ireland which will be published by Manchester University Press in late 2011/early 2012.

The rise of identity politics is associated with the radical movements of the '60s such as feminism and black power.

**Venue and Time:**

The Shakespeare Pub, 16 Fountain Street, Manchester, M2 2AA. Arrive 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

A charge of £5 (£3 concession) to cover costs incurred can be paid in advance by using the PayPal Donate button on the left hand side of Manchester Salon website (feel free to donate on top of the £5 ticket), but can also be paid for on the night if booked in advance by emailing [events@manchestersalon.org.uk](mailto:events@manchestersalon.org.uk).

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