



PEACEKEEPING ON THE EDGE
with Kevin John Mc Donald

TUESDAY 23 MARCH 17:00-18:30 (GMT) VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The Politics Team at the Department of Humanities are pleased to invite you to our next virtual Politics Seminar Series with Kevin Mc Donald—a fascinating talk by a retired senior officer who served with the Irish Defence Forces. In his presentation, Kevin will look at the lead up to the 2006 war in Lebanon between Israel and Hezbollah, giving us an insider's view of the difficulties of being an unarmed military observer during a full-scale war: watching jets bomb the city Tyre where his wife and children were living, leading an identification mission to try and identify colleagues killed by an Israeli airstrike on their position, and dealing with the aftermath of the war both physical (unexploded bombs and cratered roads) and emotional (the killing of four good friends and the serious wounding of a further two).

Kevin Mc Donald has spent 34 years in the Irish Defence Forces and has served overseas in Lebanon, Israel, Syria, Chad, Western Sahara, and Mali before retiring in 2016. He is currently working as a Regional Security Officer in the UN mission to the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

This event is free to attend and is open to all - you can join the seminar by following the MS Teams link [here](#) on the date and time specified above.

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