

*Seminar Series: September 2007 – May 2008*

*Are Catholics Achieving an Economic Peace Dividend from the Good Friday Agreement?*

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*Abstract*

The paper takes a detailed look at earnings and employment differences between Northern Ireland's Catholics and Protestants. A before and after look is taken, where the 1998 Good Friday Agreement is taken as the dividing line. This period has been one of a generally buoyant labour market, so both Protestants and Catholics have gained. There is evidence that Catholics' labour market position improved more rapidly than Protestants', but Catholic disadvantage still remains. There has been a Peace dividend.