



## Psychoanalysis & The Public Sphere: Social Fault Lines

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**John, Lord Alderdice** is by profession a psychiatrist and psychoanalytic psychotherapist. He established Northern Ireland's first Centre for Psychotherapy in Belfast with training, treatment and research facilities for a range of therapies. As Leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland he was one of the key negotiators of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, then first Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, and subsequently one of four international Commissioners appointed by the British and Irish Governments to oversee security normalization in Ireland. An appointed member of the House of Lords since 1996, and Convenor of the Liberal Democrats in the Lords during the Coalition Government, he is currently one of the Deputies to the Lord Speaker of the House of Lords. He was President (now Presidente d'Honneur) of Liberal International - the global federation of some 100 liberal political parties - and is currently Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict and a Senior Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College, a Visiting Research Fellow at St Benet's Hall (both at the University of Oxford) and has recently retired as a Clinical Professor in Psychiatry at the University of Maryland (Baltimore) and as Chairman of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (Belfast).

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