



## Ulster's Last Stand?: Reconstructing Unionism After the Peace Process

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Irish Academic Press Ltd, Ireland, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 232 x 156 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This book considers the politics of the Protestant Unionist Loyalist population in Northern Ireland during and following the peace process, and the political positioning of the main organizations representing them as they inch towards a post-conflict society. One central question remains: how, if at all, unionism has changed following the political accord and the establishment of devolved government. The book - now available in paperback - sets out in detail how senses of identity and political processes are understood within unionism, and how unionists and loyalists interpret these as a basis for social and political action. This forms the basis for an investigation of the extent to which the political settlement has been grounded within unionism, and how, in turn, unionist hegemony has been reconstructed around the interpretative frame of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP). Drawing on collective memories in a particular way has enabled the DUP to convince broad strands of unionism that they have been able to best identify and resist major threats to the Union, arguing that it was their strategy which finally brought Irish republicanism to...



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