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An aerial photograph of a residential street in Northern Ireland. The street is lined with parked cars of various colors, including white, black, red, and blue. To the right of the street is a large, well-maintained green lawn. In the background, there are rows of terraced houses with red brick walls and white window frames. A tall, dark chimney is visible on the left side of the image. The sky is overcast and grey.

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- Why is a European foreign official in Palestine?
- What is the connection between the island of Ireland and Palestine?
- What are the parallels and similarities between these two regions, their histories, and their cultures?



Ontological Security Defined

The “confidence that most human beings have in the continuity of their self-identity and in the surrounding social and material environments of action...an identification which is emotional – not always an overt cognitive experience.”₁

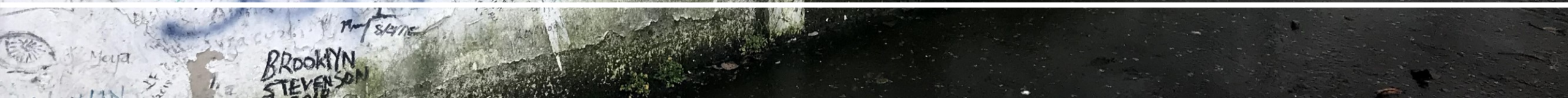
1. Anthony Giddens, *The Consequences of Modernity* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1990), 92.



A History of Irish Independence



Current Political Contexts







What are takeaways? What lessons can be borrowed?

