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Brexit and the Future of the European Union

Europa Institute 60th anniversary conference

Academy Building, Klein Auditorium, Rapenburg 73, Leiden

The process of Brexit forms a major legal challenge in itself. Yet Brexit also necessitates a more fundamental reflection on the future of the EU. Can and should we adapt the legal fabric of the Union to create a more stable, legitimate and effective Union of 27? Should we, for example, create a more flexible union, where certain Member States can heed the populist warning and opt for 'less integration', whilst others leap forward? And would such flexibility even be legally and institutionally possible? During this two-day conference, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Europa Instituut of Leiden University, leading scholars of EU law will address both the short and the long term legal and constitutional questions surrounding Brexit.

Draft Programme

Thursday 30 November 2017

09:00 – 09:30 Coffee and registration

Session 1

09:30 – 09:45 ***Welcome and Opening***

Stefaan Van den Bogaert, University of Leiden

09:45 – 10:15 ***Brexit, the Union and the continent***

Luuk van Middelaar, University of Leiden

10:15 – 10:30 Questions and discussion

10:30 – 11:00 ***Withdrawal from the European Union - a legal appraisal***

Christophe Hillion, University of Oslo and Leiden

11:00 – 11:15 Questions and discussion

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

Session 2 Chair: Fabian Amtenbrink, Erasmus University Rotterdam

11:45 – 12:15 ***“We want our cake. We want to eat it. And we want you to serve it to us.”***

The UK-EU withdrawal negotiations under Article 50 TEU

Michael Dougan, University of Liverpool

12:15 – 12:30 Questions and discussion

12:30 – 13:00 ***Free movement, fair movement***

Catherine Barnard, University of Cambridge

13:00 – 13:15 Questions and discussion

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

- Session 3 Chair: Corinna Wissels, Dutch Council of State (t.b.c.)
14:45 – 15:15 ***No deal better than a bad deal? The “WTO option” as a precarious safety net for a post-Brexit UK***
 Freya Baetens, University of Oslo and University of Leiden
15:15 – 15:30 Questions and discussion
- 15:30 – 16:00 ***Brexit and Financial Services: (yet) another re-ordering of institutional governance for the EU Financial System?***
 Niamh Moloney, London School of Economics
16:00 – 16:15 Questions and discussion
16:15 – 16:45 Coffee
- 16:45 – 17:15 ***Consequences of Brexit for International Agreements Concluded by the EU and its Member States***
 Ramses A. Wessel, University of Twente
17:15 – 17:30 Questions and discussion

Friday 1 December 2017

09:00 – 09:30 Coffee

Session 4 Chair: Niamh Nic Shuibhne, University of Edinburgh

- 09:30 – 10:30 ***AFSJ Post Brexit: A panel discussion with:***
 Cathryn Costello, University of Oxford
 Christina Eckes, University of Amsterdam
 Jannemieke Ouwerkerk, University of Leiden
 Jorrit Rijkma, University of Leiden

Session 5 Chair: Sacha Prechal, Court of Justice of the European Union

- 10:30 – 11:00 ***The Future of Variable Geometry in a Post-Brexit European Union***
 Bruno de Witte, University of Maastricht
11:00 – 11:15 Questions and discussion
11:15 – 11:45 Coffee

Session 6 Chair: Alison McDonnell, University of Leiden

- 11:45 – 12:45 ***From Visegrad to Berlin: A panel discussion on the future of Europe including national perspectives:***
 Dariusz Adamski, University of Wroclawski
 Tom de Bruijn, Municipality of The Hague
 Mattias Wendel, Free University Berlin
 Anastasia Iliopoulou, University Paris Est Créteil
12:45 – 13:15 ***Closing remarks***
 Sir David Edward, University of Edinburgh