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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: Corinna Wissels, Dutch Council of State (t.b.c.)

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: Fabian Amtenbrink, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
 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 Rijpma, 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  
                     Christian Callies, Free University Berlin  
                     Anastasia Iliopoulou, University of Orleans  
 12:45 – 13:15 ***Closing remarks***  
                     Sir David Edward, University of Edinburgh