



BREXIT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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Steven has worked on numerous technical assistance projects in wider Europe and Asia. His expertise lies at the crossroads of international and EU law and governance, including the impact of Brexit on the EU's international agreements.

Adam Łazowski, Professor of European Law, University of Westminster, London

Adam studied and then lectured at the University of Warsaw. His research interests include the law of the European Union as well as public international law, including the external dimension of the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

Aidan O'Neill QC (Scot) QC, Barrister, Matrix Chambers, London

Aidan is a specialist in European law and public law, including the impact of Brexit on the adjudication of disputes under international investment agreements (IIAs) – particularly the bilateral investment treaties (BITs) that have been concluded by the UK. He is a highly experienced pleader before the UK Supreme Court and has also led cases before the Court of Justice of the EU.

Ramses A. Wessel, Professor of International and European Law and Governance, Centre for European Studies, University of Twente, the Netherlands

Ramses is a well-known specialist in international and European law and governance. His research focuses on global governance, international organisations, foreign, security and defence policy, the vertical relations between legal orders (global-EU-domestic) and the external dimension of withdrawal from the EU.

Key topics

- External dimension of the UK's withdrawal from the EU and its institutional aspects
- Legal consequences of Brexit for international agreements concluded by the EU and its Member States
- Future trade relations between the UK and the EU
- Transitional arrangements
- Relations between the UK as a third country and the EU

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Karolina Rokicka, ERA

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Rue de l'Aqueduc 118, Brussels



Brexit and External Relations

Monday, 19 March 2018

13:30 Arrival and registration of participants
Welcome coffee

14:00 **Opening of the seminar**

I. THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE UK'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION – INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

14:15 **Leaving an international organisation – particularities regarding the legal status of the EU**

- The problem of exclusive competences in areas falling under external relations such as the Common Commercial Policy and the Customs Union
- The problem of shared competences in the area of development cooperation, humanitarian aid, the Common Foreign and Security Policy
- The principle of sincere cooperation and the principle of primacy of EU law within the period of negotiations

Steven Blockmans

15:15 Discussion

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 **Legal consequences of Brexit for international agreements concluded by the EU and its Member States**

- The ability of the UK to conclude international agreements prior to its withdrawal
- The possibility of the UK remaining a party to existing EU-only agreements, mixed agreements and agreements between the Member States after its withdrawal
- Implications of violation of EU external relations law before the withdrawal of the UK from the EU

Ramses A. Wessel

17:15 Discussion

17:45 End of the first conference day

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

II. FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UK AND THE EU

09:30 **Trade relations between the UK and the EU**

- Future agreement on common trade relations – options and reality
- State of play of negotiations
- Membership of the UK in the WTO after departure from the EU

Aidan O'Neil QC

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **The UK as a third country and its relations with the EU and other third countries**

- Possible arrangements for the future UK-EU relationship, including transitional arrangements
- The possible post-Brexit relationship with third states and arrangements in the new agreements
- Alignment of the UK to the EU's external policies and actions, including foreign and security policy
- The question of sanctions policy

Adam Łazowski

12:30 Discussion

13:00 End of the conference

Objective

The departure of the UK from the EU raises many political and legal questions. This conference will focus on the external dimension of Brexit. It will provide participants an overview of the institutional aspects to be considered during negotiations, as well as the prospects for future relations between the UK and the EU in terms of trade and other external policies.

Who should attend?

EU officials, national civil servants, academics, lawyers in private practice and in-house counsel, non-governmental organisations

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