



# THE FUTURE OF EU-UK RELATIONS: WHAT'S NEXT? INSIGHTS FROM NEGOTIATING STRATEGIES

9 December 2019, 16.00-18.00  
Europe House  
32 Smith Square London SW1P 3EU

## ROUNDTABLE PROGRAMME

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Since the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union (EU) **Brexit has unlocked a political crisis of systemic proportion**. It has not only created a **new cleavage splitting the country beyond traditional party-lines and across its existing national borders**, but it has also exposed Britain's democratic system to a whole **new set of internal and external challenges**. The British political party system has been hugely impacted, while polarization and the generational gap on the future of UK politics has widened. The departure of the United Kingdom (UK) has set in motion an unrolling process whose **wide-ranging implications and political dynamics** – with regards to geography, security and defense, citizens' rights and mobility, economy, politics, culture, identity and diplomacy - **will define future relations between the UK and the EU for decades ahead**.

Which are the **key interests that EU member-states have tried to shield** while negotiating Brexit? Have EU member states followed the same negotiating strategy or different ones? Are there any fault-lines dividing them in terms of **domestic policy-fields and key economic strategic sectors**? What will the new **geographical power balance** in Europe look like? Who will **take the lead** after Brexit? Under which circumstances the **Franco-German couple** will redesign its leadership? How will **bilateral and multilateral relations** change in terms of **trade, defense and foreign policy**?

Those questions will be at the center of [our NEXTEUK Roundtable, where participants will benefit by engaging directly with our outstanding panel of selected academics and experts.](#)

## Programme:

**15:30-16:00 Registration of participants, Tea & Coffee**

**16.00-16.30- Session 1: The Future of the EU-UK relations: sharing insights between academics and practitioners**

**Sarah Wolff**, Senior Lecturer, Queen Mary University of London, Director of the Center for European Research  
**Tim Bale**, Professor, Queen Mary University of London & Deputy Director of the UK in a Changing Europe  
**Richard Whitman**, Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent

**16.30-17.30: Session 2: EU member states' negotiating strategies during Brexit**

**Pauline Schnapper**, Professor of British Studies at the Sorbonne Nouvelle University- France  
**Francois- Joseph Schichan** Political councilor, French embassy in the UK  
**Nicolas Wright**, University College London  
**Antonio Barroso** Managing Director, Teneo



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**Helen Drake**, Professor of French and European Studies, Director, Institute for Diplomacy and International Governance, Loughborough University London

### 17.30-18.00 Session 3: The future of EU-UK relations from a cultural and societal perspective

**Catherine Fieschi**, Global Policy Institute, QMUL, Reflections on the impact of Brexit on EU-UK societies and cultural relations  
**Adam Fagan**, Vice-Dean (Education) & Professor of European Politics, King's College London- Pro and Anti- EU mobilization in the UK

### 18.00-18.30 Refreshments

**18.30-20.00 Public Event** *What's Next for British Democracy* ([more info available here- please register](#))

### List of high-level participants

Agnès Alexandre-Collier, Maison Française d'Oxford  
Alice Béja, Scientific attaché, French Embassy London  
Davor Jancic, Senior Lecturer in Law, Queen Mary University of London  
Georgina Wright, Institute for Government  
James Strong, Senior Lecturer in British Politics and Foreign Policy, Queen Mary University of London  
Konstantinos Thanopoulos, Embassy Counsellor, Political Affairs, Greek Embassy, London  
Lili Zemlényi, Europe Horizons  
Mario Mendez, Reader in Law, Queen Mary University of London  
Patty Zandstra, Counsellor EU Affairs, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
Paul Copeland, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy  
Stijn van Kessel, Senior Lecturer in European Politics, Queen Mary University of London  
Tim Olivier, Senior Lecturer for the Institute for Diplomacy and International Governance, Loughborough University  
Participants from other European embassies (tbc)



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