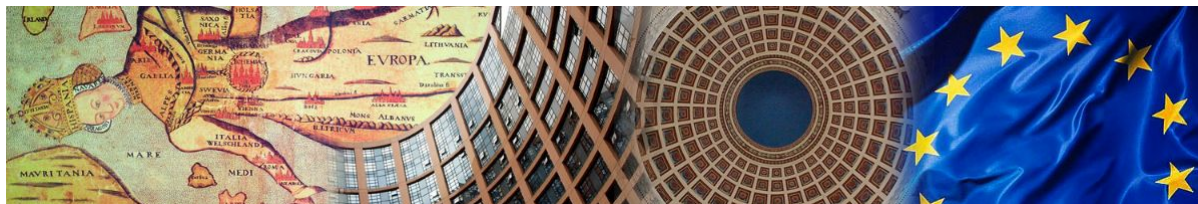


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### NEW VIRTUAL SEMINAR SERIES ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION & COVID-19

As part of NEXTEUK's efforts to provide expert opinion and engaging discussion in the face of challenges created by coronavirus, a new Virtual Seminar Series is now available to watch online.

The series, entitled **European integration and the future of EU-UK relations in times of COVID-19** brings together experts from Europe and beyond to discuss a variety of issues including the impact of the crisis on Schengen and the implications of populist rhetoric on how the crisis is addressed.

The first three episodes of the series are available online at [CER's YouTube channel](#), and on the [NEXTEUK website](#).

Contributors to these episodes are: [Professor Tim Bale](#), [Dr Agathe Piquet](#), [Dr Stella Ladi](#), [Dr Davor Jancic](#), [Ruben Zaiotti](#) and [Vivien Schmidt](#)

Keep an eye out for more episodes coming soon.

## Student-led Podcast Launched

**NEXTEUK have launched a podcast series "Pandemic Politics: A Student view of the EU in the time of Corona".**

The series brings together Queen Mary, University of London students from around Europe to discuss the various responses to the current crisis by the EU and its member states.

The first episode focuses on quarantine and lockdown policies, with the two guests - Eleanora from Italy and Natascha from Switzerland - giving an insight into what their respective governments have done to combat the virus. You can listen to episode one on [Spotify](#) and the [NEXTEUK website](#).

## New Publications

**NEXTEUK has published its first policy brief and working papers.**

The policy brief [Negotiating Brexit: What Implications for the EU and Future EU-UK Relations?](#) by **Antonio Astolfi** analyses the various challenges to EU-UK relations caused by the ongoing Brexit negotiations. The brief examines some pertinent issues including: the impact of Brexit on Franco-German relations, the unique position of Ireland in relation to the UK's withdrawal, and the changing Brexit strategy of the Netherlands.

The first issue of the Working Paper Series entitled [Brexit: The scapegoating of the EU for the failures of British Neoliberalism?](#) was written by **Humaira Mahmud**. The paper assesses some of the principal causes of Britain's vote to Leave the European Union. Through a thorough analysis of the UK's economy since the adoption of neoliberalism in the late 1970s, Mahmud argues that neoliberal globalisation has caused the growing inequality present in the UK today, and the EU has been used as a scapegoat for this situation.

## NEXTEUK Team Op-Eds and Media Appearances

## the impact of COVID-19.

### Dr Stella Ladi

- Interview with [Jaime Gutierrez RTVE, 7/5/20](#)
- Interview with [Alex Economou, Neos Kosmos, 4/5/20](#)
- Interview with [Joaquin Luna Morales, La Vanguardia, 3/5/20](#)
- Interview with [Foteini Sfakiotaki, TV Creta News Programme, 25/4/20 \(from 1:20:04\)](#)
- Interview with [Adrian Cochino, Libertatea, 24/4/20](#)
- Interview with [Billy Perrigo, The Time, 21/4/20](#)
- Interview with [Marina Rafenberg, Le Monde, 16/4/20](#)
- Interview with [Katy Fallon, The Independent, 8/4/20,](#)
- [“Greece: despite a decade of health cuts, coronavirus death rates appear comparatively low”, The Conversation](#)
- [“Regaining Trust: tackling the coronavirus in Greece”, LSE Blog](#)

### Professor Tim Bale

- [The virus is changing politics, but there are opportunities as well as risks](#)  
*The Times*
- [A Brexit extension would face serious opposition even during coronavirus](#)  
*The Financial Times*

### Dr Paul Copeland

- [A Post Covid-19 EU Needs to Rethink its Model of Economic Integration or it May Become Increasingly Unstable](#) *DCU Brexit Institute*

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