

Scenarios of a new UK-EU relationship

Workshop on the future prospects of UK's membership (or not) in the EU after the referendum

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The aim of this workshop is to analyse the scenarios of the British referendum on the EU membership that will take place on 23 June 2016. The workshop will discuss the negotiations of the British government with the EU, the campaign of the referendum, the internal developments in the UK and the EU and will present the scenarios that might prevail after the referendum is held.

The three scenarios foreseen will be:

1. Bremain: The UK stays in the EU
2. A "soft" Brexit
3. A "harsh" Brexit

For each of the scenarios, paper presenters and participants will analyse the prospects of each scenario, the effects of the negotiations on the referendum campaign and the UK-EU relationship after the referendum. The papers will also present the economic, political, social and geopolitical effects of each scenario, attempting to devise the new UK-EU relationship if they materialise. The workshop will pay particular attention to the political dynamics in the EU following the Brexit referendum, the relationship between the Member States and the effects for the European project, as well as for the future of the UK.

Programme

Friday, 20th May 2016

9:15 – 9:30h **Welcome remarks**

9:30 – 11:00h **Scenario 1: The UK stays in the EU**

Chair: **Jordi Bacaria**, Director, CIDOB

Paper Presenters:

Stuart A. Brown, Managing Editor, LSE EUROPP – European Politics and Policy European Institute

Tena Prelec, Editor, LSE EUROPP – European Politics and Policy European Institute; Doctoral Researcher, School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex

Discussant:

Graham Bishop, Consultant on European integration

Thomas Raines, Research Fellow and Programme Manager, Europe Programme, Chatham House

11.00 – 11.30h **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00h Scenario 2: A soft Brexit

Chair: **Tena Prelec**, Editor, LSE EUROPP – European Politics and Policy European Institute;
Doctoral Researcher, School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex

Paper Presenter:

Swati Dhingra, Lecturer in Economics, LSE

Discussants:

Andrew Duff, Visiting Fellow, European Policy Centre; former Member of the European Parliament

Simon Usherwood, Senior Lecturer, University of Surrey

Berta Barbet, PhD, University of Leicester; associate lecturer, University of Barcelona

13:00 – 14.00h Lunch**14:00 – 15:30h Session 3: A harsh Brexit**

Chair: **Pol Morillas**, Research Fellow in European Affairs, CIDOB

Paper Presenter:

Tim Oliver, Dahrendorf Fellow for Europe-North American relations, LSE IDEAS

Discussants:

Iain Begg, Professorial Research Fellow, LSE

Richard Whitman, Professor of Politics and International Relations and Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent

Sunder Katwala, Director, British Future

15:30 – 16.00h Conclusions and ways forward**16.00h End of the workshop**