

## Leaving Europe?

### The Legal, Political and Economic Implications of a UK Exit from the EU

**Institute of European Law**

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**25 June 2014, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm**

**Summary:** David Cameron promises an “In or Out” referendum on the UK’s EU membership in 2017 in the event that a Conservative or Conservative-led government is returned to office in 2015. This poses many legal, economic and political questions on the likely impact an EU ‘Brexit’ on the UK. In 2014, after 40 years of full UK membership of the EU, these are timely questions even if exit is not on the political agenda. The Institute of European Law and the Public Law and Human Rights Research Cluster at Birmingham Law School are hosting this workshop to explore these questions.

**Objectives:** To provide an understanding of the impact of a possible exit of the United Kingdom from the EU on the United Kingdom and English law in its political and economic contexts. Looking at such a scenario is also intended to enhance the understanding of the legal situation without such an exit, as it currently stands. EU lawyers, Constitutional lawyers, public lawyers, and civil servants will contribute.

## PROGRAMME

**1030 Registration and Coffee**

**1100 Opening Address:**

Sir Stephen Wall  
Former British Permanent Representative to the EU

**1145 The politics and law of a British EU exit**

Chair: Professor Martin Trybus (Institute of European Law, University of Birmingham)

Why David Cameron wants to call a Referendum

Dr Tim Haughton (Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham)

The UK Review of EU Competences

Dr Nathaniel Copsey (Department of Politics and International Relations, Aston University)

The Geopolitics of a Brexit

Dr Tim Oliver (John Hopkins University, Washington DC)

**1300 Lunch**

**1400 Where to go?**

Chair: Luca Rubini (IEL, University of Birmingham and EUI Florence)

Joining EFTA and the EEA?

Professor Ciaran Burke (University of Jena) and Olafur Hannesson (EFTA Surveillance Authority, Brussels)

**1500 The Impact of Brexit on the British and their economy**

Chair: Graham Gee (University of Birmingham)

From EU citizens to third country nationals: the Impact of UK exit on UK individuals  
Marja-Liisa Laatsit (European University Institute, Florence)

Evaluating the EU's regulatory burden and its discontents: the labour market, free movement and social rights

Dr Keith Puttick (Staffordshire University)

**1600 Tea**

**1615 The impact of an EU Exit on UK Law**

Chair: Professor Patrick Birkinshaw, Institute of European Public Law, University of Hull

The impact of Brexit on UK Constitutional law: Regaining Sovereignty?

Alison Young (University of Oxford)

The impact of Brexit on the Common Law

Sophie Boyron (IEL, University of Birmingham)