

Northern Ireland at the Edge – what next after “Brexit”?

Thursday 15 September 2016, 13:50 – 17:00, Queen’s University Belfast, School of Law



Rationale and registration

This half-day event focuses on the consequences of the UK’s future relationship with Ireland, north and south, considering in particular the potential of the EU’s external border might be located in Ireland. The first panel discusses options for a special status for Northern Ireland maintaining its membership in the EU or a Common Travel Area with Ireland. The second panel analyses existing relations between the EU and other European States (Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein). Participation is free, but registration is recommended (Eventbrite link [here](#)).

Programme

1.50–2.15 Registration and Refreshments (Reception Foyer, floor 1)

2.15–2.30 Opening and Introduction (Moot Court Room, floor 2):

John Morison MRIA, Professor of Law, Queen’s University Belfast (QUB), UK; Royal Irish Academy

David Phinnemore, Professor of European Politics, Jean Monnet Chair European Political Science, QUB, UK

2.30–3.30 Inside, Outside and the possibilities of ‘special status’

- Jo Shaw, Salvesen Chair of European Institutions, University of Edinburgh, UK
- Trevor Redmond, Assistant Legal Adviser, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland
- Ulrik Pram Gad, Ass. Professor Cultural & Global Studies, Alborg University, Denmark

Chair Dagmar Schiek, Professor of Law, Jean Monnet ad personam Chair EU Law & Policy, QUB, UK

3.30–3.45 Break

3.45–4.45 Alternatives to EU membership—EEA, EFTA and special arrangements

- Sieglinde Gstöhl, Professor & Director of Studies, College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium
- Ulf Sverdrup, PhD, Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Norway
- Christine Kaddous, Professor & Director of the Centre d’études juridiques européennes (CEJE) of the University of Geneva, Switzerland

Chair Lee McGowan, PhD, Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration, QUB, UK

4.45–5.00 Conclusions: Rory Montgomery, Second Secretary General, EU Division, Department of the Taoiseach

This event is co-organised by the Royal Irish Academy (RIA) and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Tensions at the EU Fringes (TREUP) at Queen’s University Belfast.

For TREUP this is a half-day conference under its stream [Variegated Geometry, Differentiated Integration and Transnational Governance](#). Since this event focuses on the future relations of the UK with the European Union, the TREUP contribution is co-sponsored by the ESRC funded project “The UK 40 Years in the Union - Northern Ireland” within the larger project “The UK in a Changing Europe”.

For the RIA, it is part of the third Constitutional Conversation 'Constitutions and these Islands: Beyond Brexit', which again constitutes a series of six conversations themed around the constitution. Part one of this conversation took place on 6 May 2016 and was entitled ‘A New Relationship? Brexit, Ireland and Northern Ireland’. The report of that conversation can be found at www.ria.ie. The complete Constitutional Conversations series has been sponsored by Mason Hayes & Curran

