



Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – Tensions at the Fringes of the EU – regaining the Union's purpose

Café Europa

**An informal space for exchanging ideas on tensions between social,
economic, ecological justice in the EU**

What does Brexit mean for higher education and academics?

Main Site Tower, Room 0G/009

Thursday 15 December, 2pm

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The results of the UK's EU referendum have caused a great deal of uncertainty about the impact of a "Brexit" on the future of UK universities, and the people working in them. There are questions about continuing access to EU research funding such as Horizon 2020; the future of transnational lives so typical for academia (including options for EU citizens to work in UK universities and for UK university employees to move abroad), students' access to exchange programmes such as Erasmus +; the ECTS, and the future access of EU students to UK universities.

In response to growing uncertainties, the government has been sending messages of reassurance that the country will remain open and collaborative. Yet uncertainties over the long term remain, since openness and collaboration will be contingent on accepting free movement of people between the UK and the EU and on negotiated post-Brexit agreements.

Café Europa is meant to be a monthly informal forum organized by Queen's University Belfast's Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "TREUP" (led from the School of Law), in which to air matters of research and practice around law and policy of the European Union. Its first edition welcomes academic and research staff across QUB to share their thoughts and ideas about the consequences of Brexit on their work. We encourage any ideas for future emanations of this action.