

# **THE DE-EUROPEANISATION OF BORDER CONFLICTS:** The Effect of Brexit on Territorial Borders and Boundaries

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## The Project

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It has been suggested that Europeanisation enhances the possibilities of resolving a conflict. Indeed, the positive impact of Europeanisation on the stabilisation of some conflicts such as the ones in Northern Ireland, Serbia/Kosovo and Serbia/Montenegro is well attested.

But what happens when a State withdraws from the EU? Does its detachment from the EU structures lead to the deterioration of the environment of a given conflict? Brexit offers a unique opportunity to analyse this unprecedented phenomenon as it will affect three territorial borders and boundaries that are all somehow linked with conflicts.

On Friday 26 January 2018, a conference on '**The De-Europeanisation of Border Conflicts: The Effect of Brexit on Territorial Borders and Boundaries**' will take place in Carlton House Terrace, British Academy, London between 9am and 6pm. The conference is generously funded by UACES and the UEA's HEIF Impact Fund.

The aim of the conference is precisely to discuss the possible effect of Brexit on three territorial borders and the conflicts linked with them: the Irish one, the one in Gibraltar and the one in Cyprus (where the UK has two Sovereign Bases). The conference will be structured around 4 roundtables where academics and policy-makers will be discussing the following themes:

Panel 1: Brexit Challenges on boundaries and the conflicts linked with them

Panel 2: The visions of the UK, the EU and its Member States in addressing those challenges

Panel 3: The idea of differentiated Brexit

Panel 4: Lessons to be learned from other borders and conflicts

Within the context of the project, we use a wider discursive definition of the term conflict as described in the literature of Diez, Stetter and others. We do not consider violence as a necessary element of it. Instead, we use the term to describe the incompatibility of positions of States and other actors as to the constitutional future of certain regions. In that sense, the debate over the Irish border could be understood as a debate over the constitutional status of Northern Ireland *inter alia*. Equally, the debate on Gibraltar relates to the question of its sovereignty. In the case of the UK Sovereign Bases the debate is very different. There is no conflict over the status of the Bases while their demarcation lines should be understood as boundaries rather than borders.

Visit the website [deeeuropeanisation.eu](http://deeeuropeanisation.eu) to find out more about the project and to register in our mailing list.

If you are interested in attending the event please send an email to [deeeuropeanisation@gmail.com](mailto:deeeuropeanisation@gmail.com)

## Conference Programme

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Friday 26 January 2017, 09:00-18:00, Carlton House Terrace, British Academy, London

- 08:45      Registration
- 09:00      **Welcome**  
*Professor Dr Theodore L Turocy, Professor of Economics, Associate Dean for Research, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of East Anglia*
- 09:10      **Opening Remarks**  
*Dr Nikos Skoutaris, University of East Anglia*
- 09:30      **Panel 1: Brexit Challenges on boundaries and conflicts that are linked with them**  
**Chair:** *Professor Dr Theodore L Turocy, University of East Anglia*  
**Panel**  
*Dr Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast*  
*Michael Llamas QC, Attorney-General, Gibraltar and Dr Jamie Trinidad, University of Cambridge*  
*Dr Conor Patterson, Newry and Mourne Co-Operative and Enterprise Agency*  
*Mr Jonathan Powell, Inter Mediate*
- 11:00      Coffee Break
- 11:30      **Panel 2: The visions of the UK, the EU and its Member States in addressing the challenges of Brexit**  
**Chair:** *Professor Hussein Kassim, University of East Anglia*  
**Panel**  
*Professor Andrew Canessa, University of Essex*  
*Mr Stelios Makriyiannis, Brexit Coordinator at the Permanent Representation of Cyprus to the EU*  
*Professor Kalypso Nicolaïdis, University of Oxford*  
*Dr John O'Brennan, Maynooth University*
- 13:00      Lunch Break

- 14:00 **Panel 3: The idea of differentiated Brexit**  
**Chair:** *Dr Nikos Skoutaris, University of East Anglia*  
**Panel**  
*Ms Victoria Hewson and Dr Austen Morgan, Legatum Institute*  
*Dr Kirsty Hughes, Scottish Centre of European Relations*  
*Ms Katie O'Byrne, Doughty Street Chambers*  
*Professor Takis Tridimas, King's College London*
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:50 **Panel 4: Lessons to be learned from other borders and conflicts**  
**Chair:** *Sir Robert Cooper*  
**Panel**  
*Dr George Kyris, University of Birmingham*  
*Professor Neophytos Loizides, University of Kent*  
*Professor Bernard Ryan, University of Leicester*
- 17:00 **Keynote Speech by Ms Martina Anderson, MEP**
- 17:50 **Closing Remarks**  
*Dr Nikos Skoutaris, University of East Anglia*