After the British voted on 23 June 2016 to leave the European Union – by a narrow majority of 51.9% to 48.1% – the EU entered uncharted legal and political waters. It quickly became clear that the Exit negotiations would prove considerably more complex and complicated than was suggested by Prime Minister Theresa May’s slogan at the first Cabinet meeting after the Summer Recess: »Brexit means Brexit, and we’re going to make a success of it.«

This symposium is concerned less with the question of exactly how May’s promised success story will be realized, than with the myriad challenges that the United Kingdom and Europe now face with ›Brexit.«

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Wednesday, 6 December 2017

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Welcome Address  Prof. Dr.-Ing. Reiner Anderl
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Introduction  Christa Jansohn (University of Bamberg)

Session 1  Brexit: Constitutional and Strategic Implications for the UK
Chair: Bernhard Dietz (University of Mainz, Chairman of the ›German Association for the Study of British History and Politics‹)

2:15 pm  Anne Deighton (University of Oxford)
Having your Cake and Eating it? Strategic Implications of Brexit

3:00 pm  Andreas Fahrmeir (University of Frankfurt)
British and European Migration Control Regimes – Conflicts, Experiences and Synergies

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm  Coffee Break

Session 2  Economy
Chair: Nick Jefcoat (Chairman of the Board at the ›Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft Rhein-Main e.V.‹)

4:15 pm  Otmar Issing (University of Frankfurt)
Reflections on the Economic Consequences of Brexit

5:00 pm  Iain Begg (The London School of Economics and Political Science)
The Likely Economic Effects of Brexit

5:45 pm  Markus Wübeler (University of Applied Sciences for Health Care Professions, Bochum)
Ageing UK and Brexit: Consequences for the Healthcare System?

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  Wine Reception

Thursday, 7 December 2017

Session 3  Scotland, the UK and EU
Chair: Daniel Göske (University of Kassel)

9:15 am  James Mitchell (University of Edinburgh)
Parliamentary vs Popular Sovereignty and the British Constitution

10:00 am  Mariot Leslie (Member of the Scottish First Minister’s Standing Council on Europe & Associate Fellow of Chatham House, London)
Scotland and Europe: The End of the UK’s Other Union?

10:45 am – 11:15 am  Coffee Break

Session 4  Brexit and the Media
Chair: Matthias Schwab (University of Tübingen)

11:15 am  Henrik Müller (University of Dortmund)
The Personal, the Political, and Populism: Why Brits voted for Exit. And Why Others may Follow

12:00 pm  Linda Risso (University of London)
Harvesting your Soul? Cambridge Analytica and Brexit

12:45 am – 2:15 pm  Lunch

Session 5  Brexit and Culture
Chair: Julia Kühn (University of Hong Kong)

2:15 pm  Stuart MacDonald (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen, Stuttgart)
The Impact of Brexit on International Cultural Relations in Europe

3:00 pm  Marion Löhndorf (Neue Zürcher Zeitung)
Brexit and the Art World – From Hope to Despair and Back Again

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm  Coffee Break

Session 6  Brexit and the Academic World (contd)
Chair: Brian Gibbons (University of Münster)

4:15 pm  Anne Corbett & Claire Gordon (The London School of Economics and Political Science)
Brexit and Higher Education: Learning from the Policy Shock of the Referendum Vote?

5:00 pm  Stefan Vogenauer (Max Planck Institute for European Legal History)
Brexit: Winners and Losers in the Higher Education Sector

Friday, 8 December 2017

Session 6  Brexit and the Academic World (contd)
Chair: Brian Gibbons (University of Münster)

9:15 am  Brian Foster (Royal Society, University of Oxford)
Science is Global: What does Brexit mean for scientific research?

10:00 am  Georg Krawietz (German Academic Exchange Service – DAAD, London)
Brexit: Possible Impacts of Brexit on Higher Education, Academic Exchange and Cooperation

10:45 am – 11:15 am  Coffee Break

11:15 am  Daniel Unterweger (University of Oxford)
Generation Y and the Academic Bubble – The View on Brexit as an Early Career Researcher in Oxford

12:00 pm  Jeremy Adler (King’s College, London)
There’s Method in their Madness. Britain’s National Suicide

End of Conference