The UK Election of 2019 and the Possible Break-Up of the Country

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In the 2016 referendum the votes in Scotland and Northern Ireland gave a majority to 'Remain'; those in England and Wales gave a majority to 'Leave'. This inherent tension escalated dramatically with the 2019 general election results. The lecture assesses the likelihood of either Irish unification, or Scottish independence, or both, occurring in the foreseeable future.

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Everyone is welcome to attend.