

# LECTURE

## The EU's response to Brexit

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This two-part lecture discusses how the European Union has responded to Brexit, the first and only departure of a member state.

The first part offers an analysis of the protracted negotiations of the Brexit agreement between 2016 and 2020. Based on in-depth interviews with key institutional players in Brussels and in several member states, this lecture forwards the argument that getting the process right was crucial in that period. The EU mobilised its collective capacity to negotiate effectively and with one voice.

The second part will take stock of EU-UK relations post-Brexit between 2021 and 2024. Overall, changes in public opinion and government in the UK, as well as the growing importance of geo-political considerations on the continent, provide both sides with reasons for seeking closer cooperation, albeit below the level of formal EU membership.

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*

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