

JMMZ269 From Messina to Brexit: UK-EU Relations Past and Present

Charles University, Prague

Summer Term 2019

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Course Assistant: Dr Jan Váška (Charles University)

Annotation:

This course seeks to explore the troubled relationship between the UK and the European Union from the creation of the EEC in the 1950s through to the present day. The history and politics of European integration as an issue in British politics will be explored, before an in-depth analysis is offered of the reasons for the UK referendum's decision to leave the EU, and the options and processes available to achieve Brexit.

The course will take the form of eight lectures, each followed by a period of discussion. It will be assessed by means of coursework (an assessed 2000-word essay to be submitted on or before June 10th 2019. There will also be a mark for class attendance and participation (20% of the total). The course lecturer is Dr Alan Butt Philip, Jean Monnet Reader and then Honorary Reader at the University of Bath from 1992-2015, who has been a visiting professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University since 2007.

The Course Assistant at FSV, to whom all queries concerning the organisation of this course should be directed, is Dr Jan Váška, jan.vaska@fsv.cuni.cz

Exam, 6 ECTS

Aims of the Course

Upon completing the course, students will understand the specifics of the UK's historical and contemporary attitudes towards, and involvement in, the European integration process, and the salience of „Europe“ as a domestic political issue in the UK. They will understand how and why the idea of leaving the EU progressively gained traction, and they will be able to analyse and explain both the result of the 2016 referendum, and the difficulties in the subsequent Brexit negotiations.

Teaching methods

Lectures followed by discussions.

Requirements

1. Full attendance record (exceptions need to be discussed in advance with the the course assistant), active participation in seminars (20 per cent of final mark).
2. Final essay (choose one among several topics proposed by the lecturer). Length 2000 words (+/- 10 per cent). Citations required (recommended standard ISO 690-2). To be sent to Jan Váška by 10 June 2019 (24:00) (80 per cent of final mark).

Classification:

91 – 100 %	A – Excellent
81 – 90 %	B – Very Good
71 – 80 %	C – Good
61 – 70%	D – Satisfactory
51 – 60 %	E - Sufficient
0 – 50 %	F – Fail

Programme in Summer Term 2019

Lecture and Seminar times:

Session 1:

Wednesday March 6th (10:00-12:00 + 14:00-15:45)

Thursday March 7th (10:00-12:00 + 14:00-15:45)

Session 2:

Wednesday April 3th (10:00-12:00 + 14:00-15:45)

Thursday April 4th (10:00-12:00 + 14:00-15:45)

Location:

All classes will take place in room STAN317 (Staroměstské náměstí 1)

for instructions how to get to the location see

<https://mapy.cz/zakladni?x=14.4206289&y=50.0869211&z=18&source=addr&id=9108273&q=starom%C4%9Bstsk%C3%A9%20n%C3%A1m%C4%9Bst%C3%AD%204%2F1> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTan0k0yzSA&feature=youtu.be>)

March Session

Class 1 (Wednesday 6 March, 10:00)

Lecture: The UK as Reluctant European (1950-1979)

Class 2 (Wednesday 6 March, 14:00)

Lecture: The Thatcher Years (1979-90)

Class 3 (Thursday 7 March, 10:00)

Lecture: From Major to Cameron - Creeping Euroscepticism

Class 4 (Thursday 7 March, 14:00)

Discussion: Origins and Development of Euroscepticism in the UK

April Session

Class 5 (Wednesday 3 April, 10:00)

Lecture: The case for and against Brexit

Class 6 (Wednesday 3 April, 14:00)

Lecture: Brexit - When? and How? What is a 'No Deal' Brexit ?

Class 7 (Thursday 4 April, 10:00)

Lecture: Implications of Brexit for the UK and the EU

Class 8 (Thursday 4 April, 14:00)

Discussion: The Present Political Situation in the UK. Potential Risks and Disadvantages of Brexit from European, British and Czech Perspectives

General Reading List

Alan Butt Philip, Brexit Paper (2013 – available online)

David Charter, Au Revoir Europe: What If Britain left the EU (2012)

Andrew Geddes, Britain and the European Union (2013)

Stephen George, An Awkward Partner (1998 edition)

Stephen George (ed.), Britain and the European Community: the Politics of Semi-Detachment (1992)

David Gowland, Arthur Turner and Alex Wright, Britain and European Integration since 1945 (2010)

David Gowland, Britain and the European Union (2017)

Anand Menon and John-Paul Salter, 'Brexit: Initial Reflections' in *International Affairs*, Vol.92 No.6 November 2016

Stephen Wall, A Stranger in Europe: Britain and the EU from Thatcher to Blair (2008)

The World Today: Post-Brexit Edition (August/September 2016 Vol.72 No.4 – available online)

William Wallace, Europe of Anglosphere? British Foreign Policy between Atlanticism and European Integration (2005)

Hugo Young, This Blessed Plot: Britain and Europe from Churchill to Blair (1999)

CLARKE, Harold D., Matthew GOODWIN a Paul WHITELEY. *Brexit: why Britain voted to leave the European Union*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017. ISBN 978-1-107-15072-0.

GARNETT, Mark, Simon MABON a Robert SMITH. *British foreign policy since 1945*. New York: Routledge, 2018. ISBN 978-1-138-82127-9.

GLENCROSS, Andrew. *Why the UK voted for Brexit: David Cameron's great miscalculation* [online]. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016. Palgrave studies in European Union politics. ISBN 978-1-137-59000-8. <http://sfx.is.cuni.cz/sfxlcl3?isbn=9781137590008>

Tim Shipman, *All Out War: The Full Story of Brexit* (William Collins, 2017)

Online resources

HM Government White Paper on Brexit: 'The United Kingdom's exit from, and new partnership with the European Union'. HMSO Cmnd. 9417, 2 February 2017

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/589191/The_United_Kingdoms_exit_from_and_partnership_with_the_EU_Web.pdf

EU referendum Analysis 2016: Media. Voters and the Campaign (<http://www.referendumanalysis.eu/>)

UK election analysis 2017: <http://www.electionanalysis.uk/>

International Affairs

British Journal of Politics and International Relations (special issue on Brexit:
<http://journals.sagepub.com/page/bpi/collections/virtual-issues/brexit>)

David Cameron, Bloomberg Speech (2013): <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/eu-speech-at-bloomberg>

Theresa May, Lancaster House Speech (2017): <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-governments-negotiating-objectives-for-exiting-the-eu-pm-speech>

Theresa May, Florence Speech (2017): <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pms-florence-speech-a-new-era-of-cooperation-and-partnership-between-the-uk-and-the-eu>