Brexit: Britain beyond the referendum

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We now have a date -- June 23, 2016 – and nearly four months to debate the merits of whether the United Kingdom should stay in the EU or go.

The renegotiated terms for Britain's membership will likely be pushed quickly to the side by the bigger and more emotional issues of migration, sovereignty, national security and the impact on the UK economy and financial sector.

They will also be played out in a parallel struggle for the succession to Prime Minister David Cameron, who has said he will stand down before the next general election due in 2020.

But it is the consequences of the outcome that matter most:

- If the United Kingdom votes to leave, what will be involved in unravelling itself from the EU and how long would that take?
- What could its future arrangements with the EU look like?
- Will its global standing in the world be diminished or enhanced?
- Would a smaller UK- or England-only market still be attractive to foreign investment?
- What difference will the referendum outcome make to the future of 'the European project'; will it make a two-tier Europe more or less likely?
- Will there be similar referendum and special status demands in other EU states?
- If the UK chooses to stay in the EU, will this settle the debate on EU membership once and for all?
- How fractious for the UK's governing Conservatives will the referendum prove, and which rival parties stand to benefit?
- Will a vote to leave hasten the break-up of the United Kingdom?

Please join our Managing Editor Paul Maidment on Thursday, March 3rd, at 3pm UK time to discuss these issues among others with a panel of Oxford Analytica's expert advisors on UK and European affairs.



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Chair

Paul Maidment, Director of Analysis and Managing Editor, Oxford Analytica

Paul Maidment joined Oxford Analytica in December 2014 as the Director of Analysis and Managing Editor of the Oxford Analytica Daily Brief.

He is an award-wining journalist who founded the New York-based digital editorial consultancy Bystander Media in 2010. A pioneer in combining digital and print journalism, he was previously Editor of Forbes.com and Executive Editor of Forbes, transforming a magazine website into the leading online destination for business, finance and up-scale lifestyle. Before joining Forbes in 2001, Paul was the founding Editor of the Financial Times' award-winning web site FT.com and Assistant Editor of the newspaper. His early career as an editor and foreign correspondent encompassed The Economist, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the BBC in the U.K. the U.S. and Asia — a depth of journalistic experience and breadth of media that gives him a unique perspective on the changes transforming publishing and the world economy. Paul was inducted into the Digital Hall of Fame in New York in 2010.

Panellists will include:

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Vernon was formerly for many years Professor of Government at Oxford University. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, an Honorary Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences. He has been an adviser to a number of governments, including those of Albania, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Israel, Mauritius. Slovakia and Trinidad.

Vernon is a frequent contributor to TV, radio and the press. In 2008, he was awarded the Sir Isaiah Berlin Award by the Political Studies Association for Lifetime Contribution to Political Studies. In 2009 he was made a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur by President Sarkozy. He is an Honorary Fellow of The Queen's College, Oxford, an Honorary D. Litt. of the University of Kent, and an Honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple.



Rory MacLeod, Region Head, Finance and Economics, Oxford Analytica; Managing Director, Objective Analysis

Rory is the former head of the Global Fixed Income and Currency team at Baring Asset Management in London, Rory worked in the financial area as a fund manager until 2003. Since then he has been an independent consultant specialising in advising central banks in emerging markets. From 1985 to 1989, he worked in Saudi Arabia as an advisor to the Saudi government, and from 1989 to date has travelled regularly on business to Saudi Arabia. Rory has an MA and a PhD from the University of Oxford.

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Hartmut is a Fellow in Politics at St Peter's College, Oxford; currently also Adjunct Professor in European and Eurasian Studies at Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Bologna. Previously he was Visiting Professorships at Hitotsubashi University (Tokyo), Université Libre de Bruxuelles (ULB), Sciences Po in Paris, University of Hamburg and GIGA German Institute for Global and Area Studies (2011-14). His main research interests are IR theory, international institutions, foreign policy analysis, comparative regionalism, contemporary European history, the politics of the European Union, and German politics; he has also worked as a journalist for various newspapers, radio, TV and news services.