

# **Brexit: Triggering Article 50**

## **The EU without the UK and the UK without the EU**

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March should have been a glorious month for the EU — a joyous celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome which created its forbear, the European Economic Community, and inexorable progress toward ever closer union.

But the United Kingdom has pooped on the party.

Its prime minister, Theresa May, has chosen this month to trigger Article 50, formally starting the 2-year countdown to the United Kingdom's withdrawal following last June's historic 'Brexit' vote.

For the first time, the EU is facing contraction, not expansion -- and thinking what had previously seemed unthinkable: that the cure for what ails Europe could be less EU not more.

What will the United Kingdom look like without Europe -- and Europe without the United Kingdom?

Are Britons stealing a march on a fragmenting world, or just marginalising themselves and yet to wake up to a diminished economy and buyers' remorse?

Is more Europe for some, and less for others — a two-speed EU — the future for the 27?

Will the 27 even remain 27 in the face of the centrifugal forces of nationalism, populism that will test Europe's political elites in a year of critical elections?

How will it all work? Who will be the winners and losers? Where are the fracture lines and the opportunities?

And what can go wrong over the next two years?

Join us on Tuesday, March 14 for answers to these questions and to put your own to three of Oxford Analytica's expert advisors.

## Chair

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

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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-winning 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](http://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](http://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

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### **Valpy Fitzgerald, Director of Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, Region Head, Oxford Analytica**

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Has conducted advisory work for various international agencies, including the OECD, the UN Conference on Trade and Development and UNICEF. Research interests include financial and trade linkages between industrial and developing countries, macroeconomics of Latin America, conflict and reconstruction, and the history of economic thought

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### **David Hine, Associate Professor of Politics and Student of Christ Church, University of Oxford**

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David Hine, MA, D.Phil., is an Official Student (i.e. tutorial fellow) of Christ Church, University lecturer in Politics, and Director of the Centre for the Study of Democratic Government in the Department of Politics and International Relations. His main teaching interests cover comparative European government, comparative politics, and European integration. His current research is on public ethics and the machinery of public integrity enforcement in western Europe.

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### **Tim Hames, Director General, BVCA, British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association**

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Tim started his professional career as a Lecturer in Politics at Oxford University where he obtained a doctorate and specialised in American and British Government. He became a journalist at The Times assuming the roles of Assistant Editor, chief leader writer and columnist. He regularly edited the newspaper as a whole between 2006 and 2008 as part of his duties. He has also served as Special Adviser to the Speaker of the House of Commons in 2009-2010. He is an Honorary Visiting Fellow at De Montfort University and a Fellow of the Institute of Travel and Tourism.