



### Brexit Literature Update 3/2017

Following a relevant request by the Committee for Constitutional Affairs, the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs has been compiling, on a regular basis, a number of academic and scholarly materials related to the process of, and the negotiations on, the withdrawal of the UK from the EU. Since the June 2016 referendum in the UK, Brexit-related literature has grown significantly and it is probably going to expand further in the future. Thus, this compilation is far from exhaustive; rather, it identifies some of the more useful articles, taking into account, in particular, the following elements:

- Scholarly rather than a journalistic publication
- Originality and interest
- Recent publication
- Be of interest for the EU
- Constitutional or institutional relevance.

#### A. Institutional and Political Matters

*Assemblée Nationale Française: Rapport d'information sur les suites du référendum britannique et le suivi des négociations* (15 février 2017)  
<http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/14/pdf/rap-info/i4485.pdf>

Le document est le résultat d'une mission d'information établie en juillet 2016 par la Conférence des Présidents de l'Assemblée nationale française avec l'objectif d'identifier les questions majeures pour les négociations sur le Brexit.

*Republic of Ireland. Department of Finance: Getting Ireland Brexit ready. Dublin* (October 2016)  
[http://www.budget.gov.ie/Budgets/2017/Documents/Getting%20Ireland%20Brexit%20Ready\\_final.pdf](http://www.budget.gov.ie/Budgets/2017/Documents/Getting%20Ireland%20Brexit%20Ready_final.pdf)

An analysis of the economic aspects of Brexit for the Irish Republic and the responses to it.

#### B. Future relationship

*Paul Anderson: Scotland, Brexit and Spain: A special deal for Scotland is unlikely* (London School of Economics European Politics and Policy, blog - EUROPPblog - 17 January 2017)  
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/69422/1/blogs.lse.ac.uk-Scotland%20Brexit%20and%20Spain%20A%20special%20deal%20for%20Scotland%20is%20unlikely.pdf>

The article analyses the options for Scotland, and the role Spain could play as it seeks to deal with its own secession issue in Catalonia.

#### C. Domestic UK - Devolved Administrations Matters

*Michael Emerson: Theresa May's Brexit Speech of 17 January 2017 - Decoding its clarity and ambiguity* (Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS). CEPS Policy Insights, 2017/1. 25 January 2017)  
[http://aei.pitt.edu/83896/1/ME\\_TMayBrexitSpeech\\_0.pdf](http://aei.pitt.edu/83896/1/ME_TMayBrexitSpeech_0.pdf)

An analysis of the speech by the UK prime minister and the options that open up for the future relations between the EU and UK following this.

*Scottish Government: Scotland's Place in Europe* (December 2016)  
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00512073.pdf>

An analysis of the positions of the Scottish Government in view of the Article 50 negotiations and its proposals on the future relations between Scotland, the UK and the European Union. The paper makes

the case for a "soft" Brexit (retaining access to the Single Market and Customs Union) and suggests differentiated solutions for Scotland in case the UK opts for leaving the Single Market.

*Government of Wales and Plaid Cymru: **Securing Wales' Future: Transition from the European Union to a new relationship with Europe*** (January 2017)

[https://beta.gov.wales/sites/default/files/2017-02/31139%20Securing%20Wales%C2%B9%20Future\\_Version%202\\_WEB.pdf](https://beta.gov.wales/sites/default/files/2017-02/31139%20Securing%20Wales%C2%B9%20Future_Version%202_WEB.pdf)

This White Paper, developed jointly by the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru, identifies out the main issues which are considered as vital for Wales as the UK moves to leave the EU and focuses on the main issues for Wales which the UK Government should fully incorporate into its negotiating position.

*Jo Hunt, Rachel Minto and Jayne Woolford: **Winners and Losers: the EU Referendum Vote and its Consequences for Wales*** (Journal of Contemporary European Research Volume 12, Issue 4 (2016))

<http://www.jcer.net/index.php/jcer/article/download/812/598>

An analysis of the impact of Brexit -political and financial - on Wales.

## D. Vested Rights - Citizenship

*Camino Mortera-Martinez and Christian Odendahl: **What free movement means to Europe and why it matters to Britain*** ( Center for European Reform. January 2017)

[https://www.cer.org.uk/sites/default/files/pb\\_cmm\\_co\\_freemove\\_19jan17.pdf](https://www.cer.org.uk/sites/default/files/pb_cmm_co_freemove_19jan17.pdf)

The article analyses the historical and political impact of free movement in the EU and examines the possible outcome of the negotiations with the UK on the issue. It also suggests future EU policies on the matter.

## E. Thematic Articles

*Sven Biscop: **All or nothing. European and British Strategic Autonomy after the Brexit*** (Egmont Paper 87. Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations. Brussels. September 2016)

[http://www.egmontinstitute.be/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/egmont-papers-87\\_v1final.pdf](http://www.egmontinstitute.be/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/egmont-papers-87_v1final.pdf)

The article examines the European security architecture as it exists today and the implications of the UK's withdrawal in the EU's grand strategy, defence planning, capability development and operations.

*Pierre Verluise : **L'Union européenne post-Brexit : quelles perspectives géopolitiques*** (Diploweb.com. février 2017)

<http://www.diploweb.com/L-Union-europeenne-post-Brexit-queelles-perspectives-geopolitiques.html>

L'article fait un bilan et examine les perspectives géopolitiques de l'Union européenne, suite au retrait du Royaume-Uni. Il considère la question de la «déconstruction européenne» et de l'effacement de l'Union européenne et répond de manière argumentée en considérant les grands paramètres: territoire, population, économie et stratégie.

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