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***Great Britain and the European Union:
From Membership to Partnership***

The aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge and insight into the complex relationship between Britain and the European Union, generally portrayed as a "wait and see" attitude on the part of the UK during its membership and now shaped by the difficulties of implementing Brexit. The current issues surrounding Britain's exit from the European Union (such as trade policy and immigration policy) will be studied in the light of the history of UK membership, the divisive EU policies (CAP, CFP, Euro) as well as the constitutional issues regarding EU membership and parliamentary sovereignty. Finally, students will be encouraged to think about the political aspects of the referendum as well as the issues raised in and by the EU Withdrawal Act 2018 and its consequences on the structure of the United Kingdom. The more immediate consequences of Brexit will be analyzed each week with a focus on the political, economic and legal aspects of this unique situation.

Course Outline

Class 1

Introduction : key dates of membership and exiting the European Union

> **I.   2016-2022: A referendum leading to Brexit**

  Class 2

          Current political situation in the UK
          Current frictions between the UK and the EU: the Northern Ireland Protocol,
border issues

Class 3
 A.   The 2016 referendum
     1.   The referendum campaign and the results
     2.   Possible alternatives to membership: Norwegian model, Swiss model

 B.   Article 50 and the aftermath of the referendum
     1.   Interpreting and triggering article 50
     2.   The withdrawal agreement: EU withdrawal Act 2018

> **II.   1973-2016: UK membership history as an explanation for the referendum
>   result**

Class 4
Accessing the EU
     1.   The three bids
     2.   Cross-party divisions over the EU

Class 5
The UK and major EU policies: the CAP, the CFP, the Euro

Class 6

The UK and major EU policies: the free movement of people

Class 7
EU membership and parliamentary sovereignty: the EU Act 2011 as a precursor of the 2016 referendum

III.   Brexit issues
Class 8
Scotland and the EU: the issue of independence and EU membership
The future of devolution in the UK

The Northern Ireland Protocol

Class 9
The use of referendums in politics: direct v representative democracy , in-class debate

Conclusion: what future for the UK and the EU?

Class 10: Course assessment (in-class short essay- to be confirmed)

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Course materials

The official websites of the EU are to be visited, in particular europa.eu
The official website of the UK government : www.gov.uk
The website http://civitas.org.uk/eu-facts/britain-in-europe/ offers interesting material on the referendum campaign
Additional material will be studied in class and made available on Moodle

Selected Bibliography

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-*Outside the EU Options for Britain*, Martin Westlake, 2020 (available at the sciencespo library)
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-*Brexit : causes and consequences* 1st ed. 2020.., Adam, R.G., 2020. Cham : Springer International Publishing, available at https://archipel-univtoulouse.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/1o3paed/33TOUL_MARC_ALMA5161934 6470004116