

After Brexit: Navigating Britain's Security, Defence, and Foreign Policy

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In the aftermath of leaving the European Union, Britain is at a crossroads. Since the end of the Second World War, the UK has straddled the Atlantic, maintaining close relationships with both the US and Europe. It has forged a 'Special Relationship' with the US while participating in the EU's Single Market and the Common Security and Defence Policy. In effect, Britain's strategy has been to move seamlessly between these two poles and to serve as a power broker and translator between them. After leaving the EU, what sort of relationship will Britain seek— should it seek— with its European neighbours and allies? How will Britain define its new place in the world? What will be the impact of Brexit on Europe's security, defence, and intelligence strategies given the departure of one of the EU's most important security actors? To what extent should the UK participate in initiatives such as the European Security Council or the French-led European Intervention Initiative? What kind of foreign and security policy do the British people want? There are no clear answers to these questions, but this roundtable aims to kickstart a set of 'After Brexit' conversations within the BISA academic community.

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