



UK-EU Relations Beyond Brexit ***The AEJ-UK 50 years Forum***

Friday 28th September 2018, 14.00 - 18.15
At Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3EU

Organised by the Association of European Journalists
marking 50 years since the formation of the AEJ UK Section,
in partnership with the European Commission
(Free event, by invitation)

At this forward-looking Colloquium speakers from various political standpoints will present their ideas about the essential elements needed to bring about a mutually beneficial future relationship between the UK and the European Union in the longer term.

Six months before the UK's scheduled departure from the EU is it possible to reach a better common understanding about the currents underlying the divisive road to Brexit? What strategic approaches are called for to bring about a constructive basis for the future relations? Participants will include journalists, policy-makers and opinion leaders from various spheres of public life in Britain and the rest of the EU.

14.00: Doors open: Registration and coffee

14.30: Opening by William Horsley, AEJ UK Section chairman; former BBC European Affairs correspondent

14.40 *What's the story?* Visiting AEJ journalists from other EU states report the dominant narratives about Brexit in their own countries, with:

Krzysztof Bobiński, former Warsaw correspondent, the *Financial Times*
Otmar Lahodynsky, senior editor, *profil* magazine and AEJ president
Irina Nedeva, senior editor, Bulgarian National Radio
Veronique Auger, presenter, *Avenue de l'Europe*, France Television

15.00 – 15.20: Keynote speech: *The UK and the EU: Still close partners beyond Brexit?*
Sir Martin Donnelly, former senior official in the UK Cabinet Office, Foreign Office and Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

15.20 – 16.30: PANEL SESSION ONE: *The UK In and Out of Europe: Identity, Politics and Cultures*

Moderator: William Horsley

Panel members

Rt. Hon. Gisela Stuart, chair of *Change Britain*; former Member of Parliament
Gina Miller, founder of SCM Direct and the campaigns *End the Chaos* and *True and Fair*
Alexandre Holroyd, member of the French National Assembly for the UK and Northern Europe
James Hawes, author of *The Shortest History of Germany*



16.30 – 16.50: Tea break

16.50 – 18.00: PANEL SESSION TWO: *Whose Europe is it anyway? Media and public opinion*

Moderator: Eileen Dunne, RTE TV news presenter and secretary of the AEJ Irish Section

Panel members:

Peter Foster, Europe editor of the *Daily Telegraph*; author of *Facing Facts: Is Britain's Power Diminishing?*

Imke Henkel, journalist for *Zeit Online*; senior lecturer in journalism at the University of Lincoln

Quentin Peel, associate fellow, Chatham House Europe programme; former *Financial Times* foreign editor

Stephen Jukes, professor of journalism at Bournemouth University; former *Reuters* head of Global News

18.00 -- Close by William Horsley, chair of the AEJ British Section

18.05 – 19.45: Drinks Reception at Europe House

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