

NCCR Trade Regulation Brown Bag Series

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BREXIT: A VIEW FROM NORTH OF THE BORDER

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Abstract

The result of the UK referendum on membership of the EU seems to have little to do with the economic benefits or otherwise of being in the single market. Instead, it appears to have been driven more by issues of sovereignty and a populist frustration with the Westminster 'establishment'. Nonetheless, the implications of the UK's trading relationships post-Brexit are important. A central issue is whether ideology or pragmatism will emerge triumphant from the negotiations that have been triggered between the UK Government and the other member states of the EU. The outcome of the Brexit negotiations may also have repercussions for the continuing cohesion, or otherwise, of the UK itself.

Biography of the Speaker

Ian Wooton is Professor of Economics and Vice-Dean in Strathclyde Business School at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. He previously was the Bonar-Macfie Professor at the University of Glasgow and an Associate Professor at the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He studied at the University of St Andrews and Columbia University, from which he received his PhD in 1982. He is a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, London and a Fellow of

the CESifo Research Network, University of Munich. Ian has held visiting positions at leading research institutions around the world and has served as a consultant to a number of governmental and international agencies, including the World Bank and UK Treasury. Most recently, in light of the recent decision by the UK to leave the European Union, Ian has given advice to the Scottish Government and Parliament on the potential implications of Brexit. In 1999, Ian and Joseph Francois (World Trade Institute, University of Bern) established the European Trade Study Group (ETSG) as a means of promoting research in international trade, especially for young European scholars. ETSG has now grown to be the world's largest annual international trade conference. Ian's research focuses on international trade theory and policy. He has published on many facets of that area including customs union theory, international factor migration, trade and the environment, economic geography, trade in services, and international tax competition. He has a longstanding interest in the determinants of the location choices made by multinational enterprises for foreign direct investment and is currently engaged in a number of research projects investigating these decisions.

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