

Free Movement of Persons and the New Legal Order – A Roundtable Discussion

Thursday 15 September 2016, M, New Court, Trinity College, Cambridge

Overview

In the wake of the UK's Brexit vote, and the centrality of EU free movement, especially free movement of persons, to the vote to leave, this roundtable will bring together experts to consider 'what next?' for free movement of persons between the UK and the EU. A wide variety of different models of cooperation will be explored, including the European Economic Area, EU association agreements, the World Trade Organisation, the ASEAN Free Trade Area, and the North American Free Trade Agreement. The position under the (now rejected) re-negotiation agreement between the EU and UK of earlier this year will also be considered, in light of the origins of free movement of persons within the UK, as they were envisaged in the Spaak Report of 1956.

Alongside an aim to exchange and increase knowledge between roundtable participants, this event will lead to the creation of a series of short videos, which we hope will inform broader public debate about alternatives to EU free movement. Our hope is that each speaker will be willing to distil their key messages to camera in the last three minutes of their presentation. Where speakers are joining us via skype, we hope that they will record a short video with the help of their home institution or using a laptop with a camera.

Programme

12.30-13.00: Lunch

Event chair: Anand Menon, Director of UK in a Changing Europe

13.00-14.15: *Introductions and panel 1 – EU, EEA and association agreement*

Catherine Barnard (Brussels and Spaak) (15 mins)

Charlotte O'Brien (Benefits) (15 mins)

Michael Dougan and Philipp Speitler (EEA and EFTA) (15 mins)

Steve Peers (EU association agreements) (15 mins)

14.15-14.30: Tea and coffee

14.30-15.30: *Panel 2 – WTO, ASEAN and NAFTA*

Lorand Bartels (WTO) (15 mins)

Damian Chalmers (ASEAN) (15 mins)

Adano Addis and Steve Griffin (NAFTA) (15 mins)

15.30-16.00: *Panel 3 - political and economic realism*

Charles Clarke (7 mins)

Chris Hill (7 mins)

Julie Smith (7 mins)

Jonathan Portes (7 mins)

16.00-16.30: *Closing discussion and summation by David Edward*