



SUMMER SCHOOL IN GLOBAL POLITICS, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY 2018

Secession in Contemporary Europe: Scotland, Catalonia and Brexit

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Room: 24.224 - Mercè Rodoreda Building 24 (Floor 2)

The secession of national units from larger states and empires has long been a feature of the international system, and emerged in many different contexts during the twentieth century. Historically, secession has often been associated with war and violence, but it has been argued that in democratic states, and especially within the European Union, peaceful secession is possible. This course will look at the problem of secession in Europe during the current decade, examining the similarities and differences between the movements for independence within the EU in Scotland and Catalonia and the British nationalist movement to exit the EU itself. The course will take Brexit, the only movement to have moved to a formal separation process, as a starting point, then examine the other two cases, and attempt to come to some conclusions on the issues involved in secession today.

Session 1. Secession in Global and European Politics

Part I Secession in a Historical Perspective on the C20 International System

Part II Secession in Advanced, Western Democratic States - Can Brexit Provide General Lessons for Secession in Contemporary Europe?

Session 2. The UK's Proposed Exit from the European Union

Part I The Brexit Vote of 23 June 2016: Causes, Process and Consequences

Part II The Brexit Process: the 'Divorce' and the Trade Negotiation

Session 3. The Scottish Independence Movement

Part I Indyref: Causes, Process and Consequences of the Sept. 2014 Referendum

Part II Aftermath: From the Scottish National Party's 2015 Electoral Triumph to the Uncertain Future of Scottish Independence in 2018

Session 4. The Catalan Independence Movement

Part I 1-O: The Roots of the Catalan Independence Movement and the 2017 Vote

Part II From 1-O to 21-D: The Aftermath ... and General Conclusions on Secession in Contemporary Europe

Required reading:

Robert A. Young, '[How Do Peaceful Secessions Happen ?](#)', *Canadian Journal of Political Science* , 27(4), 1994, pp. 773-792. doi: 10.1017/S0008423900022022, and '[The road to secession: Estimating the costs of independence in advanced industrial states](#) ', *British Politics and Policy at LSE* (blog)

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[The UK in a Changing Europe](#) , academic website on Brexit policy debates.

Montserrat Guibernau, '[Prospects for an Independent Catalonia](#) ', *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* , 27, 2014, 5-23.

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Scottish Government, [Scotland's Future: Your Guide to an Independent Scotland](#) , Edinburgh 2013

Diego Muro, '[The Stillbirth of the Catalan Republic](#)', *Current History* , 117:797, pp.83 et seq. , 2018.

Fernando Guirao, '[An Independent Catalonia as a Member of the European Union?](#) Terra Ignota', in Xavier Cuadras-Morató (ed.), *Catalonia: A New Independent State in Europe? A debate over secession within the European Union*, London: Routledge, 2016, pp. 189-223.

Paul McClean, '[After Brexit: the UK will need to renegotiate at least 759 treaties](#) ', *Financial Times* , May 30, 2017.

Marina Dekavalla, '[Framing referendum campaigns: the 2014 Scottish independence referendum in the press.](#) *Media, Culture and Society*, 38 (6), 2016. pp. 793-810. ISSN 0163 4437

Further reading:

Symposium, 'The Dilemmas of Political Englishness', *Political Studies Review* 14, 3, 2016

Daniel Jackson, Einar Thorsen and Dominic Wring, eds, *EU Referendum Analysis 2016: Media, Voters and the Campaign*
<https://meandeuropa.com/wp-content/uploads/EU-Referendum-Analysis-2016-Jackson-Thorsen-and-Wring-v2.pdf>

YouGov, *Trump, Brexit, Front National, AfD: branches of the same tree*
<https://yougov.co.uk/news/2016/11/16/trump-brexit-front-national-afd-branches-same-tree/>

Anand Menon and John-Paul Salter, 'Brexit: initial reflections' *International Affairs* 92, 6, 2016, 1298-1318.

Tim Oliver and Michael John Williams, 'Special relationships in flux: Brexit and the future of the US-EU and US-UK relationships', *International Affairs* 92: 3 (2016) 547-567

John Curtice , 'Nicola Sturgeon can't rely on Brexit to win Scottish independence'
https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/mar/15/nicola-sturgeon-brexit-scottish-independence-snp-second-referendum?CMP=share_btn_link

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Political Insight , 8, 1, April 2017. 'Brexit Britain: Future of UK Politics'
<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/pli/current>

UK in a Changing Europe, *Brexit and Beyond: How the UK might leave the European Union* , 2016.
<http://ukandeu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Brexit-and-Beyond-how-the-UK-might-leave-the-EU.pdf>