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HAS THE GREAT PLEASURE
OF INVITING YOU TO A SEMINAR ON:

BREXIT:
The Causes, the Process, the Consequences

March 8, 2017
Stockholm

| Summit T-House, Engelbrektsplan 1, Stockholm |

On 23 June 2016, in the much-observed referendum on UK membership in the European Union (EU), a majority of UK voters famously expressed their support for withdrawal from the Union, an option popularly known as Brexit. This outcome sent shockwaves across the European Union, confronting the Union with one of the most serious and existential challenges in its history. Many are still struggling to understand the reasons for the leave vote and to grasp its manifold implications.

From a legal perspective, questions around Brexit abound. Whereas the leave vote was clear, the actual process of withdrawal is imbued with uncertainty. The referendum has unleashed a complex internal constitutional process in the UK, which is still ongoing. In addition, once the UK government invokes Article 50 TEU, thus triggering the formal procedure of withdrawing, the prospect is of long and tiresome negotiations with the Union on the terms and conditions of withdrawal.

The aim of the seminar is to shed some light on the causes, the process and the consequences of Brexit. The speakers are established scholars in EU and UK constitutional law, political scientists and experienced experts in the field of EU law and trade policy. A first panel will try to disentangle the UK position on withdrawal, to give insights into the current UK constitutional process, as well as into the political causes and consequences of Brexit.

The second panel is forward-looking. It will discuss possible arrangements for the future UK-EU relations, building on the experience from EEA, EFTA and similar international agreements. The panel will pay special attention to the status of UK and EU citizens post-Brexit and will discuss the implications of UK withdrawal for the EU Internal Market and for Sweden's position in the Union.

Programme

- 13.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Prof. Antonina Bakardjieva Engelbrekt, Stockholm
University; Chairman of the Swedish Network for European
Legal Studies
- Panel 1 Understanding Brexit: the British perspective**
Chair: Prof. Jane Reichel, Uppsala University
- 13.10 **Understanding (as best anyone can) the UK position on
withdrawal from the EU**
Prof. Michael Dougan, Liverpool University
- 13.30 **Brexit: the UK Constitutional Process**
Dr. Michael Gordon, Liverpool University
- 13.50 **European but not European enough: the Causes and
Consequences of Brexit**
James Dennison, EUI Florence
- 14.10 **Discussion**
- 14.30 **Coffee**

Panel 2 Looking forward: implications for the EU and Sweden

Chair: Prof. Ulf Bernitz, Stockholm University

- 15.00 **Possible arrangements for the future UK-EU relations**
Sven Norberg, former Director, European Commission DG Competition; former Judge EFTA Court; former Director Legal Affairs, EFTA
- 15.20 **May We Stay? Speculating on the longer-term impact of UK withdrawal on the rights of EU and UK citizens.**
Dr. Stephanie Reynolds, Liverpool University
- 15.40 **Brexit: Implications for the Internal Market and EU Trade Policy**
Agnès Courades Allebeck, Head of Department, Swedish National Board of Trade
- 16.00 **Brexit: implications for Sweden's position in the EU**
Prof. Joakim Nergelius, Örebro University
- 16.20 **Panel debate and concluding discussion**

17.00 End of the day

All participants are invited for refreshments and snacks

The seminar is free of charge.

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