

Call for Contributions

Brexit and Academia

BritInn Inauguration Symposium

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The outcome of the 2016 referendum will not only affect the future of research funding, recruitment, and cross-border collaborations between academics on the continent and in the United Kingdom: it will also have an impact on student and staff exchanges, and posit new challenges to the role of academics in a renationalising Europe. As indicated by Michael Gove's claim that "people in this country have had enough of experts", the Vote Leave campaign was driven by an anti-establishment rhetoric that did not stop short of academia. The short and long term implications of Brexit on academia and the relationship between British and EU universities are difficult to predict.

The symposium *Brexit and Academia*, which will mark the inauguration of the new academic network BritInn, aims at scrutinizing the consequences of Brexit for the European research landscape, current projects, and future collaborations with colleagues from Britain. The event offers a forum for discussing the possible effects of Brexit from a wide range of different (trans) disciplinary perspectives. We therefore kindly invite members from all faculties at the University of Innsbruck to participate in the symposium and submit proposals for short (15-20 minute) papers.

Contributions might address, but are not limited to, the specific challenges faced by researchers involved in or currently applying for cross-border projects; the impact of Brexit on the arts, humanities, and sciences; on culture and society; on higher education institutions; on politics and the economy; on research communication; and also on the recruitment of researchers. Early-career researchers are particularly encouraged to submit proposals for a short paper at the symposium.

Please send your abstracts (max. 400 words) for 15-20-minute presentations together with a short biography (max. 100 words) by the 1st December 2017 to: britinn@uibk.ac.at.

BritInn was launched to promote the academic exchange and research collaboration between the University of Innsbruck and universities and research institutions in Great Britain to foster academic collaboration in all areas of science, art, and the humanities. For more information, please visit www.britinn.at

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