



FIVE YEARS OF BREXIT, 2016-2021

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For Swedish journalists watching the UK's 'Brexit' debates over the EU can seem confusing, contradictory, and contorted.

This presentation will provide journalists with answers to four aspects of 'Brexit' which are all equally important to understanding the long-term consequences of the UK's changing relationships with the EU.

[1] Background – What is the background to Brexit politics?

- 1.1. 'British Empire' (post-war/postcolonial GB) – Britain's *postcolonial melancholia*
- 1.2. 'In but not of Europe' - *Britain has lost an Empire and has not yet found a role*
- 1.3. 'Thatcherite Neoliberalism' - *there's no such thing as society*
- 1.4. 'Electorate vulnerability' - *mass movement of atomised, isolated individuals*

[2] UK Withdrawal Negotiations – Where are the UK's negotiations with the EU about withdrawal today?

- 2.1. 'Withdrawal Agreement' – March 2017-April 2019 – money, rights, Ireland
- 2.2. 'Transition Period';
- 2.3. 'Outside the EU';
- 2.4. 'Remaining in the EU'.

[3] UK Future EU Relationship – What kind of relationship can Britain hope for with the EU in the future?

- 3.1. 'No Formal Relationship' ('Hard Brexit');
- 3.2. 'Trade Agreement' ('Canada');
- 3.3. 'Customs Union' ('Turkey');
- 3.4. 'European Economic Area' ('Norway');
- 3.5. 'Remain' ('UK');
- 3.6. 'Leave and Rejoin' ('England').

[4] Brexit Journalist Pitfalls – What pitfalls exist for journalists who watch Brexit?

- 4.1. 'EU Objective Knowledge';
- 4.2. 'Wood for Trees';
- 4.3. 'Short Term';
- 4.4. 'Medium Term';
- 4.5. 'Long Term';
- 4.6. 'Swedish Consequences';
- 4.7. 'EU consequences'.