

Brexit: What it is about and what happens after The UK, the EU and Slovenia

3-7 July 2017

The one-week summer school will explore what Brexit (the departure of the UK from EU) means from the perspective of the UK, EU and Slovenia. It will be composed of three parts: In the first part, the participants will analyse the June 2016 referendum result and the constitutional crisis that ensued thereafter, including the Supreme Court case *Miller*. In the second part of the course, the participants will focus on the process of the UK leaving the EU, including Article 50 and the different negotiating positions the parties are likely to take. In the third part, we will explore the Slovenian interests in the negotiations – as a member state of the EU and in bilateral relations with the UK.

Participants will be required to actively participate in the debate in class. They will be asked to prepare material and undertake research for the third part of the course. The aim is to draft a legal opinion for the Slovenian Government and to stimulate discussion on Brexit in Slovenian media.

Topics

1. The UK: Reasons for the referendum result, constitutional motivations and implications of Brexit
 - a. Understanding the constitutional arrangements in the UK
 - b. Referendums, parliamentary sovereignty
 - c. The Miller case
2. The legal arrangements for leaving EU
 - a. Article 50
 - b. The future of negotiations
 - i. Comparing EU and UK positions
 - ii. Bottom lines
 - iii. Possible compromise
3. Exploring and protecting Slovenian interests