Concerns for national sovereignty have been a mainstay of European integration. These concerns were at the margins for much of the history of European integration (“permissive consensus”), until increasing resistance to deeper integration at the turn of the century (“constraining dissensus”), which has rapidly and recently morphed into open contestation of Europe by citizens and elites of various stripes (Euro-scepticism). The power of this Euro-scepticism has become manifest in recent times as British citizens elected to “reclaim national sovereignty” in the most dramatic possible fashion: by giving their government a mandate to withdraw from the EU.

Secession of a state from the EU calls into question the sustainability and legitimacy of all other European boundaries, many of which are already under stress from the fallout of the Euro crisis, increasing terrorism and the refugee crisis. Ten papers presented throughout this workshop will answer the following questions in the context of rising nationalism in Europe.

What is the nature of European boundaries and have they been getting thicker or thinner over time? What are the consequences of “Brexit” for EU boundaries? Can secession from the EU be more or less legitimate? What is a sustainable and legitimate accession strategy for the EU? Is more radical forms of differentiated integration becoming a necessity for Europe? Can free movement in its current form be sustained? Is improved coordination on border control and security a necessary response to terrorism and the refugee crisis?

Programme

Friday, 21 October

09.30 Registration

10:00 Introduction: Richard Bellamy, Joseph Lacey, Kalypso Nicolaïdis

10:30 Carlos Closa (Instituto de Políticas y Bienes Públicos)

‘Democratic secession from a member state and EU membership’

Chair: Jo Shaw
11.30 Jan Zielonka (St. Antony’s, Oxford)

‘The remaking of the EU’s borders: the end of European architecture?’

Chair: Willem Maas

12.30-1.45 Lunch (provided for speakers)

1.45 Rainer Bauböck (European University Institute) and Joseph Lacey (University College, Oxford)

‘Enlargement, Association, Accession – A Normative Account of Membership in a Union of States’

Chair: Chris Lord

2.45 Vincent Della Salla – University of Trento

‘Homeland security? Territorial myths and ontological security in the EU’

Chair: Jan Zielonka

3.45-4.15 Coffee break

4.15 Mai’a Davis Cross (Northwestern University)

‘The challenge of counter-terrorism in the EU’s external relations’

Chair: Kalypso Nicolaïdis

5.15 Richard Bellamy (European University Institute) Sandra Kroger (University of Exeter)

‘When does democratic legitimacy require differentiated integration, and when doesn’t it?’

Chair: Juri Viehoff

7.00 Dinner for speakers
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9.00 Christopher Lord (University of Oslo)

‘Can exits from the European Union be more or less legitimate?’
Chair: Joseph Lacey

10.00 Jo Shaw (University of Edinburgh)

‘Where does the UK Belong?’
Chair: Richard Bellamy

11.00-11:30 Coffee break

11.30 Willem Maas – University of York

‘Free Movement and ‘Internal’ Borders in Europe, North America, and Beyond’
Chair: Sandra Kroger

12.30 Kalypso Nicolaïdis (St. Antony’s, Oxford) and Juri Viehoff (University of Zurich)

‘Just Boundaries for Demoicrats’
Chair: Rainer Baübock

1.30 Wrap-up: Richard Bellamy, Joseph Lacey, Kalypso Nicolaïdis

Light lunch provided

2.00 End of workshop