Brexit, EMU Reform, and the Future of Europe

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Plan de l’exposé

1) Past – UK Position in Europe
2) Present – Brexit Negotiations
3) Future – EU-UK Relations
4) Future of Europe beyond Brexit
5) Conclusion
1) Past: The British Question

- UK joined Common Market in 1973
- UK at odds as EU transforms since Maastricht Treaty 1992:
  - opt-outs
  - opposition
  - re-negotiation
1) Past: Brexit

- Referendum: June 2016
- Notification of withdrawal: March 2017
- Negotiations (phase 1): 3 items:
  - citizens’ rights; - border; - financial bill
- Joint EU-UK report: December 2017
- Negotiations (phase 2)
2) Present: Developments

• Drafting of withdrawal agreement (including transition deal)
  -> agreement: 19 March 2018

• Negotiations on future EU-UK relations:
  4 pillars: economic (goods + services?) + security + defense + thematic cooperation
2) Present: Challenges

• Legal
  - border Ireland/ Northern Ireland: 3 options
    i) economic; ii) technical; iii) regulatory

• Political
  - electoral (in)stability + policy (un)certainty
3) Future EU-UK Relations

• **2019-2020**: UK inside Single Market and Custom Union (Norwegian/Swiss model)

• **Beyond 2020**: expectations for
  - UK: “Deep & Special Partnership”
  - EU: “As Close as Possible Partnership”

-> New model of economic cooperation
4) Future of Europe

- EU reforms in response to euro-crisis
  -> new EMU constitutional architecture
  -> deeper Eurozone integration

- New constitutional reform proposals:
  Commission WP + EP resolutions + Bratislava & Rome Declaration + Macron
4) The European Question

- Cleavages between EU 27: - euro-crisis
  - migration crisis,
  - rule of law crisis
- Teleological tension: what’s the purpose of European integration?
  -> Market vs. Polity
5) A Grand European Bargain?

- Constitutional differentiation between Political Union and Common Market
- Strategic model: Concentric circles
  - Inner circle: Eurozone (?)
  - Outer circle: rest-EU + UK + CH et al (?)
- Legal template: Fiscal Compact
5) Conclusion

- Future of UK-EU relations after Brexit & Future of Europe are deeply linked
- British question
- European question
- Europe of concentric circles to solve tension Polity vs. Market