



# Brexit - what will it mean for the European Economies

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Brexit is one of the greatest challenges the European Union has faced since its establishment, with Britain due to depart the European Union in March 2019. Negotiations continue to find acceptable solutions to issues such as the Irish border, future trading relationship and the rights of EU and British citizens. How will Brexit impact on the economies of the European Union, the largest and most successful trading block in the world and in turn affect the global trading environment?



### Keynote Speaker

Dr Frances Ruane is one of Ireland's leading academics and expert commentators on the impact of Brexit, and indeed has worked as an advisor to the Scottish Government. Her research focus in recent times has been on issues related to globalisation in an EU context, with a particular focus on Ireland and Brexit. This research has informed policy across the European Union and has resulted in the publication of over 80 peer-reviewed papers, books and conference papers.

Dr Ruane was Professor of Economics at Trinity College, Dublin from 1990-2015 & Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin from 2006-2015



### Chair

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