

# ***UK-EU Relations Beyond Brexit: The AEJ-UK 50 years Forum***

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## **SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES**

**Sir Martin Donnelly** (*Keynote Speaker*) has acquired exceptional European and international experience over 37 years as a UK government official. Now pursuing a portfolio career, he was Permanent Secretary at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills from 2010 to July 2016 and later, until April 2017, he was the Permanent Secretary responsible for creating the UK Department of International Trade. He helped prepare the annual G8 Summits during his time as Foreign Office Director General for Europe and Globalisation, from 2004 to 2010. Previously, as deputy Head of the Cabinet Office's European Secretariat, he led work on EU economic reform for Prime Minister Tony Blair. Earlier in his career, he spent a year with the French Finance Ministry in Paris and served in the private office of European Commission Vice President Leon Brittan.

**The Rt Hon Gisela Stuart**, Labour MP for Birmingham Edgbaston from 1997-2017, was chair of the successful Vote Leave campaign in the 2016 Referendum. Since leaving parliament, she chairs *Change Britain*, a campaign for a Brexit which takes back control of the UK's laws, borders, money and trade; and a Commission on Effective Government. In 2002-3, Gisela joined the drafting body of the European Convention, set up to negotiate a Constitution for the EU. She became a trenchant critic of the final proposal. In her Commons career, the German-born MP served on the Foreign Affairs and Defence Select Committees and in 2015 was appointed by David Cameron to the Intelligence and Security Committee, which oversees M15, M16 and GCHQ.

**Gina Miller** is a Transparency activist, philanthropist and award-winning wealth manager. In 2016 Gina successfully challenged the Government over its authority to implement Brexit, winning in both the High Court and Supreme Court. Earlier this month she launched *End the Chaos*, a campaign to bring clarity and honesty to the Brexit process, and to let the people decide -- and make an informed choice -- on the biggest decision to affect them and their families for generations. She is the Co-Founder of SCM Direct, which offers low cost access to high end wealth management whilst giving clients 100% transparency. And in 2012 Gina launched the True and Fair Campaign calling for an end to rip-offs in the UK investment and pension industry.

**Alexandre Holroyd** is a member of President Emmanuel Macron's *En Marche* movement and a member of the French National Assembly. As the elected member for Northern Europe he represents French citizens living in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom. A Franco-British citizen who grew up in London, Alexandre is the President of the National Assembly's Franco-British parliamentary friendship group, Secretary of the Assembly's Brexit information mission and the coordinator of the Brexit sub-committee in the Finance Commission. Deeply committed to the future of the EU-UK relationship, he also works to protect the rights of European and British citizens after Brexit.

James Hawes is an author of novels and works of history. He has published six novels with Jonathan Cape including two Sunday Times best sellers. *Speak for England* (2005) predicted Brexit. His first work of non-fiction, *Englanders and Huns*, was short listed for the 2015 Paddy Power Political Books of the Year Awards. His latest book, *The Shortest History of Germany*, has been, or is being, translated into 14 languages. In April 2018 it reached number 2 in the Sunday Times non-fiction bestseller chart. James studied German at Oxford University and UCL. He leads the MA course in Creative Writing at Oxford Brookes University.

Peter Foster is the Europe Editor of *The Daily Telegraph* who has worked extensively covering both the EU and the Brexit negotiations. He took up the role in September 15 after four years as US Editor based in Washington DC. Prior to that Peter was the Telegraph's China Correspondent in Beijing (2009-12) and South Asia Correspondent in New Delhi (2004-2008). In a career spanning more than 20 years, Peter has covered the 9/11 attacks, the post-conflict phases of both Afghanistan and Iraq wars, as well as two Olympic Games, and multiple natural disasters, including the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and the 2011 Fukushima disaster.

Imke Henkel began her career in journalism presenting political programmes at *Deutschlandfunk* and working freelance for major German broadcasters and *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* and *Die Zeit* newspapers. In 1998 she moved to London and specialised in economic reporting for German radio and a variety of German newspapers. In 2004 she became UK and Ireland correspondent for the German news magazine *Focus*, and ten years later she moved into academia. She is now a Senior Lecturer in Journalism at the University of Lincoln, while still sometimes writing on British politics and Brexit for the digital news site *Zeit Online*. Her research work includes a close study of how the British media report European issues.

Quentin Peel is an associate fellow attached to the Europe programme at Chatham House and a freelance commentator. In a long career at the *Financial Times*, he was correspondent in Johannesburg (1976-81), and Africa editor (1981-84). He became chief correspondent for the newspaper in Brussels in 1984, then in Moscow during *perestroika* (1988-91) and in Bonn just after German unification (1991-94). He became foreign editor of the newspaper in 1994, and then international affairs editor, columnist and leader writer in 1998. His last post at the *FT* was as bureau chief in Berlin (2010-13).

Stephen Jukes is Professor of Journalism at Bournemouth University's Faculty of Media & Communication. His research focuses on areas of objectivity and emotion in news with an emphasis on affect, trauma and conflict journalism. He was previously a journalist at the news agency Reuters. During a series of overseas postings, he covered or oversaw coverage of stories ranging from the ousting of Margaret Thatcher to the fall of the Berlin Wall, two Gulf Wars and September 11. In his final position at *Reuters*, he was Global Head of News and editor for a series of books on the Middle East conflict.

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