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Present**

# 'Brexit and Finance'

## **Chair:**

Dr. Sabine Dörry, LISER

## **Speakers:**

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Prof. David Howarth, Institute of Political Science, University of Luxembourg

Friday, 12 October, 10h00 to 12h30

Location: Maison du Savoir (MSA) Seminar room: 2.170  
(Belval Campus, University of Luxembourg)

Coffee, Tea and Pastries will be available from 9h30am.

The two presentations of this seminar analyse the policy developments concerning the Single Market in finance in the context of Brexit. The existing academic literature on the influence of finance in the UK and the EU have led many observers to expect an agreement on a 'special deal' on financial services that would ensure that the United Kingdom (UK) retains broad access to the EU Single Market in financial services. Moreover, given the importance of the UK financial sector to the EU economy, there are good reasons to think that a 'special deal' on finance would be of interest not only to most financial services — seeking to minimise disruption to their operations — but also to the UK government, the EU Commission and most EU27 member state governments — seeking to minimise economic difficulties. The two presentations of this seminar tackle a surprising dimension of the Brexit negotiations to date. They explore why the UK government has not moved to prioritise a 'special deal' on finance in negotiations with the EU27 and why a transnational coalition of financial interests did not form to push at the EU level and in the EU27 member states for a 'special deal' on finance.

Journal articles linked to the two presentations can be provided in advance or after the seminar. Please contact: [david.howarth@uni.lu](mailto:david.howarth@uni.lu)