

House of Commons Education Select Committee

[The impact of exiting the European Union on higher education](#)

Wednesday 21 December – for immediate release

Education Committee holds first evidence session for Brexit and Higher Education inquiry at Oxford University – Wed Jan 11, 9.15am.

On Wednesday 11 January, the Education Committee will hold a public hearing at Pembroke College, University of Oxford for the first evidence session of its inquiry on the impact of exiting the European Union on higher education. The Education Committee will be holding future events at Northumbria University and UCL as part of this inquiry.

The evidence session will start at 9.15am Wednesday 11 January 2017, and will be held in the Harold Lee Room in Pembroke College, University of Oxford. University students and staff can sign up to attend on [Eventbrite](#).

The session will examine the strategies for universities in handling the impact of Brexit, the overall risks and opportunities of exit from the EU, and explore higher education's top priorities for the negotiation. The session will also explore freedom of movement of staff and the impact on academic exchange, teaching, research and reputation.

The first witness panel includes Professor Catharine Barnard, Professor of EU Law, **University of Cambridge**, Professor Alastair Buchan, the **University of Oxford's** new Head of Brexit Strategy, Professor John Latham, Vice-Chancellor, **Coventry University**, and Professor Alastair Fitt, Vice-Chancellor, **Oxford Brookes University**.

The second panel, which will focus on freedom of movement of staff and impact on teaching, research and reputation, features Professor Stephanie Haywood, President of the **Engineering Professors' Council**, Dr Anne Corbett, Associate of **LSE Enterprise**, and Professor Lyndal Roper, Regius Professor of History, **University of Oxford**. Margaret Wintermantel, Head of German Academic Exchange Service (**DAAD**), who suggested in a Guardian [article](#) that 15 per cent of EU staff could leave as a result of the Brexit referendum, will also appear on the panel.

Neil Carmichael MP, Chair of the Education Committee, said: *"In our inquiry, we want to examine the risks and opportunities for higher education post-Brexit and consider what the Government's priorities should be for the sector going into the negotiations with the EU. We are delighted to hold this session at Oxford University and we hope students and university staff will be interested in attending this evidence hearing. In our inquiry, we are determined to hear from a diverse range of voices, from university leaders, students, academics and others, to help ensure our nation's universities can continue to compete on the international stage as a provider of world-class higher education."*

The Education Committee held an inquiry event with students and academics at London South Bank University and has also recently published the written evidence it has received as part of its inquiry. The full list of 190 written submissions is available on the Education Committee website [here](#).

The Committee's inquiry was launched in September and aims to explore the implications of UK's exit from the European Union for EU students and staff who want to come to England's universities to study and work and will consider what protections should be given to those who are already here. Similarly, it will look at the ramifications for Britons who want to work and study at higher education institutions in the EU.

The Committee also aims to examine the effect of Brexit on the reputation of England's universities and ask how they can remain competitive. The future of the Erasmus+ student exchange programme and the impact on research will also be examined as part of the inquiry.

Evidence session - The impact of exiting the European Union on higher education

Witness schedule: Harold Lee Room, Pembroke College, University of Oxford

Wednesday 11 January at 9.15 am

Panel 1

- Professor Catharine Barnard, Professor of EU Law, University of Cambridge [[XHE0084](#)]
- Professor Alastair Buchan, Head of Brexit Strategy, University of Oxford. Professor Buchan is taking up this [post](#) on 20 January 2017.
- Professor John Latham, Vice-Chancellor, Coventry University [[XHE0064](#)]
- Professor Alastair Fitt, Vice-Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University

Panel 2

- Professor Stephanie Haywood, President of the Engineering Professors' Council [[XHE0122](#)]
- Dr Anne Corbett, Associate of LSE Enterprise [[XHE0197](#)]
- Professor Lyndal Roper, Regius Professor of History, University of Oxford [[XHE0189](#)]
- Margaret Wintermantel, Head of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Notes: This evidence session is open to the public. Members of the public wishing to attend are asked to book a place [via Eventbrite](#). Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will operate if the event is fully subscribed. Venue: The Harold Lee Room, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, Oxford, OX1 1DW

The evidence session will begin at 9.15 and is expected to conclude by 11.30am.

A transcript of proceedings will be available the following day on the Committee's [website](#).