

## **A NEW BI-LATERALISM? PROSPECTIVES FOR FUTURE UK-EU RELATIONS**

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David Powell is currently Policy Advisor at the University of Kent, providing advice to the University on the implications of government policies. Before joining the University in 2014, he had a distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service where his postings included Japan, Brussels and Norway. He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1985 after eleven years at the Ministry of Defence.

Whilst serving as British Ambassador to Norway (2006-10), David was responsible for negotiating the UK-Norway 'One North Sea Agreement' identifying priorities for UK-Norway cooperation in oil and gas, renewables and Carbon Capture and Storage.

## **Leonard W. Hawkes (DBB Law)**



A graduate of the University of Kent, Leonard Hawkes has practised UK, EU and International law from Brussels since 1984. Originally practising as a barrister, he re-qualified as a solicitor in 1993 before becoming the Brussels Partner of a City of London firm of solicitors. Prior to joining DBB he was European Counsel in Brussels and London to a major, New York headquartered, US law firm. He is a registered member of the European Lawyers list of the French Speaking Order of the Brussels Bar (OBFGB).

Leonard hosted a workshop on the ECT Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA) during EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2013 and was a contributor on the Role of environmental concerns in Energy Charter arbitration cases – Challenges, Data, Results & Lessons Learnt at the EUSEW 2016 Policy Conference. He has also contributed to the Energy Charter Secretariat's executive training programme for Tomorrow's Energy Decision Makers. His publications include: 'Can the Lisbon Treaty deliver effective energy sector reforms?' Oil, Gas and Energy Law (OGEL), Vol. 10, Issue 3, March 2012.

## **John Higgins CBE (Director General, DIGITALEUROPE)**



John Higgins was appointed Director General of DIGITALEUROPE, the association for the digital technology industry in Europe, in November 2011 having led its UK member association, Intellect, for nine years. He is the public face of the digital sector in Europe and speaks regularly throughout Europe and world-wide.

After graduating in Mathematics from the University of East Anglia and gaining a Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance, John began a career in IT. He trained as a systems analyst, held senior positions with Ernst & Young and worked in Chicago with leading software company SSA. In 1995 he was appointed CEO of the Rocket Networks, a California based dot.com that provided the world's first online recording studios. He returned to the UK in 1998 and became Director General of the Computing Services and Software Association, one of Intellect's predecessors. John is President of the European Commission's Strategic Policy Forum on Digital Entrepreneurship and was recently elected to the Board of the European Internet Foundation. His other committee chair roles include the cross-industry association council of the CBI, a government/industry space committee and the global policy action committee of the World IT Services Association, WITSA. In 2005 the Queen appointed him Commander of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to the UK IT industry.

### **Joanna Goyder (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer)**



Joanna Goyder has worked in Brussels in the field of EU and competition law since 1990. Since 2000 she has been in charge of knowledge management and legal training for Freshfields' international competition law practice. She is qualified as a Barrister, England and Wales, and has a first class law degree from Cambridge University. She also holds post-graduate degrees from the Université Libre de Bruxelles and the European University Institute, Florence.

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Nick Grief specialises in Public international law, EU law and human rights. A graduate of the University of Kent, he taught law at Exeter and Bournemouth before returning to Kent in 2010 as a professor in Kent Law School. He is also Dean for the University's Medway campus and practises at the Bar from Doughty Street Chambers, London.

Nick has delivered EU law training for the UK Government Legal Service, the Financial Conduct Authority, the Scottish Government Legal Directorate, the Welsh Government and the Legal Services Department of the National Assembly for Wales. From 1999 to 2008 he was joint editor of the European Human Rights Reports. In 2007 he gave evidence to the House of Commons Defence Committee on the legal implications of the White Paper on 'The future of the United Kingdom's nuclear deterrent'. More recently, he was part of the team which represented the Marshall Islands before the International Court of Justice in cases against India, Pakistan and the UK concerning the obligation to negotiate in good faith towards nuclear disarmament.