

## UK trade better outside the EU

In a recent article, *Times* columnist David Smith claimed that the UK is being pulled closer to Europe in trade terms, ‘despite Brexit’. This claim is entirely inaccurate and based on a misreading and over-emphasis of some trends during 2023. In reality, there are two clear long-term trends in UK trade – a declining share of the EU in UK goods exports and a growing share of services in total UK exports. Both are reducing the EU’s importance as a market for UK firms and this trend will continue in the coming decades.

Smith claimed that ‘... the trade data showed was the result of the inexorable pull of economic ‘gravity’ with the subtext being that the UK should abandon efforts at an independent trade policy and instead seek closer trade arrangements with the EU.

Smith’s claims are another example of Remain-supporting authors seizing on small snippets of information and misinterpreting them to push an agenda. In reality, the long-term trajectory of UK trade has been away from the EU and this trend will continue in the coming decades.

There are two main elements in the long-term shift in the UK’s trade reorientation away from the EU:

**The first is the falling share of the EU in UK goods exports**, a trend that began in the early 2000s. In 2002, the EU took over 60% of UK goods exports but this had declined to 45% by 2022. This was the result of UK goods exports to the EU being broadly flat while exports to non-EU countries rose 90%.

The share of UK goods exports to the EU did tick up to 47% in 2023, but

small year-to-year fluctuations are not unusual, and in this case seem to have been driven by fluctuations in ‘erratic’ goods (exports of which fell £19 billion last year). Stripping oil and erratic’s out, the share of goods exports heading for the EU fell in 2023.

Importantly, this decline is likely to continue in the years ahead – ironically because the ‘gravity’ effects that Smith and others obsess about are steadily weakening. While distance is one, relatively invariant, part of the ‘gravity’ effect economic weight is the other and the EU’s relative economic weight in the world economy has declined steeply and will continue to do so.

In 1973, the EU amounted to around 28% of world GDP, but this share fell to 19% by 2012 and 17% by 2023. Based on OECD long-term forecasts for the various regions in the world economy, it is likely to decline further, to around 13%, in twenty years from now. This is the result of the EU growing much more slowly than the rest of the world. The EU’s long-term growth rate is likely to be just 1% per year versus around 2.5% per year for the rest of the world.

These trends will shrink the EU’s importance as an export market for the UK even further. Not only is the EU a slow-growing market, but every 1% rise in EU GDP only increases UK exports to the EU by around 0.6% while every 1% rise in GDP in the rest of the world increases UK exports to non-EU countries by around 0.9%. This magnifies the impact of the slow growth of the EU over time. Based on these ‘income elasticities’ and forecast

long-term growth rates, the share of UK goods exports to the EU is likely to drop to around 39% in twenty years, the lowest share since the 1960s.

In fact, the decline could be even larger than this because this calculation makes no allowance for changes in relative trade costs between EU and non-EU markets resulting from Brexit. Trade costs with the EU have increased (albeit by far less than some observers claim) while those for non-EU markets are in the process of being reduced via new trade deals.

This process is likely to take some years – perhaps a decade or more – to work itself out but it could mean the UK’s new natural or ‘equilibrium’ share of goods exports to the EU falls to as low as 33-35% in the long term (interestingly, the share of exports to Europe and North Africa was around 37% in 1914 when that region’s share in world GDP was much higher than now).

**The second trend diminishing the EU’s share of UK exports over the long term is the growing share of services in total UK exports.**

In 1997, services were 31% of UK exports but this rose to 54% in 2023. This large shift also reduces the EU’s share in total UK exports because services exports are heavily tilted towards non-EU countries. In 2023, the EU share of UK services exports was only 36%, and this has been declining too as it was 42% in the early 2000s. The force of economic ‘gravity’ is weaker here – and seems to be weakening further.

As a result of the two factors outlined above, in 2023 only 41% of

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total UK exports of goods and services went to the EU, down from 54% in 2002.

Even this probably overstates the extent to which UK firms rely on final EU demand because a substantial share of UK goods exports to the EU takes the form of components going into final goods that will be sold to non-EU countries (aerospace being an example). Allowing for this effect the 'real' share of UK goods exports ultimately bound for EU consumers is probably several percentage points lower than the headline figures show.

If we look at the import side, the EU's shares in UK trade are holding up

better than for exports, while still being in long term decline especially for services. So, what does this amount to for the UK's overall trade structure? In 2023, 47% of total UK trade in goods and services (in current prices) was with the EU, the same as in 2019, and the long-term trend continues to be down notwithstanding the slight uptick in 2023: the three-year average share in 2023 was 45%.

Moreover, as noted earlier, any uptick in 2023 looks on close inspection to be at least partly erratic. As well as huge fluctuations in UK exports of erratic goods (mostly gold), there are some odd-looking items on the import side in 2023 too such as a

collapse in electronics imports from non-EU countries.

Given the long-term trends in EU and rest of the world growth noted above, the increased dominance of services in UK exports, and shifting relative trade costs, the EU's importance as a source of demand for UK firms is set to dwindle further in the decades ahead, to 1/3 or so of total demand and possibly lower. Against this background, suggestions that the UK needs to intensify its existing trade relationships with the EU to give the economy a boost look curious, if not eccentric. The focus should obviously be on the wider world.

Source: [www.briefingsforbritain.co.uk](http://www.briefingsforbritain.co.uk)

## Worrying signs if true

Rodney Atkinson

The following is an extract of an article by Rodney Atkinson published on the 14th November on his web site [www.freenations.net](http://www.freenations.net). 'Nazism in Ukraine and Gaza: Ukraine sales of Jewish addresses: Ukraine weapons to Hamas'.

Weapons found in the possession of Hamas have been shown to be from NATO stocks – sold by Ukrainians to Gaza. In one post Hamas publicly thanked Zelensky for them! Now we find that Hitler's *Mein Kampf* is also common to both Ukrainians and Hamas soldiers while adverts have appeared in Ukraine advertising Jewish addresses for sale!

We have already shown the addiction of Ukrainian troops to Nazism – to the extent that some, in addition to open displays of the swastika, took copies of Hitler's *Mein Kampf* with them to war on our web site.

Now the Israeli president has rightly shown the world's press how Hamas in Gaza is also addicted to this notorious bible of Nazism, in this case an Arabic version. The reader had evidently marked the most antisemitic parts of the book for special attention!

His website has posted

comprehensive evidence of the influence of Nazism in Ukraine civil and military circles, with the usual attempts to deny it from the mainstream media. Perhaps they will believe the Israeli president!

The loyalty of many Muslims to the Nazi regime in the 1940s is not a surprise since they had in common the hatred of the Jews and it was the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Al Hussein who spent most of the war in Berlin as Hitler's guest and Islamic divisions were in the Nazi army in war-time Yugoslavia.

It is disturbing to see that Russia's enemy in Ukraine and Israel's enemy in Gaza both have a desire to be associated with the genocidal anti semitism of the second world war. It is perhaps therefore not surprising that in the civil sphere Jew baiting is overt, with the marking of Jewish homes and businesses in France and this advert for the sale of Jewish addresses in Ukraine.

**Jewish addresses for sale in Ukraine** - The following advert has appeared in a Ukrainian newspaper (a local paper in Odessa). The cost of the addresses is 500 hryvnia each – about two and a half pence (UK).

*I will sell you the addresses of Jews living in Odessa.*

*Description: I will provide you the addresses of local Jews for a very limited amount of money. I guarantee that the sale will be done in an anonymous way, with no private data or names revealed. I also guarantee the exact locations and the genuine character of the names and other information from me.*

*All the money received from this sale will be donated to our boys fighting in the ranks of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Glory to Ukraine! ....*

It is irrelevant that Zelensky is Jewish (or for that matter that he is Russian speaking!) for he has awarded "Hero of Ukraine" to the leaders of openly Nazi militias fighting in the Donbass and integrated them into the armed forces. The honouring of second world war Nazism is part of Ukrainian civil society.

Source: *The full article plus others on the same subject are available from [www.freenations.org](http://www.freenations.org).*

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# The Climate Scare

Derek Sterling

**Green In Tooth And Claw**

by Dr Niall McCrae

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This book investigates the fundamental concern of green politics, and how it promotes the fear factor regardless of the full facts.

The Trilateral Commission in October 1973 warned that a 'new problem has emerged to heighten the vulnerability of the planet', and that 'humanity is faced with serious risks to the global environment'. The Commission espoused supranational control of resources and population. Energy would be currency. Cash, private ownership, elections, free speech and protests would be abolished, enabling a coterie of experts to reign unhindered by individual rights or elections. Thus started the current the push for the green agenda using the fear factor.

The author exposes the rich people behind this Commission and who are looking for a one world order. In fact, a new church has been created, not in God's worship but in green mythology with a drive to make sure that every person must do their bit to 'save the planet' with religious zeal. If cleanliness is next to godliness in the Christian church, decarbonising is the mark of morality in the green church.

In 1976 we were warned of a coming ice age by Stephen Schneider, thirteen years later he had changed his tune to global warming. as the founding editor of *Climate Change* academic journal. he cemented manmade global warming as the ecological narrative.

The author looks, into the role of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC) that was founded by Strong. The role of the IPPC is to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open and transparent basis the scientific, technical and socio-economic information, relevant to understanding the scientific basis of the risks of human-induced climate change. Thus, Strong ensured that all working groups' research was strictly limited to manmade climate change, ignoring solar cycles and other

powerful forces of nature.

The Earth Summit, convened by Strong in the 1990s, led to leaders of developed nations agreeing to relinquish sovereignty to globally coordinated action. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change committed state parties to reduce greenhouse gas emissions based on a contrived scientific consensus that global warming was occurring, and that human activity was the cause.

The book continues to explain why and how this trickery over the causes of global warming satisfies the powers that be, enabling them to make terrible demands on the public, pretending that there is no alternative or debate necessary. He also reminds us of other predictions including that:-

In 1989, UN environmental officer Noel Brown predicted that entire nations would be wiped off the map if global warming were not reversed by 2000.

In 2000, we were told that winter snowfalls would be consigned to memory.

In 2004, a Pentagon report predicted a Siberian climate in the UK by 2020.

In 2007, the BBC pushed environmentalist' claims that the Arctic would have ice-free summers by 2013.

In 2018, Greta Thunberg tweeted the warning of a 'top climate scientist' that climate change will destroy all humanity in we do not abandon fossil fuels over the next five years.

It ends by referring to the *Medium* website, that assessed climate

doomsayers by the following ten signs:-

1. Authoritarian power without accountability - the most prominent messengers are politicians and celebrities rather than experts working with scientific standards or professional regulation.

2. Intolerance for query or challenge - anyone with the audacity to doubt the dogma is dismissed as a 'climate denier' and subjected to *ad hominem* vitriol.

3. Lack of financial transparency - a maze of funding streams giving grants, subsidies and salaries, difficult for outsiders to know the overall expenditure (much of it taxpayers' money).

4. Irrational fear of the outside world - apocalyptic predictions that never come true.

5. There is no justification for leaving - anyone deciding to opt out has taken the wrong path.

6. Defectors smeared and vilified - the worst enemy is a traitor to the cause.

7. Abusive relationship between the leaders and followers - subjugation maintained by fear and punitive threats.

8. The leader is always right - whatever the weather, it is always a manifestation of climate change.

9. The leader is the exclusive source of unrevealed truth.

The verdict it's a cult. Perhaps this is simplistic. The believers could just as easily claim that deniers are a cult. But there are clear distinctions between the two outlooks.

During the Covid-19 outbreak, facing contagion, many people obeyed their leaders and approved experts and apparently relished the sudden shift to a prohibitive and punitive regime. Totalitarianism thrives on anxiety, and it appeals to a desire for order.

The climate factor is now being used to force the public accept without question the demands made of them.

# Where now for UK industrial policy?

**A** new report launched by Policy Exchange sets out a warning to the UK Government against entering into a subsidy race with other industrial nations – and cautions that the world risks sliding into protectionism.

In a comprehensive review of UK Industrial Policy, Sir Geoffrey Owen, former Editor of the *Financial Times*, and Head of Industrial Policy at Policy Exchange, charts the erratic history of British industrial policy – and recommends a consistent and predictable set of policies on which the business community and investors can rely.

The report is backed by Conservative, Labour, and Liberal Democrat – all three of the UK’s major political parties.

## Executive summary

In the last few years, the world economy has been subjected to a series of shocks - the Covid-19 pandemic, the escalating trade war between the US and China, and most recently Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. In response to these events and to other pressures, including the need to combat climate change, the United States and the EU have adopted interventionist industrial policies. These policies are seen as a means of strengthening their domestic industries and reducing their dependence on outside suppliers in important sectors of the economy. How should the UK react? Should the government imitate, albeit on a smaller scale, what the US and the EU are doing, or should it pursue a different sort of industrial policy? In addressing these questions this paper looks first at the evolution of UK industrial policy over the last few decades – the “picking winners” era of the 1960s and 1970s, the retreat from state intervention under Margaret Thatcher

and her successors, the revival of industrial policy after 2010, first under the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition (2010-2015) and then under Theresa May’s Conservative government (2016-2019). As things now stand, the future of industrial policy is uncertain. Theresa May’s industrial strategy was scrapped by Boris Johnson’s government and has not been formally replaced, although the present government has continued to intervene in some industries. Meanwhile the Labour Party, impressed by the apparent success of the Biden Administration’s programmes, is committed to a policy of identifying key industries and supporting them with public funds. In deciding on its next steps Rishi Sunak’s government and its successor after the next election will need to consider what lessons can be learnt from recent American and European experience and how relevant they are to the UK. This paper describes how France and Germany are providing generous subsidies to particular industries as part of the drive, strongly backed by the European Commission, for strategic autonomy; one of the largest recipients is the semiconductor industry, where European firms have been lagging behind their Asian competitor’s. These policies have been criticised, especially in Germany. Liberal economists deplore what they see as a shift away from the generally non-interventionist stance which has served Germany well throughout the post-war period. There is also the fear that the pursuit of strategic autonomy could slide into protectionism. In the US President Biden’s industrial policy, which enjoys wide bipartisan support in Congress, has come under attack on similar grounds. Some economists argue that subsidies will have a distorting effect, leading to over-investment in the favoured industries;

they will also encourage an intense lobbying effort as companies seek access to government largesse. For America’s trading partners the most objectionable feature of these policies is their “Buy American” provisions, which may encourage non-American firms to locate new factories in the US rather than at home. This paper argues that the UK should not try to imitate what the US and the EU are doing. What is needed, in place of the erratic approach that has characterised UK industrial policy in the last few years, is a consistent and predictable set of policies on which the business community and investors can rely. Taking into account lessons from the UK’s past experience and that of other countries, the paper suggests the following guidelines for any future UK industrial policy: The UK should not enter into a subsidy race with other industrial nations. The United Kingdom should build its industrial policy around horizontal, non-sector-specific, measures which support investment in all industries. These include, most importantly, government investment in research and development. Where sectoral intervention is deemed to be necessary – for national security reasons, or to safeguard supplies of critical materials in areas such as health, or to promote decarbonisation – such intervention should have clearly defined objectives and be closely monitored. The government should be wary of using the word “strategic” as a justification for sectoral intervention. If it does so, it must explain why one industry is more strategic than another. As far as possible any government support for particular industries should be provided on a competitive basis, allowing scope for new entrants as well as established producers.

Full report - [www.policyexchange.org.uk](http://www.policyexchange.org.uk)

## General election wipeout

**T**he result of the recent by-elections although on low turnouts should leave the conservatives with no doubt

that unless they act on important issues like illegal immigration, taxation, and energy supply, and not just talk the

talk but do something they will face a very large defeat in the upcoming general election.

# ECHR should we leave or remain

According to a report by Martin Howe KC a distinguished barrister and expert on European law;

*Only quitting the Convention will restore national control over migration*

*Even if Government reverses the Supreme Court Rwanda case, Strasbourg could still delay deportations of illegal immigrants.*

Rishi Sunak's plan to rush through new laws, enabling illegal asylum seekers to be deported to Rwanda for processing of their claims, is doomed to fail, according to a major new expert study.

It concludes that as-long as the UK is a signatory to the European Convention on Human Rights, it will face appeals to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and further long delays in processing claims.

The Prime Minister will have to turn to the option of withdrawal from the ECHR if he is to fulfil his pledge to do "whatever it takes" to stop the flood of asylum seekers making the hazardous voyage across the Channel.

To speed up resolution of the migrant crisis, Britain should announce at once its intention to quit the ECHR. It will then be able to resist pressure to apply the Strasbourg court's case law on migration during the lead up to when the country formally leaves the Convention.

"The Rwanda removal scheme is still left vulnerable to ECHR-based legal challenges in the UK courts. There will be challenges based on individual circumstances even if emergency legislation reverses the effect of the Supreme Court decision, unless that emergency legislation is drafted to exclude those individual challenges as well," the report warns.

Remaining as member of the ECHR has additional risks for the UK's attempts to take back control of its borders because of the Strasbourg Court's powers to issue last-minute rulings blocking flights – and because of the reluctance of ministers to confront it.

Mr Howe adds: "Even if the UK courts ultimately allow removals to Rwanda to go ahead, migrants' lawyers can then make direct petitions to the Strasbourg Court and ask that Court for an "interim indication" against the deportation going ahead until the full hearing of their case, likely to be years later.

"Last year the Government bowed to such an interim indication and halted a flight to Rwanda at the last minute. Since then, no flights have taken place.

"The government now has the clear power under UK law to ignore Strasbourg Court interim indications in future, but there is still a question mark over whether it has the robustness to do so and face the ensuing row."

Mr Howe rejects the argument that pulling out of the ECHR will not be enough to restore national control over borders and that Britain will also have to pull out of the Geneva Convention on Refugees or other international treaties.

He points out that the Geneva Refugees Convention is much less extensive than the Strasbourg Court's case law under the ECHR and would not preclude the processing of asylum claims in Rwanda.

Mr Howe accuses the Strasbourg Court of subverting the laudable aim of protecting fundamental human rights when the Convention was drawn up after the Second World War.

"The Strasbourg Court has transformed it into something

completely different, by acting effectively as a law-making body rather than sticking to its allotted task of interpreting the text which was agreed by the founding states."

He points out that the founding states deliberately did not include asylum rights in the text of the Convention, because they were to be covered in another treaty. That has not stopped the Strasbourg Court from creating asylum rights which are not in the text by claiming to interpret the Convention.

"Leaving the EU was supposed to give us back control of our borders. But we won't truly get back control until we leave the ECHR as well.

"We should ask ourselves what purpose is served by having a foreign court which supervises our rights and liberties?"

Although the small boats issue is now the most pressing and immediate, leaving the ECHR would also allow other serious problems caused by the Strasbourg Court's over-extensive case law to be dealt with, including its very damaging interference with overseas military operations and its undue restrictions on freedom of the press.

"Canada, Australia and New Zealand seem perfectly happy that they can protect the rights of their citizens without needing to subject themselves to some external regional court," he writes.

"When the foreign court to which we have flaccidly subjected ourselves is as deeply flawed as the Strasbourg Court, the question should not be 'why should we leave' but 'why on earth are we still a member?'"

Source: [centreforbrexitpolicy.org.uk](http://centreforbrexitpolicy.org.uk)

## Foreign direct investment increase

According to recent figures published by the London Property Alliance, the UK capital London has seen a surge in foreign direct investment (FDI) since the end of the covid crisis. This is in stark contrast to

its biggest global rivals Hong Kong, Paris, and New York.

It recorded that London attracted £1.3 billion in the third quarter, higher than any European city. While in the 4th Quarter there were 103 FDI

projects recorded up 16% on the 89 in the same period in 2022.

This has happened regardless of the doom merchants who talk down the UK economy and pretend the UK is no longer a safe place for FDI.

# LETTERS

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## Northern Ireland

Dear Sir,

Now that Northern Ireland (NI) has returned to a Stormont government with a Sein Fein First leader and a DUP deputy is it time for a referendum to let NI rejoin the Republic of Ireland of it so wishes?

The fact that NI is now politically inside the EU and subject to its rules and regulations but outside the control of the UK makes it a foreign country!

SHAUN MURPHY

Dublin

## Immigration

Dear Editor,

It appears from the recent activities of an illegal immigrant that all you need to do is say you are now a Christian and therefore cannot be deported due to your new Christian values.

Not surprising, is the recent news that apparently 1 in 7 on the barge are now turning to Christianity. It is quite possible that yet again we see immigrants using any lever they can to stay permanently in the UK.

This is good news for the people smugglers because they can now tell the illegal migrants how to remain in the UK indefinitely.

GEOFFREY REYNOLDS

West Sussex

## Historical records

Dear Sirs,

In the past alchemist's tried the impossibility of turning base metals into gold - they failed. Later-on rather suspect inventors tried to develop perpetual motion machines - they failed too.

These days politicians are attempting to create net zero - will

history put them in the same category as the other two groups?

DEREK BENNETT

Walsall

## Religion

Dear Sir,

The news that many young boys and men are now turning to Islam is truly a worrying sign. This turn to the Muslim faith may appear to be of a minor matter. But what about the position of women in the UK, already we talk about not respecting women but what happens in the Muslim faith is that women are expected to wear the Hijab as an expression of their faith and personal relationship with God.

This is not good news for women and girls in the UK who may soon find themselves subjected to the Muslim religion. Furthermore, the even bigger worry is that of the radical Muslims who appear hostile to the UK and its culture and values. The UK police often appear afraid of the Muslims and currently guilty of giving them safety from the law.

We should not forget that 21% of the world population is said to be Muslim, food for thought.

DENNIS DALLEY

Yorkshire

## NATO

Dear Editor

Donald Trump is right to remind all NATO countries that they have an obligation to pay their financial share of NATO membership.

To be in any club you are required to pay up your membership or not gain access or receive its benefits. In NATO you are committed to spend at least 2% of GDP. Currently only 20 of the 31 meet this requirement.

America spends 3.3%, the UK 2.2% while Germany spends 1.9% and France 1.6%. No wonder Trump is taking issue with countries that expect to be protected by NATO but are not prepared to support it financially.

The state of unrest in the world especially with Russia, China, and others flexing their muscles and threatening to disturb global peace should be a real wake call to all NATO countries.

If countries wish to stay in NATO, then they step up and pay their true share as a minimum.

JAMES RIDING

Wiltshire

## National debt

Dear Sir,

Instead of fretting about Russia's ability to overcome sanctions, and whether Ukraine "refugees" (read: economic migrants and draft-dodgers - mostly driving rather expensive cars) have any prospects in the UK, we should focus on reducing the UK's National Debt.

Stopping all "sanctions" against other countries would be a big help, since the sanctioner country usually does more economic harm to itself than to the sanctionee (these neologisms are mine - wonder if they'll make it to the Oxford Dictionary?). An example of this was the damage done to our motor vehicle manufacturing industry by Harold Wilson's idiotic sanctions against Rhodesia, when Rhodesian people, businesses and public bodies were able to import vehicles from our deadly commercial rivals, France, Germany, and Italy instead of from the UK.

Having thrown that market away, we never got it back.

ROGER ENSKAT

London

The announcement that King Charles III has being diagnosed with a form of cancer is truly concerning. We like many others would like to wish him well and hope that he gets the best medical care so that he can resume his duties as King.

# MEETINGS

**Gresham College**  
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Thursday **14th March**, 6.00 pm

*“Democracy: Ancient Models, Modern Challenges”*

**Melissa Lane**, *Gresham Professor of Rhetoric*

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Monday **18th March**, 6.00 pm

*“The Human Cost of Immigration Detention”*

**Greg Constantine**, *In partnership with the Independent Social Research Foundation*

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Registration at: [ww.gresham.ac.uk](http://ww.gresham.ac.uk)

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Tuesday **19th March**, 6.00 pm

*“Data Protection for Thrillseekers”*

**Victoria Baines**, *IT Livery Company Professor of Information Technology*

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Tuesday **9th April**, 6.00 pm

*“Import Substitution: A Failed Strategy for Growth?”*

**Martin Daunton**, *Visiting Professor of Economic History*

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EU Council Presidency

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EU Council Presidency

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