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Launching a new collaboration: Euroscepticism and the European project

Managing Editor

Next week will see the launch of a series on euroscepticism. This series is the result of a collaboration between LSE's [British Politics and Policy](#) and [EUROPP](#) blogs and the University of Nottingham's [Ballots & Bullets](#).

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Euroscepticism has been a growing issue in the media with David Cameron's recent and long-awaited speech announcing his commitment to hold a referendum on Britain's EU membership should the Conservatives win the next election. Whilst Cameron has asserted his own commitment to staying in the EU, but with negotiated terms of membership, some in his party support leaving the EU. Our series will address Conservative euroscepticism and parliamentary rebellions with posts from Tim Bale and Philip Cowley.

As well as Conservative euroscepticism we are also seeing the rise of parties such as UKIP and far-right parties that are using an anti-EU platform from which to express their views. Matt Goodwin will examine these parties and explore the implications of their increased prominence for the broader political scene.



Nigel Farage, Leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party (Credit: Euro Realist Newsletter, CC BY 2.0)

Alex Smith will look at the view from Scotland and what Scottish independence could mean for the country's position in the EU.

As well as examining euroscepticism within Britain, our series will look further afield to Denmark and **Iceland** (Benjamin Leruth), Greece (Kyriaki Nanou and Susannah Verney), and the US (Kelly Katrina), and also within the institutions of the EU itself (Natalie Brack).

Oliver Daddow will outline the history of euroscepticism in the UK, whilst Vladimir Rauta will look at the potential future scenarios for a UK withdrawal from the EU.

The series will also examine a number of other interesting themes. How do young people feel about the EU (Stuart Fox)? How has the EU been portrayed in fiction (Steven Fielding)? Why has the EU been unable to effectively tackle euomyths (Simon Usherwood)? Finally, we talk to Will Hutton about the European project and its future in an increasingly uncertain world.

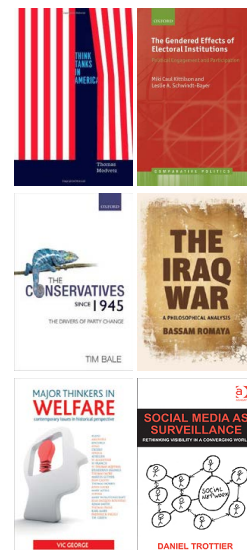
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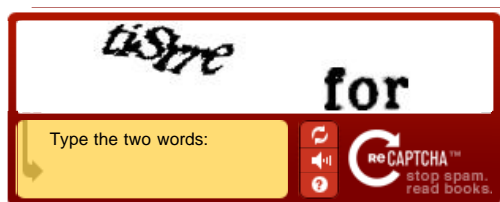
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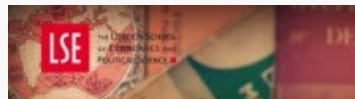
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