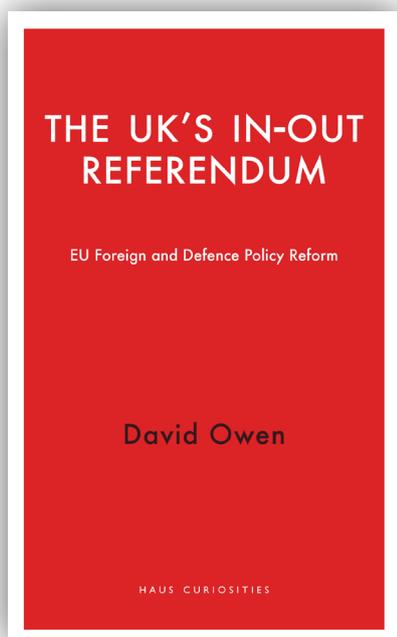


'If the only option in the forthcoming UK referendum becomes a minimalist renegotiation ... there is a real chance that the British people will, and in my view should, vote to leave the EU' (p.9)



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Former Foreign Secretary David Owen argues that the EU Referendum represents an opportunity to enact necessary, comprehensive reform - without which the UK should leave the EU

Eurozone must not be allowed to dominate EU foreign & security policy, in order to avoid blunders such as the Ukraine conflict or competition with NATO

Reform recommendations include: the formalisation of Eurozone and Non-Eurozone groupings; a Schengen opt-out for new EU members; a full voting membership in the EEA Single Market for Turkey in 2016

The EU's attempts at conflict resolution have left much to be desired. In the Ukraine, the Baltic States, Turkey and much of the Middle East, there is a lack of coherent policy. This pamphlet argues that the renegotiations around the UK's referendum vote represent an opportunity to enact wide-scale reform, not least to ensure that the nations of an increasingly politically integrated Eurozone do not come to dominate the Foreign and Security policy of the EU in years to come. To allow them to do so would almost certainly see the policy of 'common defence' advance at the expense of the United States' lasting commitment to NATO. Former Foreign Secretary David Owen argues that should Britain's reform negotiations with the EU fail there will be serious implications for our security, and that foreign policy and security belong at the heart of the reforms the EU so desperately needs.

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