



BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY AFTER BREXIT AN INDEPENDENT VOICE

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'I do not want a world in which there is not an independent British voice.'

Henry Kissinger

At a time of alarming global instability, amid shocking terrorist attacks in Europe and mounting tensions between the USA and North Korea, a clear and focused foreign and defence policy is ever more critical. Now that UK's departure from the EU is underway, what happens next?

Against this unpredictable geopolitical backdrop, Britain's position in the world needs to be recalibrated to take account of a range of new realities. Now is the time to move forward, to define a positive, outward looking, role in this post-Brexit world. *British Foreign Policy after Brexit* examines what lies ahead, encompassing a diplomatic, security, development and trade agenda based on hard-headed realism. Former Foreign Secretary David Owen and former diplomat David Ludlow, who backed opposite sides in the referendum, together argue that Britain's global role and influence can be enhanced, rather than diminished, post-Brexit.

David Owen was a Labour MP for twenty-six years from 1966—92, serving as Navy Minister, Health Minister and Foreign Secretary in several governments. He was co-founder of the Social Democratic Party, and its Leader from 1983—90. **David Ludlow's** career has spanned both the public and private sectors. After stints in the British Embassy in Moscow at the end of the Gorbachev era, and at the Commission in Brussels he spent two years working with David Owen at the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia.

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