

## Can the EU be reformed?

*You cannot reform the EU as the EU qualified majority voting (QMV) is designed to block any attempt to do so and the Commission can overrule any decision in the best interests of the union*

With all the talk about reforming the EU from within it is always worth looking into whether this is actually possible.

In case you don't know this one, here's a warning from a former Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky:

"It is really puzzling to me that having just buried one monster, "the Soviet Union" another remarkably similar one, 'the European Union' is being built".

The Soviet Union was governed by 15 unelected people who appointed each other and who were not accountable to anyone.

The EU is governed by 28 people who also appoint each other, meet in secret and are not accountable to anyone and whom we cannot sack.

One might say the EU has an elected parliament; well the Soviet Union had a sort of parliament too.

The Supreme Soviet who just rubber-stamped Politburo decisions pretty much like the EU does, and where speaking time is restricted to political groupings, and with a time limit of just one minute per speaker.

In the EU there are 100,000's of Eurocrats with their huge salaries, pensions, servants, privileges and lifelong immunity from prosecution, simply shuffling from one position to another, no matter what they do or fail to do.

Is this not exactly what life in the Soviet Union used to be too?

The Soviet Union was created by coercion and very often by military occupation; the EU is being created, admittedly not by armed force, but by coercion and economic bullying.

In order to continue to exist the Soviet Union spread itself further and further.

The moment it stopped spreading it started to collapse and I suspect the same is true of the EU.

We were told that the purpose of the Soviet Union was to create a new historic entity the Soviet peoples and we must forget our nationality, our ethnic traditions and customs.

The same thing appears to be true of the EU as they don't want you to be British or French, but want you to be a new historic entity, European, to suppress all your national feelings and live as a multi-nation community.

After 73 years the same system in the Soviet Union resulted in more ethnic conflict than anywhere in the whole world.

In the Soviet Union one of the grand purposes was the destruction of the nation state and that is exactly what I observe Europe is doing today. Brussels intends to absorb national states so they should cease to exist.

Corruption was built into the Soviet Union system from the top down and so it is in the EU.

The very same endemic corruption activity that destroyed the old Soviet Union thrives now in the EU.

Those who oppose it or expose it are

silenced or punished, nothing changes.

In the Soviet Union we have a gulag.

I think we have a gulag in the EU as well - "political correctness".

When anyone tries to speak their mind or air views that differ from those approved on race or gender they are ostracised.

This is the beginning of the gulag, the beginning of your loss of your freedom.

In the Soviet Union they told us we needed a federal state to avoid war.

In the EU they are telling us exactly the same thing. In short the same ideology underpins both systems.

The EU is an old-style soviet model presented in western guise.

Moreover, like the Soviet Union, the EU has within itself the very seed to its own demise. Unfortunately when it collapses, and it will, we will be left with mass destruction bringing huge ethnic and economic problems.

The old Soviet Union system was incapable of reform.

So is the EU. But there is an alternative to being ruled by these two dozen self-appointed officials in Brussels - it is called independence.

You don't have to accept what they have planned for you.

After all, you were not asked if you wanted to join.

**"Remember I have already lived in your future and it didn't work."**

Vladimir Bukovsky

# When is a debate not a debate?

If the debate on the EU between Nick Clegg and Nigel Farage was a taste of British public opinion. It was pathetic waffle.

Neither got to the foundation of the EU, its nature or performance. Clegg is blind to reality. Joining the EU has not enhanced the power or voice of Britain in the world, nor developed trade. Joining a gang - with the obvious levers of corruption - will not strengthen any nation nor enhance the peace or prosperity of mankind. Leave aside the ideals and intentions and look at the realities first expressed in the Treaty of Rome. It was largely of French creation, as Germany cautiously recovered from war. France had been the seedbed of *socialisme*, State control [*dirigisme*] and protectionism since its tragic revolution that guillotined the dreadful ancien régime without eradicating the causes of its injustices.

At first the Common Market began with over three-quarters of its expenditure going on the corrupt Common Agricultural Policy. Then came a new step the Single Market. It is pretending to create a free trade area.

French pioneers of the concept of free trade in the early eighteenth century, and British free traders from David Ricardo would be horrified that Clegg should bid farewell to free trade as a relic of a bygone age. Daylight, rainwater and sunshine are ever present. The need of free trade has never been more important. Clegg believes that the EU can negotiate better trading deals and Farage argues that Britain should negotiate its own trading deals.

There is no such thing as EU or British trade unless it is believed that politicians must manage economies and broker commercial deals. The true interest of the British people is leave the EU and remove political control of trade and commerce. Let the people revert to free trade to improve their lives and many others across oceans. Being a member of the EU is a pointless exercise in allowing make-believe to triumph over reason so eloquently expressed by thinkers who led France and Britain from the medieval political culture. Through weakness the British have stepped backwards into a muddle and mess that

will only become worse. To quote Turgot, as one among several Frenchmen who wrote extensively on free trade, is like enjoying the benefits of sunlight.

Thus our policy should be to surrender to the course of nature and of trade, which is no less necessary or irresistible than the course of nature, without pretending to direct it. For in order to direct it without deranging or harming it, it would be necessary to follow all the variations in the needs, interest and the industry of man and to know all these in such detail as could not be gathered. Government of the most able, assiduous and dynamic kind will risk always being wrong in at least half the cases... If one did collect all these details, this voluminous knowledge which cannot possibly be collected, the result would be to let things carry on exactly as they were going on in accordance with the actions of men's interests, which create the equilibrium of a free economy.

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## EU financial taxation

We are always told by UK politicians that EU taxation is a red line issue, but is it?

Europe's top court has rejected the UK's challenge to the introduction of an EU financial transaction tax (FTT), which ministers have said will always

damage UK companies.

The FTT is to be adopted by 11 EU member states, but not by Britain.

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) said the UK could not block the levy on trade on the grounds that it would affect British banks.

The UK government has said it is prepared to take further legal action.

We await to see if this FTT will first be added to new countries joining the EU - possibly Scotland - before being slowly incorporated by the back door to apply to all member states.

## EU deploys peacekeepers

According to a report in *Reuters*, the EU deployed peacekeepers at the end of April and took over the security of Bangui airport from French troops.

The EU mission is to assist the 2,000 French and 5,000 African

peacekeepers in the Central African Republic. This is because the country has been gripped by a violent conflict for the past year and the French had been calling for EU support.

Many believe this is not a conflict

that the EU as an institution should be involved with. However, if the EU wishes to be seen as a new "Super Power" on the world stage with all the military trimmings then its action is fully understandable.

## European parliamentary elections

Despite the efforts of all the main UK political parties, UKIP is set for a record result in the European

Parliamentary elections on 22nd May.

The reason is very clear, the public and the main political parties are out of

step on the dangers accompanied with the drive towards European Union integration at any price!

# Liechtenstein has it all

Anthony Scholefield

One of the chief tasks of eurosceptics is to tighten up the exit offer from the EU which will be made to the electorate generally, and specifically in any forthcoming referendum.

One proposal which has gained strength is for Britain to exit from the EU by invoking Article 50 of the EU Treaty and rejoining the European Free Trade Area (EFTA), thereby remaining in the European Economic Area (EEA). This is basically the proposal put forward by the NO Campaign in the 1975 referendum. The advantage of this is that exit is then by mutual consent – the UK would remain in the Single Market but would shed all the political baggage of the EU, including most budget contributions, the customs union, justice and home affairs, foreign policy, etc. All the pro-EU business arguments centre on the advantages of the Single Market. Whether or not they are correct, business at present believes in the Single Market. It is therefore, essential to re-assure business and the electorate in general and remove the pro-Single Market arguments from the debate.

There are, of course, those who say that it is unnecessary to offer a clear post-EU scenario to the electorate and it is unnecessary to reassure business. It is also argued that the EU is not trustworthy and will enmesh the departing UK government in protracted unsatisfactory negotiations

with the intention of keeping the UK in the EU.

The purpose of this study is not to discuss these two potential ‘offers’ to the electorate but to concentrate on one weakness in the EEA arrangements, and how this could be rectified.

It is believed EEA membership involves accepting the EU *acquis* of freedom of movement, allowing mass migration from backward or failing economies in the EU. An influx of labour without capital reduces wages, GDP per head, wealth and standard of living. It is, therefore, impoverishing as has conclusively been demonstrated in the UK since 2007. However, it is possible to be in the EEA and to restrict immigration and Liechtenstein shows how it has been done.

When the EEA agreement was being negotiated (before 1st January 1994) Liechtenstein negotiated transition arrangements on migration. It has also used Article 112 of the EEA agreement, where action can be taken on ‘an extraordinary increase’ in immigration of EU nationals. In effect, Liechtenstein has resisted EU pressure and now, after prolonged negotiations, has a defacto veto right on further immigration but does allow 71 new immigrants from the EEA each year.

Liechtenstein has been effective in keeping steady the foreign percentage of the population. It was already at 38.4% in 1994 and it now down to 33.1%.

## EU justice laws

Ministers are facing demands from MPs for a Commons vote over plans for the UK to retain some EU justice laws, including the European Arrest Warrant (EAW).

The government announced in 2013 that it would opt out of all 133 EU justice laws and then seek to opt back in to 35.

However, three Commons select

It does, however, have a rising population of commuter workers from Switzerland and Germany.

Contrary to the urgings of ‘free market’ economists, Liechtenstein has managed to do without the alleged economic benefits of extra immigration, and the alleged entrepreneurial bent of migrants, and has a Gross National Income per head of £75,000 (111,000 Swiss Francs in 2012) - around three times that of the UK. GDP is not relevant here because of commuter workers to Liechtenstein from Switzerland and Germany taking home their wages

Liechtenstein is so successful that it makes Switzerland and Germany look like economic laggards. Indeed, most of those trying to migrate to, or commute to work in, Liechtenstein are Swiss or German.

There is no need for the UK to accept an EEA membership entirely on the terms laid down by the EU. It would be perfectly justifiable and, indeed, an act of wisdom to state at the beginning of negotiations under Article 50 that control of migration (and Britain accepts 38% of all migrant EU workers) is a redline non-negotiating point.

Liechtenstein has not argued against the EU principle of free movement, it has simply negotiated out of it.

Anthony Scholefield, *Director, Futurus*

## Spanish problems

The Spanish constitutional court on the 25th March, said the Catalan regional parliaments declaration on self-determination was illegal. The Catalanian declaration said people had

the right to vote for independence but Spain’s court ruled it is “not constitutional”, Catalonia is set to hold a referendum on the 9th November.

Spain is also set to miss EU budget

deficit targets for GDP in 2015, the target is 4.2% but a level of 5.5% is expected. The missed target will cause a clash between Spain and the European Commission.

# Is Russia really the enemy?

*Extract of a recent article by Rodney Atkinson*

The Russian banking system did not collapse as did the British and American and today Russians, unlike the British and Americans, can earn a reasonable 7% on their savings. So Russia is more capitalist than the West, which is destroying the peoples savings at a record rate.

Russia has turned its back on the atheism of the Communist era and those professing Christianity has risen from 32% in 1990 to 72% today - almost exactly the same as the 73% of Americans who claim Christianity!

By the time the USSR collapsed and Russians were looking for the prosperity and open institutions which they were told characterised the West, genuine democratic capitalism had largely disappeared from the western democracies, just as parliamentary democracy was in its dying throes.

Russia is not the communist empire of the USSR and, despite the ludicrous rhetoric justifying the imperial expansion of the EU into Ukraine we are not re-entering the "cold war". While Russia is suffering from the general problems of the "BRIC" countries as American and British money printing (quantitative easing) is scaled back it compares very favourably with the disastrous economies of the USA and the EU. Reserves are at \$580 billion, unemployment is a mere 5.6% (USA 7% and falling living standards, EU average over 12% with rates up to 27%) Russia's debt to GDP is 30% (the USA has 100% and the UK 80% while most of the EU is completely off the scale!) it has a trade surplus of \$15.7 billion and a growth rate of about 2% in 2013 which compares very favourably with the USA and the Eurozone. The structure of the economy has shifted decisively from dependence on oil, gas and commodities to become a modern industrial economy with a service sector of 66% of GDP and oil, gas and commodities only 16% of GDP.

Nevertheless the Russian Federation supplies a significant volume of fossil fuels and is the largest exporter of oil and natural gas to the EU. In 2007, the EU imported from Russia 185 million tonnes of crude oil, which accounted for 32.6% of total oil imports, and 100.7 million tonnes of oil equivalent of natural gas, which accounted for 38.7% of total gas imports. The percentage of Russian gas dependence for the countries of the EU is as follows:

- Estonia 100% • Finland 100%
- Latvia 100% • Lithuania 100%
- Slovakia 98% • Bulgaria 92%
- Czech Republic 77.6%
- Greece 76% • Hungary 60%
- Slovenia 52% • Austria 49%
- Poland 48.15% • Germany 36%
- Italy 27% • Romania 27%
- France 14% • Belgium 5%

Needless to say none of these countries can afford to antagonise the Russians, Russia is also a major investor in western markets...

While the European Union aids and encourages fascist groups in Yugoslavia and Ukraine, Putin can rightly claim: "we fought fascism" and that Russia's reward has been continual encroachment on the western borders of Russia, with the Ukraine imbroglio being just the latest and most dangerous escapade of a blatantly imperialist EU (it was EU Commission President Manuel Barroso who admitted that the EU was "an empire". The former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has admitted that the war against Yugoslavia was illegal and that the West had not the faintest idea what a hornets nest they were stirring in the Ukraine.

The Russian political economy today is not easy to understand and Russia under Putin can hardly be described as a democracy - although neither can the EU...

Putin is rightly resentful because he had cooperated with or permitted western expansion and the

independence of former Soviet republics. He allowed US bases in central Asian Republics to aid their fight in Afghanistan, did not kick up a fuss over the Iraq war and did not object to the Baltic States going back to independence - despite their joining the increasingly threatening EU.

He allowed profitable Western investment from German and British companies and cooperated in the supply of huge gas supplies to Western Europe. For his pains he saw the western destruction of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia and the undermining of Ukraine by the encouragement of blatantly fascist groups to overthrow a government elected according to western rules.

By the time the USSR collapsed and the new Russians were looking for the prosperity and open institutions which they were told characterised the West, genuine democratic capitalism had largely disappeared from the western democracies, just as parliamentary democracy was in its dying throes - giving way to supranational corporatism and bureaucratic control .... the series of inevitable financial collapses .... worsened by the unaccountable morass of regulations from corporate lobbying in Brussels....

As in the past such corporatist inner collapse and failure to provide the new markets of prosperity led inevitably to the need to expand territorially to create the imposed markets of new conquests. The historic German "*Drang nach Osten*" provided the solution, the latest episode of which is now playing out in the Ukraine....

Russia has a long way to go before becoming a free, open competitive capitalist democracy but the arrogant expansionism of the corporatist, failing EU, led by an insatiable German political class, could well drive them back to authoritarian government, economic centralism and military defence. If this happens then it is the USA and the EU who will be seen as the aggressive cause....

# Global Demography 2013-2100

The *Population Division* of the United Nations' *Department of Economic and Social Affairs* updates its global population projections every two years. They are regarded as the most comprehensive and robust available. This is a summary of the "medium variant" data on whole populations in "*World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision*" published in August 2013.

Over time, growth in GDP, market size and equity returns will tend to occur outside Continental Europe.

The USA will become more powerful than it is today, economically, militarily, politically, culturally.

The European Union as a whole will decline economically, militarily, politically, culturally.

Continental EU will be a shrinking market, relatively unattractive to exporters and investors.

The tax base of Continental EU will shrink: tax rates and public-sector debt will have to increase.

Shrinking and ageing population in Continental EU will mean more demand for state-provided healthcare and pensions, with fewer active people to provide them.

Many EU member-states will see falling demand for houses, schools, factories, shops and capital goods, with falling asset values and investment. This will affect both the tax base and the equity markets on which private pension provision depends.

Sharply-diverging demographics within the EU will make EU-wide "one-size-fits-all" policies (monetary, tax, labour market, agricultural, asylum, immigration, environmental etc) ever more ineffective.

The political rationale of *integration into a fading regional bloc* - the EU - will become ever more questionable.

For British exporters and investors, the economic rationale of *integration into a contracting market* - the EU - will become ever more questionable.

**Migration:** Over the forty years 2010 to 2050, the top four absorbers of immigrants will be English-speaking democracies. Over those forty years,

total UK NET immigration (immigrants minus emigrants) will be 6.9 million, roughly equivalent to seven cities the size of Birmingham.

**World Population:** In 2013, global population was 7.2 billion. This will increase by 0.9 billion to a total of 8.1 billion by 2025, and continue to increase until at least 2100.

**EU Population:** Between 2013 and 2025, the population of "EU-27" (the EU as constituted on 1st July 2013, including Croatia, but excluding the UK) will increase from 446 million in 2013 to 450 million in 2025; but by 2050 - only 37 years away - it will shrink to 439 million. By 2100 it will be under 400 million. Between 2025 and 2100, EU-27 will lose population of 53 million, more than the entire combined present-day population of Spain and Portugal. As a proportion of global population, EU-27's will decline sharply from 6.2 % in 2013 to 3.7% in 2100.

**The UK:** The population of the UK, 63 million in 2013, will increase throughout the century, to 77 million in 2100. By mid-century, UK population will be well under one per cent of global population. The gain between 2013 and 2025 will be over 4 million; between 2025 and 2100 it will be 10 million. About half of the 2013-2100 increase will be due to net immigration.

**Twelve EU countries' population are already shrinking:** Germany will have a smaller population in 2025 than in 2013, losing 1.9 million in those 12 years; it will lose another 8.3 million by 2050. Romania will lose almost a million by 2025. Other "losers" by 2050 include the three small Baltic states, and Poland, Hungary, Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal & Slovakia.

**Fifteen EU countries are to gain population:** Between 2013 and 2025, French population will increase by 3.7 million; thereafter, it will increase by another 5.2 million by mid-century. Other "gainers" by 2050 include Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Spain and Sweden. By 2100, France will be the

most populous country in EU-27 with a population of 79 million, slightly bigger than the UK's 77 million.

**EFTA & Turkey to gain population:** The combined population of the three main EFTA countries will increase throughout the century. Turkey's will reach 95 million by 2050, then decline.

**Contrasting demographics of developed nations outside Europe:** The English-speaking countries' populations, including that of the USA, will grow significantly until 2100. Japan's is already shrinking; South Korea's will decline after 2025.

**Russia & Ukraine:** The population of Russia will shrink by 41 million between 2013 and 2100. Over the same period, Ukraine's will shrink from 45 million to 25 million.

**The "BRICS":** (Brazil, Russia, India and China) countries, considered during the last decade as growth markets, will all be losing population by the end of the century - even India and China. Russia's population decline will accelerate after 2025.

**Asia:** The population of India will overtake that of China before 2050. Most large (population >50 million) Asian countries' populations will decline between 2050 and 2100, the exceptions being the Philippines and Iraq.

**Africa:** Large (population >50 million) African countries will see high - not to say "explosive" - population growth this century. By 2100, Nigeria's population will be approaching one billion. Five others will have populations above 200 million; and seven others will have populations between 100 and 200 million.

The preceding analysis is based on projected numbers of *whole* populations of all ages. It should be noted that static and declining whole populations are generally associated with increasing proportions of old people, and declining proportions of working-age and younger people, with major implications for overall economic growth, healthcare and pensions.

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# LETTERS

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## Costs associated with EU membership

Dear Sir,

In your article about Lord Stoddarts questions in the House of Lords (*eurofacts* dated 18th April 2014) you pose the question, [Well that makes it clear who governs the UK (i.e. the EU) but how much does it cost the UK taxpayer?]

Tim Congdon has calculated that being in the EU cost us £170 billion per annum in 2013. However, after having been in the EEC/EU for over 40 years I suggest that it is essential that we also look at the total cost, in today's values, of our so called 40 year "investment" in this corrupt, costly, inefficient and un-democratic club. A simple sum suggests that the current total value of the accumulated cost of being in the EEC/EU could be well over £7 trillion. This is based on Tim Congdons cost value of £170 billion per annum in 2013 and assumes that the EU cost us nothing in 1972. I am not in any way claiming that this is the actual cost, just that it may give us a reasonable value upon which to start making more refined estimates of the total cost of being in the EU.

One thing's for certain. The total accumulated balance of trade with the EU from 1973 to the present day is a deficit of well over £1 trillion. Whereas, since 1973 to 2009 the total accumulated value of our trade with the rest of the world was a surplus of £245 billion. So who can deny that we could not survive successfully out of the EU?

J.G. WRAITH  
Surrey

## Brexit questions

Dear Sir,

With great respect to *eurofacts* in regards to the Brexit Prize. I fail to understand how the concept of Britain leaving the EU by using Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty could be contemplated. Article 50 is an EU construct designed to snare any EU

member wishing to leave the EU.

The procedures are designed to humiliate any member foolish enough to trigger Article 50.

For Britain to submit to the legal procedures of Article 50, when our intentions are to rescind EU laws that have never been legitimised or ratified by the British electorate is absurd.

Britain would be legitimising EU law in order to revoke EU law, this would be legally ridiculous.

Article 50 is an intentional EU trap.

Alternately the British people are unanimous in believing that convicted criminals imprisoned should not be given rights to vote in British elections and referenda.

The EU and courts are insisting that we must give criminals the right to vote and are threatening Britain with fines and that prisoners are informed that they can sue the British government and tax payers if we refuse to comply.

The British government should make it perfectly clear to the EU and court that their law, fines and any claims by criminals will be totally rejected.

So, what action would the EU take, that would not further alienate the British public?

The British people, with our long history of justice would be confident of our morality and in this case our integrity.

Moreover, just how the EU acted and with what possible justification can only be imagined and then, how would the EU be perceived by all the international communities.

There are of course many other EU laws that are hardly admired in Britain and abroad. Although the founding fathers never intended the EU to be democratic, the EU does state that it is democratic and aspires to democratic values. In this case, Britain could be most constructive in helping the EU to achieve its claimed aspirations. I fully agree that *eurofacts* should be seen to be honourable in the honest

disbursement of EU facts. Quite so, but the EU does not have any such intent at all.

ANTONY LITTLE  
London

## Is Miliband King Canute?

Dear Sir,

With reference to David Brown's observation (*eurofacts* 18th April 2014) that Mr Miliband is "playing King Canute and threatening to control energy prices". As far as we know it was King Canute who pointed out to his over-obsequious courtiers that he was actually unable to stop the tide from coming in.

ANN WHITAKER  
Cornwall

## Broken promise

Dear Sir,

Why has the Tories support collapsed from 28% in 2009 to 18% now? Because last time they went into the elections with a manifesto promise that they would do something about the Lisbon Treaty even if it had come into force, indeed just before the elections Cameron set off a rumour that he would put the treaty to the promised referendum even if it had come into force, but he did not!

DENNIS COOPER  
Berkshire

## History

Dear Sir,

With the election in May I think that it might be useful if Mr Farage is reminded that:

The most prosperous country in the last century was the USA. The reason for this was partly due to Mr Thomas Jefferson (President of the USA) who said "Peace, Commerce and honest friendship with all nations - Entangled alliances with none".

Norway and Switzerland, the two most prosperous countries in Europe, heeded the above.

JOHN STANLEY  
Kent

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*"The Growth of Euroscepticism"*

Tuesday **27th May**, 6.00 pm

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**Vernon Bogdanor CBE FBA**,  
*Emeritus Gresham Professor of Law*

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## The Economic Research Council

Wednesday **28th May**, 7.00 pm

*"Is the British Economy Better Off In or Out of the EU?"*

**Prof Tim Congdon CBE**, *UKIP's economic spokesperson*  
**Charles Grant**, *Director of the Centre for European Reform*

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Monday **2nd June**, 7.00 pm

*"British Politics After The European Union"*

**Cllr. Diane James**, *UKIP's candidate for the European elections*  
**Kate Hoey MP**, *Labour*  
**The Rt Hon John Redwood MP**, *Conservative, chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee*

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**Alistair McConnachie**

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**Jane Caplan**, *Visiting Professor of History*

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