

Invitation to the

Panel Discussion

Great Britain and the EU after the General Elections

Time Tuesday, 30 June 2015, 6 p.m.

Venue Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Festsaal
Favoritenstraße 15a, 1040 Vienna
(underground U1, Taubstummengasse)

Keynote

PATRICK DIAMOND, Research Director, Policy Network, London
and

discussion with

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Welcome & Moderation

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The outcome of the UK General Elections on 7 May 2015 was, quite surprisingly to many political observers, an absolute majority for the Conservative Party. The Labour Party obtained the lowest share of seats since 1987. These results pave the way for a referendum on UK membership of the European Union, which Prime Minister David Cameron has been proposing since 2013. Meanwhile, only a few weeks after the elections, a clear majority including Labour MPs voted in favour of a referendum bill. The final vote of the bill will be held in the forthcoming months, and the referendum by the end of 2017 at the latest.

The Conservatives want to negotiate new agreements with the EU, including restricted access for EU migrants to social benefits in UK and protection for the British financial market from EU legislation. Shortly after his re-election, Cameron visited a number of EU leaders to discuss renegotiation and treaty change. More intensive negotiations are to follow.

Which concessions will Cameron be able to obtain from the EU partners? What is the position of the Labour Party and the other parties? How will the debate in UK evolve? And finally, what can be the outcome of the referendum?

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