

Will the UK break up?

At the Centre for Brexit Studies latest online event, a panel of experts discussed the potential break-up of the UK.

From Brexit to the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, the differences between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have never been so clear, with the 'United' Kingdom feeling increasingly divided.

With the support for a second Scottish independence referendum increasing, questions surround the future of the Union, and if Wales and Northern Ireland could eventually also decide to go their own way. The experts discuss what could happen in this scenario, and if we could expect the desire for independence to increase in the coming years.

The event was hosted by Professor Alex de Ruyter, Director at the Centre for Brexit Studies, with contributions from four industry experts, followed by an audience Q&A. Panel members included Professor Katy Hayward, Professor of Sociology at Queen's University Belfast and Senior Fellow at the UK in a Changing Europe and Jay Rowe, PhD Student at the Centre for Brexit Studies and freelance writer.

Also on the panel were Professor Richard Wyn Jones, Professor of Welsh Politics at Cardiff University and Director of Cardiff University's Wales Governance and Dean of Public Affairs, and Professor Michael Danson, Economist and Professor Emeritus of Enterprise Policy at Heriot-Watt University and Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

The footage from the event is [now available to watch](#).