

Best Blogs of 2020

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In what has been another huge year for the Centre for Brexit Studies, with Brexit news, events, conferences, research and a lot of press, alongside a global pandemic, we're delighted that this year has been the most successful on our daily blog so far. We're pleased that so many of you enjoy reading posts from experts and academics from across the world on this blog on a daily basis.

So with the Centre wrapping up on another busy year in time for the festive break, we're keen to share with you what have been our biggest and most enjoyed blog posts this year. Sit back and enjoy this look back at 2020...

January

[“Misfits Baby Misfits”](#) By Professor Alex de Ruyter

[Trade deal or trade blame?](#) By Ferry Biedermann

[Death of Democracy \(Pt. 2\): Why I'm not voting again](#) By Dr Jacob Salder

[Why UK Auto needs a Battery Giga-Factory, and soon](#) – By Professor David Bailey

[Caliginosity v Clarity – Post-Brexit Certainty remains hard to come by](#) By Beverley Nielsen

[Brexit and the abuse of history](#) By Dr Paul Behrens

February

[Was it David Miliband who brought us to Brexit?](#) By John Clancy

[Kobe Bryant, Brexit and the Politics of Sport](#) By Jay Rowe

[Behind the Red Wall: economic decoupling and the ‘places that don’t matter’](#) By Dr Jacob Salder

[Fly Me to the EU’s New Moon?](#) By Dr Leslie Budd

[Brexit: A Story of Tall Stories](#) By Dr Graham Gudgin

March

[A day late and a dollar short?](#) By David Hearne

[From the ‘Rocks’ of Brexit to the Economic Devastation of COVID-19](#) By Dr Steven McCabe

[Call it a Big Bazooka \(Just don’t call it Socialism\): Re-thinking the Role of the State in the Age of Coronavirus and Brexit](#) By Professor Alex de Ruyter

[UK auto shuts down: government needs to step in to support workers, and fast, as Coronavirus hits](#) By Professor David Bailey

[The auto industry will probably never be the same again](#) By Ian Henry

April

[Life will never be the same after COVID-19, but that’s not a bad thing](#) By Bethan Tolley

[Self-employment isn’t working: sole traders and microbusinesses – the new ‘left behind’](#) By John Clancy

[Struggling for breath: the ongoing decline of the right-wing press](#) By Dr Jacob Salder

[What rough beast, its hour come round at last](#) By Beverley Nielsen

[Towards a post-corona world: Brexit and the Dutch](#) By Ferry Biedermann

May

[Industry 4.0 and Regional Transformations](#) By Professor David Bailey

[Brexit, the UK motor industry and Australia](#) By John Wormald

[Back to the 1970s?](#) By Dr. Steven McCabe

[Moving to a Better Normal for Birmingham and West Midlands](#) By Beverley Nielsen

[Covid-19 and precarious work: time for end to the “Gig Economy”](#) By Professor Alex de Ruyter

[Back to the future: State ownership for JLR?](#) By Ian Henry

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[Has Boris Johnson Kept His Promises on a Border in the Irish Sea?](#) By Dr Graham Gudgin

[Brexit – is the “war” finally over?](#) By David Hearne

[What will events be like after Lockdown?](#) By Poppy Surplice

[We need the entrepreneurial state now more than ever](#) By Dr Jacob Salder

[Covid-19 has made my future unpredictable and uncontrollable](#) By Emily Chesson

[Stop underestimating how much we need the arts](#) By Bethan Tolley

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[Sit back and relax: Normal Service Will Resume! Or will it?](#) By Professor Alex de Ruyter

[From austerity through Brexit to CV19: we need a franker discussion on how to rebuild around our creative industries](#) By Dr Jacob Salder

[Home for the Holidays....](#) By Dr Steven McCabe

[It's cold outside the EU embrace](#) By Ferry Biedermann

[The State Aid row: UK and the devolved nations](#) By Dylan J. Wilkinson

[Sense and Sensibility](#) By John Wormald

August

[A Just Energy Transition for England must be driven by full devolution in our regions](#) By Beverley Nielsen

[Who will stand against Brexit's darker forces?](#) By Ferry Biedermann

[Has the pandemic killed the gym?](#) By Poppy Surplice

[Whither the region?](#) By David Hearne

[Local lockdown lunacy: Putting Birmingham into lockdown would be ridiculous](#) By John Clancy

[Will Coronavirus finally kill Britain's high street?](#) By Emily Chesson

September

[Commonwealth Games: How could sport tourism benefit Birmingham?](#) By Dr Nicholas Wise

[Britannia Waives the Rules?](#) By Dr Steven McCabe

[Sledgehammer Lockdowns in Birmingham – when the increases are hyperlocal?](#) By John Clancy

[Deal or No Deal: The clock is ticking...](#) By Professor Alex de Ruyter

[Covid, Brexit and the Dealership System](#) By John Wormald

[Identity Crisis: I'm 'British', not 'English'](#) By Bethan Tolley

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['The best' or 'world-beating'?: Simply good enough would be a start](#) By Dr Jacob Salder

[Nonsense on Stilts? – The Economic Analysis of HS2](#) By Professor Leslie Budd

[Future of the Wedding industry: Is the party over?](#) By Poppy Surplice

[The Manchester Rebellion](#) By David Hearne

['Do as I say' Regionalism: time for a reset](#) By Beverley Nielsen

[We rightly worry about the young – but what has Covid done to women's gender equality progress?](#) By Vicky Pryce

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[Resilience is key for UK businesses post-Brexit](#) – By Rachel Eade MBE

[Populism is dead, but the electoral system is its iron lung](#) By Dr Jacob Salder

[Is the Pandemic a catalyst for Entrepreneurship?](#) By Lindi Mngaza

[The ICE Ban Cometh. Can we have a Plan please?](#) By David Bailey

[Brexit is about to get well and truly real for businesses](#) By Henrietta Brealey

[Watching Our Borders: Tourism, Brexit and Covid-19](#) By Dr Hazel Andrews

December

[Deal or No Deal? The Sequel](#) By Professor Alex de Ruyter

[Biden Tears Up Johnson's Mythical US-UK Trade Deal](#) By Professor Scott Lucas

[Brexit Deal Talks: Stalemate. But why can't we budge?](#) By Gill Bentley

[Can the UK really be competitive post Brexit?](#) By Vicky Pryce

[2020, when all was still well](#) By Ferry Biedermann

[Will Brexit Prove that Johnson is an Illusionist Par Excellence or Simply A Deluded Fool?](#) By Dr Steven McCabe

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