Centre for Brexit Studies gear up for online Conference

The Centre for Brexit Studies at Birmingham City University are gearing up for their Annual Conference 'Global Birmingham – Beyond Brexit', which is taking place online later this month.

Taking place from 9.00am-5.00pm on Wednesday 23 September, the event will take place on Zoom as a virtual experience this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Centre will be joined by various guest speakers and industry experts with insightful talks and panel debates surrounding the West Midlands in a post-Brexit landscape.

Focusing on the West Midlands beyond Brexit, the event will look at topics such as the Commonwealth Games, HS2, Manufacturing and the future of the region in a post-Brexit landscape. The event will also offer the chance to get involved, as well as the opportunity to find out more about the Centre for Brexit Studies and their research.

Confirmed speakers and panel members for the online conference include Sir Vince Cable, former leader of the Liberal Democrats, Anand Menon, Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at King's College London and Director of UK in a Changing Europe and Fiona Allan, Artistic Director and Chief Executive of Birmingham Hippodrome and President of UK Theatre.

Centre for Brexit Studies director Professor Alex de Ruyter said: "We are delighted to be hosting our Annual Conference online this year. In these challenging times, we must adapt to a 'new normal', and we are pleased to be bringing together a wide range of speakers to discuss the big topics for our region in a post-Brexit landscape.

"Although we were looking forward to seeing everyone in person, hosting our conference online means that our event can still take place and nobody misses out, as well as keeping all attendees and speakers safe and well."

The event is free to virtually attend, but registration is required <u>here</u>.

The full list of speakers and panel members, as well as the confirmed agenda for the day, can be viewed here.