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INVITATION TO THE IMAP WEBINAR:

**Ok, We Have Done Brexit, What Now?
Organized by UPF-UK**

Mon, 25 Jan 2021 18:00 - 19:30 GMT

Registration: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ok-we-have-done-brexit-what-now-tickets-133717415389



Dear friends and colleagues,

I am glad to invite you to this upcoming webinar with a very timely topic.

On the panel will be some of Europe's top ranking journalists. Please join us.

Moderator: Rita Payne

Journalist, Moderator and Media Consultant, President Emeritus, Commonwealth

Journalists Association. Adviser, Asian Affairs magazine and The Democracy Forum.

Other positions: member of the editorial board, Round Table, Commonwealth journal on international affairs, executive board member, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative and Vice-President, Uniting for Peace. Rita writes for a range of publications covering

politics, the media, culture, travel and tourism Rita is invited to moderate or speak at public meetings and on TV and radio on topical issues and participate in workshops and seminars in the UK and abroad. She has moderated key dialogues at Habitat III in Quito, UN World Urban Forums in Rio de Janeiro and Nanjing and chaired sessions at the One World Media Festival and Rotary World Peace Symposium. She was a member of the Commonwealth Election Observer Missions to the Solomon Islands and Sierra Leone. She worked for nearly thirty years at the BBC until 2008. Her last position at the BBC was Asia Editor, BBC World News (TV) with responsibility for three news programmes a day. Before moving to TV Rita was a news editor/producer/presenter at BBC World Service radio. She was nominated for the BBC Global Reith Awards 2009 and Asian Woman of Achievement Awards 2006.

Humphrey Hawksley:

Humphrey Hawksley is a former BBC foreign correspondent, author and commentator. Joining in 1983, this work has taken him to crises on every continent. He was expelled from Sri Lanka, opened the BBC's television bureau in China, arrested in Serbia and initiated a global campaign against enslaved children in the chocolate industry. He is a documentary maker including 'The Curse of Gold' and 'Bitter Sweet', examining human rights abuse in global trade. He is a prominent commentator and an author of both fiction and non-fiction books. He is an expert on US China tensions in the Asia Pacific.

Lord Meghnad Desai:

Lord Meghnad Jagdishchandra Desai, is a British economist and former Labour politician. He has been awarded the Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award in the Republic of India, in 2008. Desai has written extensively publishing over 200 articles in academic journals and had a regular column in the British radical weekly Tribune during 1985–1994, in the Indian business daily Business Standard (1995–2001) and in Indian Express and Financial Express. From 1984 to 1991, he was co-editor of the Journal of Applied Econometrics. A selection of his academic papers was published in two volumes as The Selected Essays of Meghnad Desai in 1995.

James Willson:

Publisher of European Union Political Report and a Board Director of the Brussels Press Club.

Peter Zoehrer:

Coordinator of IMAP (Universal Peace Federation's International Media Association for Peace) - Europe & Middle East. Peter Zoehrer is a journalist who is based in Vienna, Austria. He is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of FOREF (Forum for Religious Freedom – Europe) and a member of Reporters Without Borders, a international Press-Freedom Watchdog.

Backgrounder: The long traumatic rift in UK politics has been decisively ended with January being the first month of the brave new post-Brexit world. What will be the reality of 'Global Britain'? Already there are comments from Chinese media about the increase in the UK's military budget 'Prime Minister Boris Johnson wants to carve out a role for Britain as a swashbuckling leader of a new era of global cooperation and free trade, backed by cutting edge modern military and cyber capabilities.' CGTN 19 Nov 2020.

On the other hand there are comments from the Chancellor about cutting back on the Foreign Aid Budget. No doubt he is wondering how to salvage something from the UK's budget after the monumental level of borrowing needed to support the UK economy through the pandemic and facing massive changes due to Brexit. In some areas doing trade deals while reducing the Foreign Aid Budget might be counter-productive. At this time we would like to consider how the UK can forge it's way in the world? Are there some simple principles that could assist decision making? The Universal Peace Federation proposes acknowledging our 'Interdependence', promoting 'Mutual Prosperity' through partnership and collaboration and following 'Universal Values'.

On a very regular basis Ministerial delegations come from around the world to seek inward investment from the City of London. Influential figures of many nations send their children to study in the UK. The UK ranks highly for soft power and influence in the world. The UK possesses many positives but there is a growing sense of that dissipating in a post Brexit and in particular in a post Queen Elizabeth II world.

Yours sincerely,

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JAN 27: [WCLC Prayer Meeting](#)

FEB 1: [UN World Interfaith Harmony Week](#)

FEB 6: [UN International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation](#)

FEB 17: [5th Rally of Hope \(tentative\)](#)

MAR 8: [UN International Women's Day](#)



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