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Germany's elections have completed the cycle of major European elections this year, with the two central pillars of the EU, France and Germany, among the four of Western Europe's seven largest economies having gone to the polls.

The populist anti-establishment sentiment that last year led the United Kingdom to vote for Brexit and the United States for Donald Trump has receded — if not gone away.

But the existential angst that gripped the European Union immediately after the United Kingdom's Brexit referendum has dissipated. Support for the EU has, if anything, strengthened among the populations of continental Europe.

The Union is now looking at how to move forward 'the European project' under the leadership of France and Germany, two countries whose leaders will now have a clear four-to-five year run in which to re-shape a reinvigorated EU untrammelled by London.

- What effect will a 'Jamaica' coalition in Germany have for the future of the EU?
- Is the Juncker formula of 'more Europe more quickly' the right direction for the EU?
- Is a 'two-speed' Europe of an increasingly integrated euro-area and a loosely federated trade periphery the EU's future?
- Will a common budget and fiscal policy for the EU core be the stepping stone to a more federal EU?
- Where would greater European co-ordination on defence and security leave the relationship between the EU and NATO?

Share your thoughts and put your questions on all of these questions and anything else that concerns or excites you about the future of the EU to three of Oxford Analytica's expert senior advisors in our special client conference call on Tuesday, October 10 at 15:00 UK / 10:00 EDT.

Chair

Paul Maidment, Director of Analysis and Managing Editor, Oxford Analytica

Paul Maidment joined Oxford Analytica in December 2014 as the Director of Analysis and Managing Editor of the Oxford Analytica Daily Brief.

He is an award-winning journalist who founded the New York-based digital editorial consultancy Bystander Media in 2010. A pioneer in combining digital and print journalism, he was previously Editor of Forbes.com and Executive Editor of Forbes, transforming a magazine website into the leading online destination for business, finance and up-scale lifestyle. Before joining Forbes in 2001, Paul was the founding Editor of the Financial Times' award-winning web site FT.com and Assistant Editor of the newspaper. His early career as an editor and foreign correspondent encompassed The Economist, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the BBC in the U.K. the U.S. and Asia — a depth of journalistic experience and breadth of media that gives him a unique perspective on the changes transforming publishing and the world economy. Paul was inducted into the Digital Hall of Fame in New York in 2010.

Panellists

Chris Morris, Contributor, Oxford Analytica

Chris Morris has been a BBC correspondent for more than 25 years, and he's recently moved back to the UK after spending most of his career abroad. For the past 5 years he was the BBC's Europe Correspondent based in Brussels. He now works for the BBC's newly-created Reality Check team. He is an expert on Brexit, on the EU and on Turkey in particular. He covered the French Presidential elections from Paris in both 2002 and 2012.

Professor Eloi Laurent, Senior Economist and Professor, Sciences Po

Based at OFCE (Sciences Po Center for Economic Research), in Paris. A former aide in the French Parliament and for the French Prime Minister, macro-economist by training, his current research agenda focuses on sustainability science and welfare economics. A former visiting scholar at Columbia University and NYU, he currently teaches at the School of Engineering and the Paris program at Stanford University and in Sciences Po. Dr Laurent was Visiting Professor and Visiting Scholar at Harvard University in fall 2013.

Gunther Hellmann, Professor, University of Frankfurt

Gunther Hellmann is Professor of Political Science at Goethe University, Frankfurt. He specializes in International Relations. His research interests and teaching are in the fields of German foreign policy, European and transatlantic security relations and theory of international relations. Before assuming his position in Frankfurt he taught at the Free University in Berlin (between 1988 and 1993) and Darmstadt University of Technology (1993-1999). From January 2000 until October 2001 he directed the research group International Organizations at the Frankfurt Peace Research Institute. Between 2000 and 2006 he was co-chair of the International Relations Section of the German Association of Political Science. Since 2002 he is one of the publishers of Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen (ZIB), the premier German IR-journal. Since 2007 he is a Principal Investigator in the context of Goethe University's Cluster of Excellence "Formation of Normative Orders". In 2008/09 he held the "Steven Muller Chair in German Studies"

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