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"Take back control"? Brexit and the re-imagining of space, scale and sovereignty.

Public Lecture by
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as part of our Seminar Series

Date and Time: Monday, November 14. 17:30

Venue: Monument Building, Popper Room

The referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union held in June 2016 rearranged many established features of politics in Britain – and beyond. In this talk, I explore some significant aspects of the vote for 'Brexit'. First, I will reflect on the strange conjunctural formation of political forces brought together around the Leave campaign and its key image – the promise to “Take back control”. Second, I will examine the ways in which the campaign – and the vote – re-imagined existing arrangements of space (the relationships between the UK, Europe and the rest of the world), scale (the ordering of local, national and supra-national levels) and sovereignty (forms of political power). Finally, I will consider the contradictory mix of intended and unintended effects of these new spatial and scalar imaginaries.

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