## THE EU'S RESPONSE TO BREXIT -

## **UNITED AND EFFECTIVE**

## Lecture by Prof. Brigid Laffan

**Moderation by Dr Birgit Bujard** 

The Brexit shock came at a time when the EU had barely recovered from the Euro crisis and was struggling to manage an unprecedented inflow of refugees. The immediate fear was that Brexit might be the final straw that broke the camel's back. But as Brigid Laffan will illustrate in her lecture the EU reacted to Brexit with resolve and mobilised its collective capacity to negotiate effectively and with one voice.

We invite you to join us for an evening of discussion on the EU's role in the Brexit process and the future of EU-UK relations.



The event will take place at the **International House of the University of Cologne** (Building 174), Kringsweg 6, 50931 Cologne.

## **Prof. Brigid Laffan**

is Emeritus Professor at the European University Institute. There she was Director and Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Adavance Studies until her retirement in August 2021. Among other things, she also acted as Professor for European Politics at the School of Politics and International Relations at the University College Dublin, was the founding director of the Dublin European Institut and she was Vice-President of UCD and Principal of the College of Human Sciences from 2004 to 2011. In November 2018 she was ranked among the women who shape Europe by POLITICO and was also awarded by the University of Limerick Alumni Association with its highest honour. Her new book with Stefan Telle "The EU's Response to Brexit. United and Effective" has been published by Palgrave Macmillan this year.

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