

## 寇大偉解析英國的下一步

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【記者陳品婕淡水校園報導】本校外交與國際關係學系全英語學士班於18日在驚聲國際會議廳舉辦專題演講，由外交與國際系副教授、前英國駐臺代表David Coates寇大偉主講「Britain Kisses the European Union goodbye. Why? How? and What Next?」現場逾70名學生聆聽。寇大偉首先從英國的歷史背景談起，延伸到近期政治、社會層面。他分析英國各年齡層、不同社經地位的選民，分別在脫歐公投中呈現的選擇，提醒公投不能只看單一面向。同時，寇大偉找到幾張諷刺政府、執政官員的漫畫，藉此引述政治層面對英國脫歐的影響。

最後，寇大偉總結：「每個英國人都希望英國更好，無論是脫歐或留歐都各有利弊，後續效應也還是未定數。」外交與國際二邱子瑄說：「聽完演講後，了解到未來發展皆與民意息息相關。」

## The EU's Democratic Deficit

- Elected National Parliaments no longer supreme. Decisions largely made by National Ministers in the Council and the Commissioners. Govts can ignore their Parliaments when making decisions in Brussels and be outvoted by QMV
- EU Parliament lacks much power. Although Party groupings exist, coalitions form to push individual issues. Electors cannot vote on EU policies or secure choice of a new executive (the Commission). EU policy highly technocratic
- EU MEPs distant from electorate, elections tend to be referenda on domestic issues. Eurocrats viewed as pampered and elitist.
- Obvious stupidities such as EP migrating to Strasbourg or repeated failures of the auditors to approve the EU accounts.
- Weak accountability.
- France and Netherlands rejected draft EU Constitution in 2005 in referenda but proposals brought back almost unchanged in Lisbon Treaty. Smaller states bullied to vote the "right way" in a second vote.