

School of Government and Society hosts Foreign Office Seminar on EU Enlargement

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As part of the United Kingdom government's Balance of Competences Review, the School of Government and Society hosted a seminar examining EU Enlargement. In addition to officials from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the roundtable discussion brought together leading experts from the University of Birmingham ([David Bailey](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/staff/profiles/bailey-david.aspx)), [Rilka Dragneva-Lewers](/staff/profiles/law/dragneva-lewers-rilka.aspx), [Tim Haughton](/staff/profiles/law/dragneva-lewers-rilka.aspx) and [Stefan Wolff](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/staff/profiles/haughton-tim.aspx)) with other renowned authorities in the field (Graham Avery, Firat Cengiz, Nathaniel Copsey, Ana Juncos, Valentina Kostandinova, Tereza Novotna, David Phinnemore and Michael Roberts). The seminar examined all of the ten questions in the FCO's call for evidence which covers the impact of enlargement on the national interest, the process of EU enlargement and future options and challenges.



The FCO commended the University of Birmingham for the event which it deemed, 'a resounding success, generating a comprehensive high-quality piece of evidence that will be invaluable when it comes to producing the final report.' Tim Haughton, who organized the event, commented, 'The seminar not only shows the expertise and connections of the School of Government and Society in the field of EU enlargement, but showcased the commitment of the School to policy-relevant scholarship and feeding into the big issues of the day'.