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Title of the lecture:

**BREXIT 2020: CAUSES, IMPLICATIONS AND FUTURE SCENARIO'S
The most serious threat in the history of the European Union**

Description of the lecture:

After three years of heavy and devastating discussions in the United Kingdom (UK) and in the European Union (EU) the Brexit was finally decided in December 2019. That means the decision for a Brexit was taken by the two parties: the UK and the EU. But now the most important, difficult and uncertain phase just started: the specific conditions and regulations of the Brexit. Will there be a deal and if so, what will be the precise terms? Whatever the outcome, Brexit will turn out to be the most serious threat in the political-economic history of the EU as well as that of the UK.

In addition the Brexit also has severe implications for the existing trade balance in the world. Therefore, getting a fundamental understanding of the Brexit developments, past and present, is not only important for the EU and the UK itself, but also for the major trading countries in East Asia, such as China, South Korea and Japan. Also those countries will be strongly affected by the Brexit and its implications.

This lecture aims to give the audience a better understanding of the major Brexit complexities. First of all the difficult and laborious history of the Brexit will be dealt with. The second part of the lecture will describe the current state of affairs. The third part is devoted to outline the major consequences of the Brexit.

Throughout all three lecture parts the implications of the Brexit will be described for the EU, the UK itself and for the major trading countries in East Asia, including Japan.

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Studied in three parts of the world in Europe (Utrecht University), in the USA (Yale) and in Japan (University of Tokyo). He became professor of Business Culture and European Integration at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. He was founder and director of the Center for Japanese Studies at the same university. He is currently Research Professor of the Clingendael Institute of International Relations in the Hague, the Netherlands. He is also frequently guest professor in East Asia. In January 2020 he was awarded a decoration by the Emperor of Japan: the Order of the Rising Sun, for his endeavors to stimulate (university) cooperation between Japan and the Netherlands.