



## “Reconfiguring European states in crisis, the case of the post Brexit state”

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### Abstract

Following comparative studies on statehood in Europe (including the book I edited with Desmond King, "Reconfiguration European states in crisis"), this seminar interprets, and attempts to explain the dynamics governing the reconfiguration of the British State in the wake of Brexit and the covid crisis. These dynamics have operated against a decade-long backdrop of austerity and then the explosion of the Covid-19 pandemic. Leaving the European Union (EU) raised a number of existential questions for the United Kingdom. The presentation will first briefly describe the consequences of Brexit on the institutions, government, and policies of the United Kingdom, with the latter's exit from the EU leading to the country's "de-Europeanization" — or at the very least, to another kind of Europeanization. Secondly, this process has produced a re-nationalization of political authority, with power increasingly being centralized in England to the detriment of other territories and the judicial system as a whole. Ultimately, Brexit poses a challenge to the British conception of statehood and opens the door to conservative political entrepreneurs who are keen to propose another model: a State that is centralized, English, neoliberal, and globalized.

### About the Speaker

Patrick Le Galès, is CNRS Research Professor of Politics and Sociology, at Sciences Po Paris, at the Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics. He is the founding Dean of Sciences Po Urban School and he chairs the “Cities are back in town” research group. He is a former editor of the *International Journal of Urban and regional Research*, a past president of SASE (*Society for Advanced Socio economics*), and current coeditor and the *European Journal of Sociology*. He is a member of the scientific committee of CNRS, a fellow of the British Academy, a member of the Academia Europea.

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**Recent Publications include:**

*Reconfiguring European states in crisis*, (avec D.King), Oxford University Press 2017 ; “High priced metropolis as generators of inequality, a comparison between Paris, London, New York and San Francisco” , *Daedalus*, vol 148, (3) (with P.Pierson) 2018; *Que se Gobierna ? El caso de la ciudad de Mexico*, Colmex (avec V .Uglada) 2018; *Globalising minds, roots in the city, Upper middle classes in European cities*, (with A.Andreotti et J.Moreno Fuentes) Wiley, 2016; «Work in London, love in Paris: middle class mobility over the Channel Tunnel», *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, (avec C.Barwick) 2020 ; *Gouverner la ville numérique*, (avec A.Courmont) PUF 2019 ; « À la recherche du politique dans les villes ». *Raisons politiques*, (3) 2020 ; *Gouverner la métropole parisienne*, Presses de Sciences Po 2020 ; « The rise of local politics, a global review », *Annual Review of Political science*, vol 24 2021