Opening Event of the VU Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies (VICES)

10th of January 2018

Location: Auditorium (first floor of the main building), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Europe’s Future: United or Divided?

9.30 am-10 am: Coffee & Registration

10.00 am-10.15 am: Opening & Welcome

10.15 am-12.15 pm: Round Table 1: Europe’s Challenges for 2019 and after: Brexit & European Parliamentary Elections

Chair: Catherine E. De Vries, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, VU Amsterdam

Speakers

Sara Hobolt, Professor Department of Government London School of Economics & Political Science (confirmed)

Isabell Hoffmann, Head on eupinions, Bertelsmann Foundation (confirmed)

Rem Korteweg, Head of the Europe in the World unit at Clingendael Research (confirmed)

Stefanie Walter, Professor in Department of Political Science, University of Zurich (confirmed)

12.15-13.30 pm: Lunch

13.30 pm-14.30 pm: Keynote: Navigating Brexit

Simon Kuper, Financial Times (confirmed) followed by Q &A

14.30 pm-14.45 pm: Coffee break
14.45 pm - 16.45 pm: **Round Table 2: The European Union: Where are we heading?**

Chair: Gareth Davies, Department of Law, VU Amsterdam

**Speakers**

Kalypso Nicolaidis, Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations. University of Oxford (confirmed)

Harm Schepel, Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent (confirmed)

Brigid Laffan, Head of the Robert Schumann Centre, European University Institute (confirmed)

Charlie Dannreuther, Lecturer in European Political Economy, School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds (confirmed)

16.45 pm - 17.00 pm: **Closing Remarks**

Gareth Davies & Catherine E. de Vries (Co-directors of VU Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies)

17.00 - 18.00 pm: Drinks reception

18.30 pm: **Dinner** for invited participants