

**Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Brexit and Scotland's economy - investment, international relationships and policy priorities**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Christine Jardine MP**, Member, Scottish Affairs Committee
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Scotland and Brexit: the policy priorities**  
**Michael Russell MSP**, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, The Scottish Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.40 **Challenges for Scotland's post-Brexit economy - competitiveness, investment and the labour market**
- An overview of the legal ramifications of Brexit in Scotland  
**Lynda Towers**, Director of Public Law, Morton Fraser Lawyers
- Assessing the impact of Brexit on higher education in Scotland  
**Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Robert Gordon University
- Key issues for Scotland's financial services industry  
**Jonathan de Beer**, Senior Adviser to the Director General, Association of British Insurers
- Priorities for the agricultural sector  
**Jonnie Hall**, Director of Policy and Member Services, NFU Scotland
- Challenges and opportunities for Scottish business after Brexit  
**Tracy Black**, Director, CBI Scotland
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Christine Jardine MP**, Member, Scottish Affairs Committee
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Alex Neil MSP**, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Brexit
- 11.20 - 11.30 **Developing Scotland as a post-Brexit business partner**  
**David Watson**, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission
- 11.30 - 12.25 **Opportunities for international trade - supporting exporters, accessing new markets and long-term planning**
- Challenges and opportunities for fisheries in Scotland's post-Brexit economy  
**Bertie Armstrong**, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- Next steps for accessing new markets after Brexit  
**Andy McDonald**, Director for Europe, Scottish Development International
- Priorities for exporters in a post-Brexit Scotland  
**Martin Bell**, Deputy Director of Global Affairs, Scotch Whisky Association
- Questions and comments from the floor with **David Watson**, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Scotland's economy and the global market**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
**Alex Neil MSP**, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Brexit  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences