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The
‘DEMOCRATIC INTELLECT’
or the
‘ZOMBIE UNIVERSITY’?



Academics as intellectuals in the debates over

BREXIT

Introduce

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This lecture will examine the ways in which UK academics have engaged with the debates over Brexit, situating this account within the context of the UK higher education landscape, characterised as it is by a series of governmental policy changes which have sought to re-categorise university education as a private not a public good. Such changes have made it much harder for UK academics to feel that they have a public role, and a public voice, in such public matters as Brexit. But the pressure of events is also changing these relationships: the lecture will end by considering if the imagined distance between the ‘expert’ and the ‘citizen’ is now reducing.