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Brexit reading list: legal and constitutional issues

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Summary

In the referendum on 23 June 2016, a majority of the UK electorate voted to leave the EU. UK withdrawal from the EU – usually described as ‘Brexit’ – has been the subject of a great deal of comment in books, journal articles, press reports and blogs.

This paper provides information on and/or links to a selection of analysis and comment on:

- the EU referendum (for a pre-referendum reading list, see Commons Briefing Paper 7220, [Reading list on UK-EU relations 2013-16: reform, renegotiation, withdrawal](#), 24 June 2016)
- constitutional and legal issues surrounding UK withdrawal
- the triggering of Article 50 of the *Treaty on European Union* (TEU), which will start the withdrawal process
- the High Court Judgement on *Miller v. Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union*
- the role of the UK Parliament in triggering the process and in the negotiations
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