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Brexit reading list: defence and security

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Summary

In the referendum on 23 June 2016, a majority of those who voted chose 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 links to a selection of analysis and comment on defence and security related matters.

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