



The National Liberal Club Political & Economic Forum

has great pleasure in inviting you to

“Europe after the Brexit vote: the case of the Baltic States”

on

Monday, 26th September 2016, from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Lord Chidgey will preside and Guest Speakers are:

HE Asta Skaisgiryte, Lithuanian Ambassador to the UK

Rt. Hon. Tom Brake MP, Liberal Democrat Foreign Affairs Spokesperson

Baroness (Judith) Jolly, Liberal Democrat Defence Spokesperson

Vytis Jurkonis, Freedom House, Lithuania

The Baltic States - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, regained their independence from the Soviet Union in 1990-91, making rapid progress in political and economic reforms, becoming EU and NATO members in 2004.

Russia’s increasingly aggressive posture, annexation of Crimea and continued destabilising activities in Eastern Ukraine has led to increased fears about security of NATO’s Eastern member states, including the Baltic States.

In response, NATO decided to strengthen its deterrence measures and to increase its military presence in the Baltic States and Poland.

At the latest summit in Warsaw in July 2016, NATO leaders agreed to deploy four multinational battalion-sized battle groups in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland in 2017.

The UK announced that it will lead the battalion to be deployed in Estonia, Germany – in Lithuania, Canada – in Latvia, and the US – in Poland. This decision sends clear signal about NATO’s determination and readiness to respond swiftly to any aggression against any NATO Ally. The question remains if this will be enough to calm down Russia, or will NATO have to step up its presence in the Baltic’s in the future.

Open to all members and invited guests, no charge to attend, Cash Bar will be available from 6.30pm.

BOOKING FORM

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