

Should Britain Leave the EU?

An Economic Analysis of a Troubled Relationship, Second Edition

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This second edition brings up to date a thorough review of all economic aspects of the UK's relationship with the EU, which also puts it in the political context of the upcoming referendum. It notes the intention of the EU to move to 'ever closer union' and the nature of the regulatory and general economic philosophy of the dominant countries of the EU whose writ is enforced by qualified majority voting. The book highlights the UK dilemma that, while extending free markets to its local region is attractive, this philosophy and intended union are substantially at odds with the UK's traditions of free markets and freedom under the common law.

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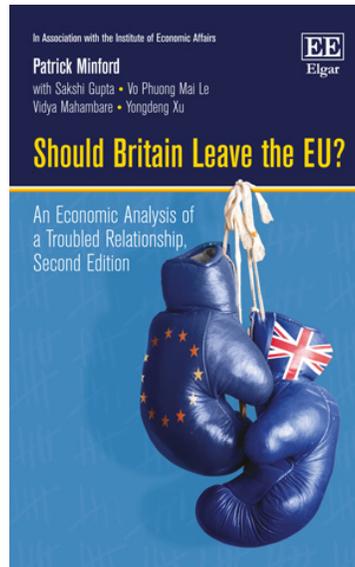
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