

# Economics of Policy Issues

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Assignment Details

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# Brexit Debate



- Focus on economic arguments. Focus mostly on the economics arguments for candidates most preferred direction, and a little on how to get there (procedural, timing, politics).
- No references to scandal, moral issues etc.
- Humor allowed but no marks for it.
- If you can not find information on key topics you can innovate a little.
- Resources:
  - Candidate party/politician websites
  - Reviews of candidate economic policies by independent think tanks.
  - Speeches and media.
  - If required you can go back to first principles to define arguments.
- Focus should always be on convincing arguments, details and evidence to back up your points.
- Moderator will organise debate, start on time, report of pre and post polling should be presented in lectures after debate(s).

# Debate Participants

(9 volunteers needed per debate)

1. T. May, Conservative
2. B. Johnson, Conservative
3. N. Farage, UKIP
4. J. Corbyn, Labour Party
5. D. Cameron, Former Prime Minister
6. D. Tusk, President of the European Council
7. A. Merkel, German Chancellor
8. L. Varadkar, Prime Minister of Ireland.
9. Moderator

# Policy Paper Topics

1. Targeted Children's Allowance in Ireland: Ending Universality
2. Funding Crisis at Third Level: Should We Reintroduce Fees?
3. Solutions to Dublin's Rental Crisis
4. Poverty and Single Parents: The State's Response
5. Options for Encouraging Private Pensions
6. Solutions to Dublin's Homelessness Crisis
7. Reform of Ireland's Voting System: A Review of the Options

