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Brexit and Northern Ireland: The Constitutional, Conflict Transformation, Human Rights and Equality Consequences (BrexitLawNI)

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Overview

- Project Introduction
- Context
- Background and Issues
- Preliminary Recommendations



Project Introduction

Six key themes:

- Peace Process
- North-South relations
- Border
- Xenophobia and racism
- Socioeconomic rights
- Human Rights and equality



Context

- The vote
- Voting patterns
- Political schisms and instability
- The Border and sovereignty



Background: Socioeconomic rights

- Equality law
- EU support for economic and social development
- Common travel area and associated rights

Background: Human Rights and Equality

- Rights, Safeguards and Equality of Opportunity
- EU rights including the EU Charter
- Equivalence



Preliminary recommendations: Socioeconomic rights

- Withdrawal Bill – explicit protections for rights and equality
- Reform to equality law including Single Equality Act
- Section 75 of the NIA

Preliminary recommendations: Human Rights and equality

- Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Bill of Rights
- All-island Charter of Rights





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