The deadline for Brexit – the first time a member state has ever left the European Union – is just days away, on 29 March. What are the causes of this extraordinary development? Why have the negotiations gone up to the cliff’s edge? Is there still a chance of a second referendum? And how does this very British (some would say specifically English) development fit into the wider crisis of the European project, including populism in Italy, Hungary and Poland, the state of the Eurozone, the refugee crisis, the challenge from Vladimir Putin, the ‘yellow vest’ protests in France, and much more?

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