



BREXIT A CONSEQUENCE OF COMBINING CONSTITUTIONALISM,
NATIONALISM AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION:
A WAKEUP CALL FOR THE ECOWAS STATES

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ABSTRACT

The United Kingdom became a member of the European Economic Community (EEC) on January 1, 1973 thus, qualified to join several other associated European institutions including the European Court of Justice. One of the key implications of subscribing to the EEC Treaty was that the EEC laws became an integral part of the United Kingdom domestic laws, in compliance with the European Communities Act 1972. From 1972 onward for more than 40 years, a great number of the British citizens have expressed concerns over the erosion of their national identity and the decaying national sovereignty as the European Union (EU) expanded geographically, politically and legally. In December 2015, the United Kingdom Parliament enacted the European Union Referendum Act. On 23 June 2016, the majority of the citizens voted in favour of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union via a referendum. This paper explores the reasons for the departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union and, argues that, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) which is developing in exact model as the European Union, will face the same challenges in the near future except it learn from the errors of the European Union and re-configure its organisation.

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