

Imagine Europe – Europe in Film

16 February 2022

18:00 Østria

“Brexit – The Uncivil War”

Brexit - The Uncivil War, directed by Toby Haynes, is a high-paced Cinéma vérité-styled, humorous political drama about The United Kingdom's 2016 referendum resulting in the Brits leaving the European Union.

Benedict Cumberbatch stars as the eccentric, thick-skinned and highly intellectual Chief strategist Dominic Cummings and his ruthless and obnoxious leadership of the leave campaign. The film portrays Cummings' cunning plotting and the struggle between him and his worst enemy - the Downing Street Director of Communications Craig Oliver (excellently portrayed by Rory Kinnear) - for the remain campaign.

Duration of the film: 92 minutes

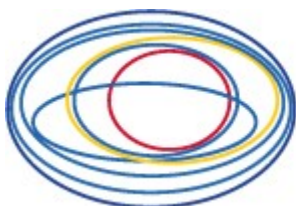
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The Uncivil War touches upon multiple interesting questions about modern political life from alliances and backstabbing, storytelling and framing to the advent of big data and algorithms in political campaign targeting and financing – alluding to the Cambridge Analytica scandal and the Trump campaign. The film is a great example of a 21st century political drama, laced with humour and finesse but it also, on a more sincere level, reveals one of the perhaps most deep-seated contemporary concerns of Western democracies; that of increasing societal polarization.

The event is part of UiA's teaching activities. The film is introduced and discussed by:

- **Erik Mustad**, Associate Professor at UiA, Department of Foreign Languages and Translation
- **Frans af Malmberg**, PhD Research Fellow at UiA, Department of Political Science and Management



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