

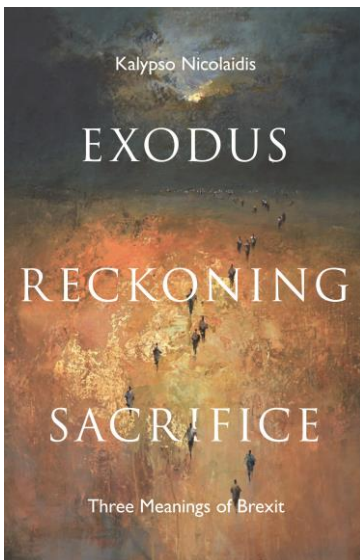
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BOOK LAUNCH AND DEBATE ABOUT GREEK AND BIBLICAL MYTHOLOGY, POLITICS AND BREXIT by Kalypso Nicolaidis

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Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis is one of the foremost experts on Brexit and on the EU. She has a “wise man” for the European Council and is currently chair of Oxford University Working Group on Brexit.

In her new book, published through crowdfunding by Unbound, she steps out of the bounds of traditional academia to offer a unique take both on Brexit and on the power of mythical stories to frame our democratic conversation. She conjures up three archetypes to explore the competing visions that have clashed so dramatically over the meaning of Brexit, whether as the ultimate demonstration of British exceptionalism, a harbinger of terrible truths for the EU and the West or a sacrifice on the altar of EU unity.

While she castigates the European project for its failure to accommodate the longings of the continent in all their glorious variety, she contends with the ironic possibility that after and perhaps because of Brexit, the EU will live up to the pluralist ideals that define both the best of Britain and the best of Europe.

Ultimately, the book offers a plea for a smarter, kinder Brexit 2.0. and for acknowledging each other’s stories, with their many variants, ambiguities and contradictions.

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