

# BREXIT AND THE RESURGENCE OF SOVEREIGNTY

## IMPLICATIONS FOR THE AIR TRANSPORT INDUSTRY?

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# THE POTENTIAL OF THE AIR TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

2017 = over 4 billion passengers

2037 = over 8 billion passengers



# THE RESURGENCE OF SOVEREIGNTY

Sovereignty is an abstract concept

Sovereignty expresses supremacy within a State and outside of it

Sovereignty is the defining characteristic of a State

Sovereignty is inextricably linked with the State

Sovereignty is resurging along with nationalism

## THE RISE OF NATIONALISM

‘Nationalism’ describes the apolitical will of a determinate group of people to decide for itself and by itself, and to be able to do so freely

‘Nationalism’, at present, is misattributed



## BREXIT: A CASE IN POINT?

Reasons why people voted for Brexit

**49% (Lord Ashcroft)**

- Decisions about the UK should be taken in the UK

**45% (YouGov)**

- Better balance between Britain's right to act independently and the appropriate level of cooperation with other States

**30% (British Election Study)**

- Sovereignty/EU bureaucracy

# THE ROLE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN AVIATION

Art. 1 Chicago Convention of 1944

Art. 6 Chicago Convention of 1944

Bilateral air services agreements





## THE EVOLUTION OF BILATERAL ASAs

From liberal (1940s) to restrictive (1970s) to liberal (1990s)

Parallel evolution with the evolution of the concept of sovereignty in aviation

Result of international politics and relations along the years

From peace (1940s) to tension (1970s) to stimulation (1990s)

How will bilateral ASAs evolve based on the motion of global politics?



# THE UK-US BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

New bilateral air services agreement on 28 November 2018

Mellow interpretation and application of the principle of sovereignty

Protects the \$65 billion trading relationship between UK and US



## CONCLUSION

The resurgence of sovereignty and the rise of nationalism are not likely to pose a grave threat to the air transport industry

Governments are set to gain \$136 billion in tax revenues

The symbiotic relationship that nationalism and sovereignty may enjoy ceases to function successfully upon entering the realm of aviation