

# ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY WITH PROFESSOR SARAH HALL

## TALKING POINTS

### KNOWLEDGE

1. What are financial services?
2. Where are the most important centres of finance in the UK and the EU?
3. What were the economic arguments given for and against Brexit?

### COMPREHENSION

4. How significant are financial services for the UK economy?
5. Why has Brexit made it more difficult for UK firms to offer financial services to EU customers?

### APPLICATION

6. If you were the head of a London-based financial services company, how would you respond to the challenges of Brexit?

### ANALYSIS

7. Why does economic activity become concentrated in certain locations?
8. Why do you think trade is strongest between nations that are geographically close?

### SYNTHESIS

9. How would you design the government's post-Brexit economic strategy?

### EVALUATION

10. Sarah emphasises the importance of being impartial when studying politically divisive topics like Brexit. Do you think there are situations when researchers should take a side and allow their own opinions to influence their research? If so, when and why? If not, why not?
11. How do you think the finance sector can help address global challenges such as climate change and future pandemics?

## ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME OR IN THE CLASSROOM

Make a list of popular places to eat out near your school or in your neighbourhood. These could be takeaways, restaurants or coffee shops. What kind of people patronise each of these shops? Are there differences in location or menu that could attract a different customer base? Sketch a map of your local dining economy!

Economic geography is the basis of numerous games. One popular example is the board game Settlers of Catan, in which players build and expand their settlements by developing their access to geographically located resources such as mines, coastlines and fertile agricultural land. Play Settlers of Catan (you can access a digital version online at [www.catan.com/catan-universe](http://www.catan.com/catan-universe)) or design your own board game based on economic geography.

## MORE RESOURCES

- Read Sarah's blog posts for UK in a Changing Europe: [www.ukandeu.ac.uk/author/shall](http://www.ukandeu.ac.uk/author/shall)
- Why is London so dominant in the UK economy and international finance? Find out in this short documentary film 'The Economy of London – The financial capital of Europe?' [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcGg1A3bOg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcGg1A3bOg)
- Geography affects the economy not only on Earth, but in space as well! The UK Space Agency is planning seven commercial spaceports in the UK. Read about how their locations were chosen based on access to key orbits and impact on the local environment: [assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/983775/4156\\_A5\\_brochure\\_UKSA\\_Spaceport\\_Broch\\_V2\\_TC\\_Folder\\_WEB\\_PDF\\_4156\\_A5\\_brochure\\_UKSA\\_Spaceport\\_Broch\\_TC\\_Web\\_\\_1\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/983775/4156_A5_brochure_UKSA_Spaceport_Broch_V2_TC_Folder_WEB_PDF_4156_A5_brochure_UKSA_Spaceport_Broch_TC_Web__1_.pdf)
- Interested in the economic geography of climate change? Watch this short introduction, 'The Harsh Economics of Climate Change', by Economics Explained: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nGYkH9ifzM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nGYkH9ifzM)

HEAD TO SARAH'S FUTURUM WEBPAGE FOR AN ANIMATION ABOUT HER RESEARCH:

[www.futurumcareers.com/how-is-brexit-affecting-the-uks-economy](http://www.futurumcareers.com/how-is-brexit-affecting-the-uks-economy)