The idea of an alliance between the UK and the old Commonwealth colonies has made a comeback in the context of Brexit. Some media have reported that one of the prominent partisans of Brexit in Theresa May's Cabinet, Liam Fox, referred to Brexit as 'Empire 2.0' in a meeting of Commonwealth ministers. Has Brexit created in the UK the opportunity for the resurrection of forms of national nostalgia which have been present but marginal in British politics since the 1950s?

Kenny and Pearce trace the historical origins and legacy of what they call the idea of Anglosphere in British politics. They do it in a very concise and detailed way, which makes this book useful to scholars, students, but also to every reader who wants to reflect not only on the short term but also long term effects of British history on Brexit. The book is built around seven chronological chapters with started in the 19th century to finish in the very contemporary period. For the two authors, the idea of Anglosphere found its roots in the Victorian period. It has then been present inside the Conservative Party with more or less relevance according to the periods. For instance,...
I found this a fascinating read, an excellent review of the concept of the Anglosphere in history, and a deep disappointment on extending its applicability into the future. The author shows a touching faith in the US, believing that Trump sees the UK as an important point of reference, instead of another market to be bullied into submission.