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Nick Watt has worked in national journalism for more than 30 years, reporting on UK and EU politics.

In 2016, Nick became the Political Editor of Newsnight on BBC2. Before joining the BBC, Nick worked as the Guardian's Chief Political Correspondent and as its European Editor based in Brussels. He started his career at The Times where he worked as a Political Correspondent and as Ireland Correspondent based in Belfast.

Nick has covered seven UK general elections, two Scottish referendums and two UK-wide referendums. In recent years Nick has gained extensive experience speaking at and chairing events in the political sphere and beyond. He has won praise for his witty and authoritative approach.

Since moving full time into the world of broadcasting, Nick has become a familiar figure across BBC television and radio, reporting on the rollercoaster of UK politics since the Brexit referendum. This has seen five prime ministers come and go. He regularly appears on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, the World at One, PM and the World Tonight.

Nick can also be heard chewing the fat about the political world as a presenter of the Westminster Hour on Radio 4 on Sunday nights.

Nick's lively updates have won widespread praise for providing illuminating insights into the rows behind the scenes. T-shirts were printed in Germany after a stand out moment in his Brexit coverage, quoting the earthy language used by a cabinet minister to explain why Theresa May kept on losing Brexit parliamentary votes.

Jack Blanchard, who writes the Politico London Playbook, has described Nick's reports as "always immaculately sourced and well worth a listen."

Nick's interests have long extended beyond Westminster. He helped to anchor the Guardian's coverage of the war in Kosovo and the Iraq war. As the Guardian's Europe Editor he travelled round Eastern Europe examining the impact of the EU on the new members states.



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“Nick was one of our strongest chairs - it was great to see him getting really involved with the Q+A and providing his own insights on the topics he was chairing. Very engaging and highly successful in my view!”

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“Nick was brilliant, as you would imagine, and great to have him along.”

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