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25 - 27 June

[Analyzing the Evolution of Policy Agendas: In Europe and North America](#) (Mini-Symposium organised by the Montesquieu Instituut, Amsterdam, NL)

7-11 July

[The Role of Women in International Affairs: A Transatlantic Perspective](#) (Training course organised by the Italian Cultural Institute (IIC), the University of Rome Tor Vergata and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, IIC, Brussels)

Call for Papers: Deadline 7 June 2013

[50 years of Ankara Association: between transition and constitution?](#) (Workshop organised by the Amsterdam Center for European Law and Governance (University of Amsterdam) and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Amsterdam, NL)

Vacancy

[Lecturer in European Studies \(with specialism in External Relations EU\)](#) (University of Portsmouth,UK)

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