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# (10 – 16 December 2012)

* ***EU ENLARGEMENT***

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* ***EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY***

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| **13 December** | MEPs say Egypt should not succumb to authoritarian reflexes and must protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all of its citizens ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **16 December** | EU and Singapore agree on landmark trade deal ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Library Briefing** | EU-US trade agreement: the issues of consumer protection and food safety (by C.-C. Cîrlig) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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| **EUROSTAT** | Workers' remittances in the EU27 nearly EUR 40 billion transferred by migrants to their country of origin in 2011 ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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* ***EU – Human Rights***

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| **13 December** | MEPs say Israel's plans to build 3 000 new settlement units in the West Bank and East Jerusalem would make a two-state solution impossible ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **EP Study** | Israeli settler violence in Palestine (by M. Pahlmblad) ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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| **7 – 9 January 2013** | Political Representation in the History of International Organisations and European Integration (Conference organised by Aarhus University, Aarhus, DK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **13 – 23 January 2013** | MATRA Pre-Accession Training Programme (MATRA PATROL) – Strengthening Institutional capacity in the Rule of Law - Quality, implementation and enforcement of legislation (Training Programme organised by T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **18 – 19 January 2013** | Doing Law beyond the State: Exploring Research Methodologies in EU and International Law (Workshop organised by the University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **31 January – 1 February 2013** | How to Set Up and Implement a Successful Twinning Project in EU Candidate, Potential Candidate and Neighbourhood Countries (Seminar organised by the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **1 February 2013** | CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking? (Workshop organised by University of Surrey, UK) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **8 - 9 February 2013** | Europe’s Vision Twenty Years after Maastricht (Conference organised by **Georgetown University** in **Washington, DC, US)** Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **21-22 February 2013** | Thinking out of the Box: Devising New European Policies to Face the Arab Spring (Conference organised by University of Minho, Braga, PT) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **22 February** **2013** | The External Dimension of EU Counter-terrorism Policy (Conference organised by the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) and the International Centre for Counter Terrorism (ICCT)-The Hague in cooperation with the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Brussels, BE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **19 April 2013** | EU environmental norms and third countries: the EU as a global role model? (Workshop organised by the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the European Environmental Law (EEL) Network, The Hague, NL) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **5 – 8 June 2013** | New Approaches to Understanding Contemporary Global Energy Relations 5 – 8 June 2013 (Workshop organised by the European International Studies Association, Tartu, EE) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **Call for submissions: 21 December 2012** | Strategic Partnership? EU-China Relations under a New Leadership 4 – 5 March 2013 (Workshop organised by EU-China Collaborative Research Network, Beijing, CN) Description: Description: ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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