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| **9-10 May** | ‘The State of the Union’, Conference organised by European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **14-16 May** | ‘Comparing and contrasting “Europeanization”: concepts and experiences’, Conference organised by the Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER/IDOS), Athens, Greece ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
| **17-18 May** | ‘International Conference on European Debt Crisis’, Annual conference organised by the Centre of European Studies (CES) of Kirklareli University, Kirklareli, Turkey ArticlesIcon1.jpg |
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| **19 June** | ‘Legal Approximation and Application of EU law in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the European Union: Towards a Common Regulatory Space?’, Conference organised by Ghent University, Ghent, BE ArticlesIcon1.jpg |

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