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Monday, June 15, 2015

Monday, June 22, 2015

Both events at  
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**PART ONE, Monday June 15**

### **Is Catalonia Going to Be Independent?**

Carme Colomina, CIDOB, Barcelona

### **The Baltic States and the Conflict in Ukraine**

Tomas Jermalavicius, ICDS, Tallinn

**PART TWO, Monday June 22**

### **Scotland, the UK and the EU**

Mark Shephard, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

### **Austerity and Politics in Greece**

Tania Bozaninou, 'To Vima', Athens

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