

Germany, the EU, and the United States in a New Geoeconomic Order

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After 80 years of a reasonably stable post-war international economic order held together by both common rules and U.S. engagement, the world is shifting to uncharted territory where the assertion of national power—most notably from the United States—is challenging this order at a time when established institutions like the World Trade Organization are already less effective at promoting broad-based prosperity. As a response to this new geoeconomic reality, as well as a changing national security landscape, Chancellor Friedrich Merz has proposed overhauling the country's fiscal rules to allow for hitherto unthinkable increases in spending on both infrastructure and defense. Will the new government bring about a more dynamic and strategically focused Germany that will play a leading role in building the European Union's competitiveness in future-defining technologies and developing European independence vis-à-vis the United States? This event will address the changing dynamics of the global economy, the impact of the new Trump administration's positioning, and the radical changes underway in Germany to reverse years of economic drift and stagnation.

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