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Abstract

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Speech of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany. View of Asia in Germany all too often obscured by the Eurocentric outlook on the world shaped by a historical era that has now passed. Importance of Asia to Germany. Evolution of stable political structures in Asia. Europe's interest in political stability in Asia. Increase in German trade with Asian countries. Although Germany's political and economic relations with Asia present quite a favourable picture, they are not entirely satisfactory.