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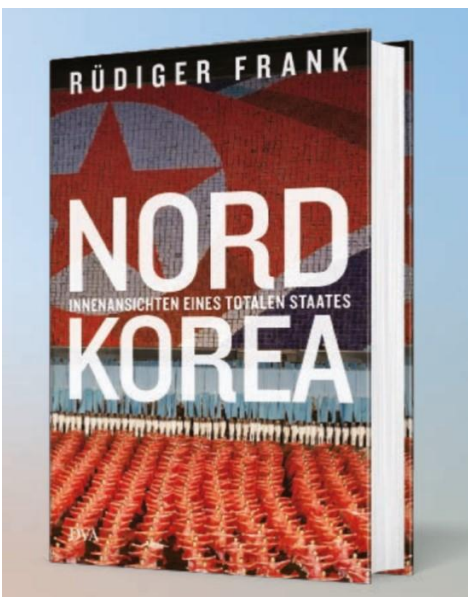


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Update on Korean Unification: Recent Trends and the Relevance of the German Case

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Abstract: Korea remains divided more than 70 years after the Japanese surrender in 1945. This situation is seen as abnormal by almost all Koreans and their neighbors. At the same time, enthusiasm to actually achieve unification is limited. Some actors seem to prefer the status quo, being worried about the prospect of a strong and more outward-oriented unified Korea or a deteriorating situation on the peninsula. North Korea plays a key role in such considerations. It will thus be asked how far the chances for unification have changed since the emergence of Kim Jong Un as the Leader of North Korea, and whether the German example, which has been studied intensely and is often presented as a blueprint, is indeed of relevance for the Korean case.

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