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## Germany's Role in EU-Turkey Relations: A Status Quo Power?

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This lecture, building on a study with Senem Aydın-Düzgit, examines Germany's influence within the EU and the broader European neighbourhood, and analyses the type of actor that it is evolving into. It presents a longitudinal analysis of Germany's rule of law and fundamental rights support in Turkey. Based on semi-structured interviews with German policymakers, along with official statements, documents, and media reports, the lecture argues that Germany's response to Turkey's democratic trajectory exemplifies Germany as a 'status quo power' in Europe, with governments only taking measures if they perceive a significant threat to Germany or the EU.

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