German Unification amidst European Disintegration: How Does Germany Position Itself towards Europe, Russia, and the Immigration Crisis?

with

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Twenty-five years after Germany’s reunification, international pressure is testing the unity of Europe. As European borders close in response to the refugee crisis, walls are proposed along the Baltic States to guard against an increasingly aggressive Russia, and global economic uncertainty roils the international order, how does a unified Germany respond to the growing challenges?

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5:30pm – 6:00pm – Refreshments
6:00pm – 7:30pm – Lecture and Discussion
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