
**FEAR, POWER POLITICS AND MIGRATION: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GERMANY'S
'WELCOME CULTURE'?**

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As Germany debates new asylum restrictions and far-right parties gain ground, migration has become a symbol of broader fears about an unstable world.

Ten years ago, Germany symbolised Europes Willkommenskultur [Welcome Culture].

Chancellor Angela Merkels decision to open borders to refugees in 2015 was framed as a moral and historical responsibility. Public discourse centred on solidarity, integration and humanitarian duty.

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