

367ISS Post-War Germany: From Division to Unification and Beyond

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This module explores the political and economic history of the German nation from its division at the end of the Second World War to its reunification in 1990 and beyond. The particular geographic and political situation of Germany on the frontline in the cold war made her a test case for East-West relations, until the fall of the Berlin Wall gave her the opportunity to bring a century shaped by German aggression to a peaceful close. The module examines the international significance of the two German states and their internal developments over the 40 years of division, and the social and economic impact of the subsequent unification on the nation as a whole. In addition, Germany's attempts to exorcise the ghosts of its National Socialist and Stasi past are explored, as well as the re-surgence of the Left and the Right as political movements in the more recent past.

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