

# Germany's role during the EU Refugee crisis and the road ahead



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More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as countries struggled to cope with the influx, and creating division in the EU over how best to deal with resettling people. The EU crisis border closures and a March 2016 deal with Turkey led to a significant decline in arrivals of migrants and asylum seekers by sea to Greece compared to 2015, while boat migration from North Africa to Italy kept pace with previous years.

Despite the 'temporary' relief, the European Union countries have failed to take collective action to share responsibility equitably for asylum seekers or to create safe and legal channels to Europe. At the same time, political hardliners and extremists are on the rise. Their successes are fueled by the insecurity of many citizens due to the accumulation of terrorist attacks in recent times. This lecture offers an objective, politically unbiased view on the key challenges the EU, and Germany in particular, currently faces and what the options are to identify possible solutions for tackling this gigantic challenge.

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