Zeitgeist. What does it mean to be German in the 21st century? (2010 - 13)

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What does Germany mean to the rest of the world now? What do we make of a nation that merged two states into one, is home to the 2009 Nobel literary prizewinner, and has pursued the European project in all its cultural, political, and financial forms?

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- approaches to the economy
- what's happening to German as a language?
- memory and memorials: the engagement with the past
- Germany's "European vocation"
- culture and multiculture
- literature and film

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