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Preface

Our purpose in *Developments in German Politics 2* is to provide a series of assessments of current trends in the Federal Republic in what can be described as the 'second phase' of unification. The first phase – the process of reunification and its immediate aftermath – was the subject of the 1992 edition of *Developments in German Politics*. The problems and perspectives are now somewhat different, and all the contributions to the present volume are entirely new.

Inevitably textbooks are frequently overtaken by events. In drawing largely on current material that is often available only in journal articles and German-language publications, the book seeks to give up-to-date accounts of leading issues. Nevertheless the discussion of individual topics is combined with sufficient background information to make the book accessible for readers who do not have a detailed knowledge of German politics.

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Glossary of Party Abbreviations and Political Terms

Party Abbreviations

Bündis '90	Alliance '90
CDU	Christlich Demokratische Union (Christian Democratic Union)
CSU	Christlich-Soziale Union (Christian-Social Union)
FDP	Freie Demokratische Partei (Free Democratic Party)
PDS	Party for Democratic Socialism (former SED)
SED	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (Social Democratic Party of Germany)

Other Abbreviations

BDA	Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände (Federation of German Employers' Associations)
BDI	Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie
BKA	Bundeskriminalamt (Federal Criminal Police Office)
CSCE	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
DGB	Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (Federation of German Trade Unions)
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EMU	Economic and monetary union
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
GDP	Gross domestic product
GDR	German Democratic Republic
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
UN	United Nations
VDI	Verein Deutscher Ingenieure
WEU	Western European Union

Political Terms

Bundesbank	Federal Bank
Bundesrat	Upper house of federal parliament
Bundestag	Lower house of federal parliament
Bundeswehr	Federal armed forces
Land (pl. Länder)	Federal constituent state
Mittelstand	Middle class
Ostpolitik	Policy towards the East
Rechtsstaat	State based on the rule of law
Sicherheitspolitik	Security policy
Sonderweg	Special path
Sozialstaat	'Socially responsible' state
Stasi	East German secret police
Stattpartei	Alternative Party
Technologierat	A round table for technology policies
Treuhand	Public Trustee Office
Volkskammer	People's Assembly (GDR)
Volkspartei	People's party
Volkspolizei	People's Police

MAP 1 *Map of the Federal Republic and the Länder*