

## **GERMAN – RUSSIAN RELATIONSHIPS AFTER MERKEL AND PUTIN**

### **Abstract**

Germany-Russia relations remain crucial for the future new international order. Equally crucial in these relations is the strong legitimacy of the German Chancellor and the Russian President in the political systems of their countries, and thus the significant role of the current leaders of these countries, Angela Merkel and Vladimir Putin. Meanwhile, there is a very dynamic prospect that both politicians will end their positions. The change in Russia's constitution approved by the referendum gives Vladimir Putin the opportunity to hold office until 2036. In Germany, on the other hand, speculation about the possibility of changing the decision of Chancellor Angela Merkel to resign from her candidacy for the office of German Chancellor in the next term of office, which would extend her term of office until 2025, will continue.

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