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Andreas Rödder is one of Germany's most renowned historians. Equipped with the historian's toolbox, he inspects the present and tries to classify our time historically, identifying old patterns and showing their parallels to new trends.

Andreas Rödder (*1967) gained his final degree (Staatsexamen) from the University of Tübingen in 1991 and his PhD from the University of Bonn in 1995. Thereafter he was Assistant and Associate Professor at the University of Stuttgart, where he gained his Habilitation in 2001. Since 2005, Andreas Rödder has been Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz with a research focus on international history of the 19th and 20th centuries. In 2001/2002 as well as in 2017/18 he was Visiting Fellow at the Historisches Kolleg in Munich. In 2004 he was Visiting Professor at Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA, and in 2012/2013 Gerda Henkel Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics and the German Historical Institute London, UK. In 2020/21 he is the Helmut Schmidt Distinguished Visiting Professor at Johns Hopkins SAIS, a visiting professorship supported by the DAAD and the German Federal Foreign Office.

His main fields of interests cover the history of the Conservatives in mid-Victorian England, German history and international politics in the inter-war period as well as in post-War Europe, the history of 1989/90 and contemporary history after 1990 and the change of values in 20th century Western societies. He establishes a research project on the history of Europe's global impact since the 19th century in order to provide a fresh answer to a difficult question: what has Europe given to the world and what has it taken from it?

In addition to his academic work, Andreas Rödder is highly experienced in policy counseling and political commentation. He has been a member of the board of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation since 2006, participated in the Chatham House Commission on Democracy and Technology in 2019/20, has been appointed to the Commission on Integration established by the German Federal Government in 2019, and is regularly invited to high-level off-the record conversation circles.

Andreas Rödder has published numerous acclaimed books, including "21.0. A Brief History of the Present" and "Who's Afraid of Germany? History of a European Problem".

In his captivating lectures, Andreas Rödder eloquently and entertainingly reveals the historical context. Analytically, yet entertainingly and comprehensibly, he spans the arc from the past to the present.

