The quality of democracy and governance has deteriorated in many European countries. Wolfgang Merkel (Director democracy and democratization, WZB Berlin Social Science) talks about the causes of this development. He explains why democracy in the Scandinavian states is more robust than in Eastern European countries, and how democracy and governance in Europe can be strengthened again.

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