

Ten Years After Unification: Explanatory power and conceptual weaknesses of the Civilian Power approach

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Outline

- Introduction
- Civilian Power ideal-type
- Germany's Empirical record in the 1990s
- Has Germany departed from its role concept?
 - Conflicting role concepts
 - domestic interest formation
- Conclusion: two explanatory pathways

Three main interpretations of Post-Unification Foreign Policy

1. Shifts in international power structures
=> Realists
2. Degree of international embeddedness
=> rational institutionalists
3. Stability of socially constructed foreign policy culture => Constructivists

Objectives of an ideal-type Civilian Power

- constrain the use of force through monopolization of force
- strengthen the rule of law through transfer of sovereignty to IOs
- Promotion of participatory forms of decision-making
- promotion of non-violent forms of conflict management
- Promotion of social equity and sustainable development
- Promotion of interdependence and division of labor

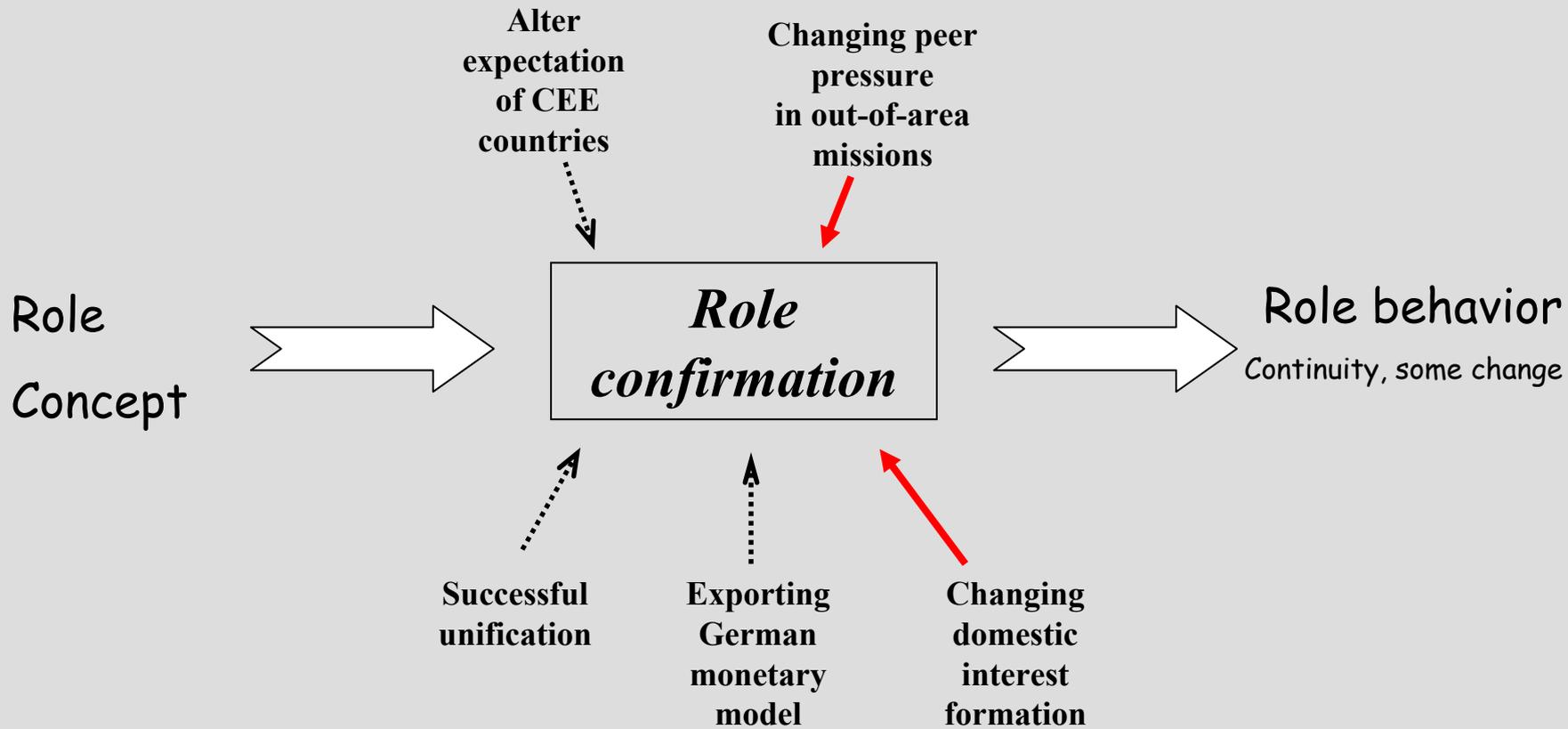
Change and Continuity in Germany's Foreign Policy in the 90s

Policy Area	Policy trajectory	Socialisation
Eastern Enlargement	Continuity, few changes	Transnational socialisation
Non-Proliferation	Continuity	--
Out-of-Area	Continuity, some changes	Transnational socialisation, learning in response to changing context/expectations
Human Rights	Continuity	Domestic and transnational socialisation
EU treaty negotiations	Continuity, few changes	Domestic and transnational socialisation
OSCE institutionalization negotiations	Continuity, few changes	--

How to tackle conflicting role concepts?

- Identify „counter categories“ for rhetoric and behavior
- Simplify complex ideal-type:
 - the ability and willingness to act
 - the willingness to seize autonomy
 - the willingness to accept short-term losses (in national utility maximization) for long-term institutional interests

Role Socialisation Process (1990 - 2000)



1990

2000