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Short Info

Since 1945, Austria has boasted an incredible success story and has survived the crisis better than most other countries. But such a success story cannot be assumed to continue automatically. Complacency, a reluctance to reform, and a tardiness in increasing economic performance threaten to send the country into decline.

Hannes Androsch does not confine his efforts to diagnosing the status quo. He seeks to trace the formative influences in the historical development of the Austrian identity, and clearly identifies those forces which have held back the development of the country for centuries. These range from an excessive admiration for the provincial political aristocracy, through to a notoriously difficult relationship with Austria's most outstanding personalities.

Building upon a varied and multi-faceted past, Androsch presents seven arguments which will be material in shaping the future of the country: a future which will be inextricably bound with that of Europe.