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THE GERMAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AS A GUARDIAN OF GERMAN CONSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY

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Constitutional identity has been one of the most popular concepts in constitutional law for more or less the last 10 years: Especially the influential German constitutional court has used this concept quite often and constitutional scholars have straightaway fallen in love with the concept. In a first part, the lecture shall deal with the respective adjudication of the German constitutional court; by respective adjudication all those decisions are meant, which explicitly deal with “constitutional identity”. A second short part shall look at some decisions of the court, in which on second thought one would expect a reasoning with constitutional identity; the lecture shall check, whether this expectation is justified. A third part of the lecture will, leaving its subject to some degree, have a look at veiled instances of launching other ideas of identity by the German constitutional court – not constitutional identity, but collective identity. A fourth part will have a look at concepts of identity.

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