Turkey’s Quest for Influence in International Governance

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In the Arab world, Turkey is now seen as a source of chaos in the region and often criticized for stoking sectarianism. Only a few years ago, Turkey, was enthusiastically hailed as a “model” for the Arab world’s political and economic ambitions. Why this dramatic change? Is its rift with the West irreversible? What would be the advantages of re-engaging Turkey?

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