

Hot Topics**Looking into the World in 2021**

—a personal view

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**Introduction**

The 2020 Covid-19 and with it the pandemic of fear eclipsed nearly everything in such a way that even the world politics were put on side and became a second priority. This would be the key pair - event which would enter into the history beside the post electoral events in USA. The eclipse caused a stop at the crossroad of epochal changes. We have been allowed to observe what really matters from the world political agenda, what did not disappear and did not change. It became evident that changes in international relations past the point of no return, that 30 years of self-proclaimed unipolarity and global leadership by USA ended and it confirmed a historical truth saying that great powers, if they want to exist and develop, they must be willing and able to act alone and live in self ordered *loneliness*. Although a coalition between great powers is possible in principle if there is a common need. Such a need is a very rare as the history of coalitions made by USA and China in the past proves.

The traditional model of capitalism has been transformed over the period of the last 30 – 40 years into a new model of capitalism. It's functions meet all known criteria to call it the *cognitive capitalism*. Firstly, the new model requires nearly everywhere to apply feelings, emotions and it doesn't require physical money and physical presence. This proves also the language: I feel, let's feel it, it's great or bad emotion etc. Further prove offers the transformation of the traditional elements of the capitalism (*physical product – physical money – physical product*) into one function and a mix of physical and virtual capital: *money – money – money*, and today even *services - virtual money, distant communication and home office work – platforms and instruments*.

The results of the described transformation allowed the capitalism's ability transform and adopt to new situations, the rapid, unregulated and linear technological development and last but not least the neoliberal legislations, all supported by: 1) The knowledge how the human brain functions led to the construction of a model of cognitive capitalism. 2) The neoliberal and globalized system with it's own TNC laws directly competing with national laws of constantly fading and reactive states. 3) Private ownership of the model of cognitive capitalism. It is owned by a few TNC and a few finance dynasties. The model functions within a global space and in different environments and therefore any consideration of it must take into account its *absolute global character*. A consideration of such a complex issue cannot be presented in this article. Therefore the personal view at The World in 2021 serves only for inspiration and orientation purposes of the public. There shouldn't be doubt, that the few great powers (PRC, USA, RF) able to manage and solve the additional challenge would prepare their own answers and react accordingly very soon.

The serious dilemma and challenge have two main roots. 1) The fundamental principle of the traditional capitalism - *the expansion*, which created peripheries and caused wars. 2) The model of cognitive capitalism, which allows keep the fundamental need for the expansion and peripheries, and replaces the traditional war with a war in the information and cyber space.

The target is primarily not the occupation of a territory, but the human brain with it's centr for integration and cognitive functions. For accomplishing this mission the model doesn't need the

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state with its Government. It replaces both with the concept of a technological hub where the platforms are developed and owned. In other words: it is the heart of the new model of cognitive capitalism. The peripheries in such a model serve: a) as instruments and b) as obedient servants and consumers with deficits in cognitive functions of the brain. A selected territory serves as the place of residence for the owners of the model of cognitive capitalism.

The presidential election process in USA, the post election and pre-inauguration period have been offering all important issues: in live transmission: a) A fight between two cognitive models, b) the real power of integrated communication systems privately owned, and c) a triple warning basically saying: 1) if you want to really exist as a state, community and culture or as politicians, an economic unit (s) you have to leave the Virtual World we do own, control and manage. 2) In better case you organize and build your own, if you would have the time and the luck. 3) Don't think that you would construct own political, commercial and scientific communication in peace and without us, or if we decide without a fight or even war with us. The third warning, in author's opinion defines *the information society as a demon*.

Therefore there is no doubt that the so called second cold war this time between three great powers (PRC, RF and USA) would continue. Therefore the internal stability in each of the powers will play a key role in the maintenance of the balance. The need for controlling the activities of secret services active on the territory of each of the powers, international media producing fake-news on 24/7/365 basis and blackmailing of elites based on corruption often used also in traditional diplomacy would grow and become even more indispensable.

To understand better the general situation in the world and the trends which would influence it in the future an additional lesson would need to be learned from the crisis in RF during the period 2011 – 2012, from the revolt in Hong Kong supported by US and UK services and last but not least from the recent direct activation of USA links with Taiwan separatists and indirect activation via asymmetric allies like the Czech republic or US UN representative.

Further to the above following four facts should be considered: 1) Russia will not initiate or support unification trends within the ex-socialistic or ex-soviet states and territory and claim that a territorial unification and the self-determination have a universal character. Undoubtedly lessons from Russia will be learned in PRC which has at present three main issues to be resolved: Taiwan, Hong Kong and South China Sea. They present an old and great temptation to any US administration and will therefore be used in the fight between USA and PRC. 2) It has been proved that there is a little sense to believe that long lasting sustainable relations could be developed with EU by both, the RF and PRC as far as the security and strategic cooperation are concerned. 3) The distancing of RF and PRC from EU and USA doesn't mean that RF would hug or turn into the hands of PRC or USA. For RF such a move would mean a potential death and digging its own grave before it. 4) There is no doubt that the high quality of military power in terms of equipment and moral, war experience and modern strategies for the conduct of a war would represent a decisive diplomatic and foreign policy instruments. They would decide in years to come what would happen locally, regionally and world-wide as the most corrupted international institutions would fade and further rapidly lose its functions, respect and power, thus the ability and willingness to act for the sake of understanding and peace.

Unfortunately there remain an important question without an answer: Where and when the substantial Russia's military power as an instrument supporting the diplomacy would, should and could be used if the Asian region today does not present for RF in the foreseeable future a worthwhile battleground?

### **The Year 2021**

2021 is not only a pair of two double digit numbers or a number made by one and three digits or even four digits or something firm or stable from which one could see the future. 2021 stands for a symbol of a crossroad at which three main concepts would meet, fight small vicarious regional

wars with weapons and large wars with intellect, technologies and cultural values as long as the first and last nuclear war could be avoided.

The three concepts would fight between themselves and with the risk inside them and decide at the same time about the next stage of world's development. In the West in accordance to *The Great Reset* as published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) Davos. 2) In Eurasia in accordance to the principles of a modern *Third Order* not officially announced by the Kremlin. 3) In Asia in accordance to plans made by the Communist party of the People's Republic of China. The encounter of three concepts would affect not only the domestic politics and social – economic situation in each of the three states but also in all cooperating or associated with them, like India, SEA, Africa, South America a.o.

As the Covid-19 turned from the health and scientific issue into a highly manipulative political, financial and even constitutional one, and has been used as an instrument in the so called hybrid war we may see the widening of the social trap, growing tensions within religious groups and and last but not least also an increase of fraudulent actions of a very small minority in power controlling money, media, lobby and political connections.

The combination of effects resulting from differences of the concepts, the management of the Covid-19 issue and the difficulty to assess realistically as per time of writing what would happen in the USA in the foreseeable future would further weaken the EU thus make the relations between EU and USA, EU and RF and PRC more shaky, especially after the recent signature of the new investment agreement between EU and PRC. The fact that European elites didn't publicly declared the current political and economic system bankrupt and accepted debt trap (diplomacy) as an instrument allowing them to keep in power and the fact that a significant part of the society suffers from a disorder of brain's cognitive functions make the additional challenges present and on the horizon very complex and hardly solvable in a peaceful manner.

## USA

It does not matter whether the post electoral events with five deaths in Washington (on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) would be valued as a protest, revolt or a try to push. USA would continue to follow its national interests nowhere publicly defined, do their best to remain an imperium moving towards totalitarianism, being at the same time able use its military, available compromising material and the political and military dependence of EU and other elites in order to secure that the set up of three great powers (USA, PRC and RF) would not be changed any time soon. Therefore the relations with RF and PRC would remain shaky and without military agreements and under tensions. For the purpose of this article there is no need to go into a detail in regard to the current state of affairs in USA as the already 80 years old reference, *State of the Union message or Four Freedoms* delivered to Congress on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1941 by 32<sup>nd</sup> president *Franklin Delano Roosevelt* (1882 - 1945) is still valid.

The first part of Roosevelt's speech dealt with the preparations under way to put the United States on a war footing as World War II raged in Europe and called for congressional approval of the *Lend-Lease program* under which terms, the United States would continue to supply the British and their allies in the fight against Nazi Germany with ammunition, airplanes, tanks, food, and raw material.

In the second part of his address Roosevelt articulated the post-war social and political goals not only for Americans but for the people of the world. To that end, he described four essential human freedoms upon which he believed the post-war world should be founded: 1) The freedom of speech and expression, 2) the freedom of worship, 3) the freedom from want, and 4) the freedom from fear. In a typical hypocritical and imperial manner Roosevelt called for *a worldwide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world*. Unfortunately the post war development in USA and by its allies and the outcome of the

presidential election 2020 with its total defeat of Trump, his ideas and the split in the Republican party offer a very different and bleak picture of the future compared to the one painted by Roosevelt.

The modern integrated communication technologies allowed in live transmission observe the whole betrayal of close collaborators (vice president Pence) forming a part of the Republican party, series of resignations of ministers and a naïve triple belief president Trump applied:

1) That a democracy allows a quick and juridical verification of evidence presented in situation when fundamental rights forming democracy, the civic order, the hand – over of presidency which supports the state prestige at home and abroad are at stake.

2) That a protest at the crossroads of such a historical moment could be successful without a proper organization, preparation of a critical mass and its determination to fight if necessary and without knowing Lenin's lessons: *A defence has always been the death of any military uprising*. And also one from the school: Once you threatened you have to hit. If you cannot do it or you have doubts, don't threaten. Otherwise you become immediately a dead body and case study for how not to behave when entering the street or political battleground.

3) That democrats – globalists, BLM and their puppets leaders would refrain from subversion, provocation and revenge using even the total transparency for fraudulent dealings allowing them reach their goals.

Trump as a bourgeoisie product with his class worldview, living in a democracy applying all the time and only one way the practice of double – standards and his personal perceptions in regard to the world picture and natural laws of development cause the loss of his orientation, even when the security and other services collected on his behalf an evidence for fraud, like the missing water mark on ballot. He did underestimate the power of technology platforms, their owners and the collaboration with his enemies and also the restrictions caused by Covid-19. Therefore president Trump didn't escape - for whatever other reasons from virtual communication, didn't talk in person to the folk and didn't organize the necessary critical mass of real people which is needed should the chance for a historical change be indeed materialized. All this and much more important details were documented and presented live to the world. It remains to find out whether the last president's video address is a fake or not.

To know the truth would allow find out whether the president left to waste his electorates and left the battlefield on his own will. There is no doubt that some of the protesters would experience revenge, the puppets leaders would remain anonymous and the 3 meters high fence around the Capitol installed within a day would be sending 24/7/365 a triple warning to all in Europe and elsewhere, who 1) believe that the globalization has an open ear for working class, 2) believe that there is a chance for a democratic change or modification of the current system and 3) on the left of the political spectrum believe that there is a chance for a peaceful perestroika in EU similar to the so called velvet revolution (17. 11 – 29. 12.1989).

All the above would affect the work of the minority dedicated to more social fairness, equality and righteous share from economic activities, dedicated to fair cooperation within and with the USA and last but not least dedicated to the world peace.

All the above said forms a part of a bigger picture made by world and national economies, world finance and politics, social developments in general and in particular, the disintegration of USSR, the appearance of Russian Federation on the world political and military scene, the unstoppable process of disintegration of EU, the Covid-19 supported move into digital and eventually quantum society and last but not least the consequences from the total defeat of Trump and the principles of democracy. For the USA the defeat means practically a coming near to the death of the two party's system and move towards one party totalitarian system. It will be characterized by BLM peculiarities, militarism (including of the space) and potentially

sophisticated neofascism. On the otherside the existence of RF would depend on the rebirth and integration of ethics and moral as the key elements of a new set of values which would govern the relations not only with PRC with its long history, clear ideology and central government but also with other and separately developing states and civilizations which would form a new type of network needed for co-living and their survival.

The post election events in USA invite to recall an interview with *CBS's 60 Minutes* (Mike Wallace) from 14<sup>th</sup> December 1975 titled - *Reagan on Libertarians & Conservatives VS Liberal Fascists* in which R. Reagan (1911 – 2004) did not hesitate to describe liberalism as essentially fascism, a political characterization that few, if any, public leaders seem willing to utter, let alone discuss it, today. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75Lc31h91BI>)

### **World Economy and Finance**

In general PRC has emerged from the Covid-19 crisis stronger and more assertive. It should be perceived today as a great economic power and important military and political player on the world scene but restricted in actions through its complex language, not localized public diplomacy and not sufficient understanding of its culture in the West. This is caused by the vast number of the total political and economic elites over years educated in the West which uncritically accepted the western style of life and the perception of history. While countries worldwide including EU are sliding into deep recession and debt abyss, the PRC has bounced back to moderate economic growth and will likely fare well in 2021 with gross domestic product (GDP) growing mostly thanks to investments, exports and small or zero growth of GDP in EU and RF. Financially, PRC would not enjoy the desired comfort due to structural weakness of the national and world financial system and, as it cannot continue stimulus indefinitely with a financial system as shaky as it is and governed by FED, USD and BIS. An analogy applies to EU and other states and the euro, a more political than economic currency.

EU as a heterogeneous collection of large, small, strong and weak states of Europe, without own independent foreign policy and own military force would suffer from reduced export of products, services and technologies and from the public debt. Its debt is the biggest in the world with no end of it in sight. Structural problems within the Eurozone are unsolvable in the context of the resistance to the EU federalization, the unresolved Covid-19 issue, *The Great reset*, the vaccination trouble including side effects, passports and from this resulting probable violation of constitutional rights and the appearance of a new group of privileged citizens. Last but not least the EU *Green deal* stands for an unsolvable challenge for the vast majority of EU Member states. The absence of needed finance by states, the indebtedness of citizens and the need for blessings from Brussels to act make the Green deal a myth.

Russian federation in general could be further perceived only as an economic dwarf but as a great political power thanks to its military. It would not experience a return to the economic performance of 2019. It may consolidate at the level of the year 2020 with sectional improvements, especially in the civilian IT, health and biotech sectors and increase up to 2,5 % GDP, if nothing unforeseen happens. After the autumn Parliamentary election the new Government would have to introduce serious changes to the current economic, social and fiscal policies and concentrate on internal development as the military sector has been modernized and updated according to president Putin for years to come. As the social tensions and foreign pressure on president Putin, his followers and the Russian society would increase under the new US presidency and at the same time the actions of subversion and provocations paid and coordinated by western states would intensify especially during the pre-elections period (2021 and 2024) the management of public affairs would need to be enhanced by sophisticated digital and even quantum technologies. Dependence on export of oil and gas would further decrease from current cca 30 - 35 % to cca 25 %, an analogous decrease would apply to the export of military equipment since there is no prospect that US sanction policy with its extraterritorial application of law would change any time soon. Last but not least new financial and banking platforms and certain internet services would be

introduced thus further reducing Russia's dependence on SWIFT, FED, BIS (Bank of International Settlements) and other policies coming from outside RF.

### People's Republic of China

On the internal political stage PRC would continue moving back towards normal after the Covid-19 crisis seems to be under control. On the international political stage it would continue to play an important role which would be enhanced by the weakness of the West and important decisions the PRC leadership in 2021 will make: 1) The 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan is due to be adopted in spring (14<sup>th</sup> March). It will set the agenda for achieving China's ambition to become more economically independent, modernizing China's industry and supporting the realization of innovative strategies in fields like *climate protection* and *environmental technology*. At the same time, PRC would spend more on *national security*, *communication systems* and *projects in cosmos*. 2) The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in July would offer president Xi an additional chance to ensure the stability in the country, confirm that PRC under his leadership had reached its goal of overcoming *extreme poverty* (4 000 renminbi or 2 300 renmimbi per year at 2010 prices, roughly Euro 290) a month before the deadline it had set itself and reaching an *average income* of 11 487 renminbi per year. To enhance information it is worth to mention that in year 2012 authorities still counted about 100 million very poor citizens. Last but not least president Xi would declare that PRC is open for cooperation in all key areas of life, including culture, education, science and technology with all who can afford to join the PRC on its way to modern *socialist society* with Chinese characteristics. For further important events which should be followed by those interested in China affairs, see please the separate block.

### Russian Federation

Its internal political stage would experience changes, especially after the Parliamentary election due to be held no later than 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The expected changes could be quite serious and affect not only the Government and the implementation of policy focused primarily on internal development with a priority on social, health and production sector. They also would affect the implementation of recent changes in constitution at all levels of the administration as there is a duty to speed up the building of a *modern social system* with modernized state and for Russians a new *public power* recently introduction into the constitution. The state and the public power should unify the state and municipal management within the framework of new roles of the Parliament. The roles include for example the evaluation of candidates for ministerial posts and the approval of prosecutors of all subjects of the RF (by the Federation Council) thus enhancing the current legal system and improving chances for more justice. There are other novelties which may be considered by those involved in Russia's affairs. One of them stands for the *state budget law*. The law mirrors in principle the development model which should establish a sustainable social state. Therefore there is an opportunity for foreign analysts and observers to compare Russia's and PRC's model as both define and include social aspects, legal fairness and human dignity as priorities and the ways how to achieve the goals are different for obvious reasons.

A novelty represents also a special new law dealing with federal territory called *Sirius* an area close to the city of Sochi. It was approved in 2020. Sirius already exists and stands for very successful innovative and educational facilities for young people with exceptional abilities and talents. The new law on federal territory should be understood as a *constitutional instrument*. It should enhance all the efforts directed at modernisation of the society. Sirius also complements the 36 existing *Special Economic Zones (SEZs)* in Russia to which will be added two new one: *Avant-garde* in Omsk and *Krasnoyarsk technological valley* in Krasnoyarsk Krai (region). Russia's SEZs are in some way very similar to the very first *Special economic zones (SEZs)* in PRC, including the recently announced new one. SEZs in PRC were seriously considered during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> CC of the CP of China in December 1978 and approved on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1979. The four SEZs in PRC were officially established on August 26<sup>th</sup> 1979 during the so called *Deng's era*. Last year Shenzhen and the Guangdong province received a new and extended SEZ status.

Those interested in Russia's affairs should follow and compare also the upcoming new law regulating distant learning, home office work with similar laws in the West and PRC. The separate block cites important events for Russia and its history and also for the the quality of relations primarily with Europe and Eurasia and no doubt also for PRC.

## APEC

Internationally the APEC summit in November 2021 will show whether tensions with Australia will continue to escalate. PRC, RF and USA are three of the 21 member economies forming an inter-governmental forum in the Pacific Rim that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region. APEC became recently a direct competitor the *Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership* or RCEP. The agreement on partnership was signed on November 15<sup>th</sup> by PRC and 14 other Asia-Pacific countries. It stands for the world's largest trade agreement which will further elevate China's political and economic influence in the region. RCEP as the largest trading bloc globally, larger than what's covered under the USA-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and the EU covers a market of 2,2 billion people and 26,2 trillion USD of global output. That accounts for about 30 % of the population worldwide, as well as the global economy. Although the economic benefits from the trade pact would be modest in the near future and it would take years to materialize, the diplomatic messaging of RCEP in the Covid-19 era may be just as important as the economics. Therefore other countries from EU also being targeted by PRC, like Sweden and Germany will undoubtedly keep a close eye on all the developments in the region as they did not join the RCEP even as observers.

## Social Development

In general, a social development theory attempts to explain qualitative changes in the structure and framework of society that help it to better realize aims and objectives. The social development in practice can therefore have an impact on many of the other forms of development and experiences. In the current political and economic situation in the world and Covid-19 with no end in sight we need to look at the child and young generation, at the governing elites and the recipes offered for treatment of economies and societies, like *The Great reset* and *Green deal*. We need not only know but fully understand the true motives that drive the social change and the essential preconditions for that change to occur in the context of probable Covid-19 consequences, the unpredictability arising from them and from the predictable and probable developments in USA, EU and regions of interest to one or more of the four players in the world.

As the social development refers to the process by which a child learns to interact with others around them, develop and perceive their own individuality within their community, gain skills to communicate with other people and process their actions to a conclusion we have to be very critical to one of the main mantras in fight against Covid-19: the quarantine, weakening also the human immunity system, the deficit of the physical presence of teachers in the classroom, lecturers in auditoriums and in laboratories and last but not least the myth related to the quality distance learning, working and systematic intensive development of individual abilities (SIDIA) which all including the human brain needs physical activities.

Considering the above, the personal experience and the fact that a significant group younger Members of the US Republican party has not been offered any important post in the upcoming Government and also Bernd Sanders has been ignored to name a few, the prospects for the future of the young generation are bleak. Especially as there are three main unsolvable challenges: 1) The *relationship* - as the key stone holding together all the elements of life of a human being. 2) The *dependence* - on IT gadgets, pc, internet, Google and others including the consequences from a variety of other dependences which cannot be treated successfully in the absence of a doctor, a mentor or other professional. Especially within an environment shaped by increasing poverty, dependence on consume and entertainment and the deficit of manual work and physical activities. 3) The *deficit in trust* and *self esteem*, the *lineal technological developments* without regulations and *ethics* and the *life threatening competition* and *egoism within the family and state*.

At present it seems that the USA would suffer most. EU would further consume its historical potential for maintaining high level of education and innovations as there is a limited potential for renewal and new blood. RF would become again a serious leader in science and innovation followed by PRC. A comparative study of models for social development and legislation in USA, EU, RF and PRC could identify risks and suggest instruments for planning and management of extreme situations which would appear in the foreseeable future as the ability and speed of human being to adapt new technologies are much lower than the speed of an unregulated technological progress.

### The Issue of Covid-19

It is obvious that we would never find out the first infected patient, called zero. Therefore it doesn't make any sense to search for the origin of it, create myths and support conspiracy theories. The situation, especially in the USA, UK and EU seems to be critical at the time of writing. It therefore prompts a cooperation and joint effort of all countries in fighting the spreading of the virus as the only right solution. Unfortunately the Covid-19 issue became firstly a political, propagandistic and financial, secondly an issue of prestige of states and thirdly a military instrument in so called hybrid war. All together represent a complex challenge primarily related to the redistribution of wealth, power and control over the individual, societies, international business and trade. Secondly, it is related to legal, potential constitutional and human rights violations and thirdly, to the development of a new world order with new set of values after the third globalization attempt in history failed and a new model of cognitive capitalism has been world widely presented within the change of power in Washington.

There are questions without answers, like: Could vaccinated people spread the virus or not? How long really protects the vaccine the human being without, with less or serious pathologies? What would happen to the pharmaceutical companies involved in Covid-19 and related work if: 1) the governments in general terms weak would manage vaccinate 60 or 70 percent of the population in short time thus prove otherwise, 2) the vaccines prove to be efficient with long lasting protection and non significant side effects and 3) the possibility of selling vaccines without tender at own price and responsibility for product would disappear?

Questions like the third one leads to another set of questions, like: 1) Could it be that the same pharmaceutical companies have been paying the anti-vaccination movements, media and the production of fake-news thus supporting the process of division of and within the societies, the request for further isolation of the individual and the public and last but not least the process leading to totalitarianism using all known and less known technologies owned and controlled by private transnational companies thus enabling them transform the society and human being into a new being without soul and empathy? 2) Who did appoint and has been paying the Geneva based NGO called *The Commons Project* which in cooperation with the *World Economic Forum* (Davos) has been developing a phone application equal to a vaccination passport to be valid worldwide and called *Common Pass*? 3) Why nobody interested in human rights hasn't till now submitted an application to a court asking for a clarification of an important constitutional issue resulting from questions like: Where, when, how and why should a vaccinated person become a privileged one, be allowed travel, visit cultural and sport events a. o., and a non vaccinated person for whatever reason should fall into a second category and be deprived of its natural human and constitutional rights? Why there is a slim chance for a world-wide recognition of vaccination cards issued in the West, RF and PRC and what are going to be the consequences of it? What could be done if there is already now clear evidence indicating a war between pharmaceutical companies, regulators, governments and many private interests? To enhance the information one should consider the logistics and production capacities in PRC allowing plan to vaccinate 50 million citizens before the February 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 (CNY).

As far as the largest corporation in the world with medical staff as members (WHO) is concerned it would be worth follow all the reports delivered during the convention in Geneva to be held in May. No one knows yet whether they would include three papers which could be of a

special interest to many citizens: 1) Identification of covid by animals in the 20<sup>th</sup> of the last century. 2) Prove of covid by a human being in the 30<sup>th</sup> of the last century. 3) Whether the current Covid-19 has something to do with *Legionella*, a genus of pathogenic *Gram-negative bacteria* that includes the species *L. pneumophila*, causing *legionellosis*. This means all illnesses caused by legionella including a pneumonia-type illness called *Legionnaires' disease* and a mild flu-like illness called *Pontiac fever*. *Legionnaires' disease* between others has a proven link to old water storage systems.

I wonder, whether in the audience would be at least one who would raise the issue in regard to the affects of *biome*, the bacterial society in our intestinal system, which according to my old knowledge influences the brain with huge amount of information, including the integration center and cognitive functions. *The vagus nerve*, historically cited as the *pneumogastric nerve*, is the tenth cranial nerve or CN X, and interfaces with the parasympathetic control of the heart, lungs, and digestive tract. *The vagus nerve* supplies motor parasympathetic fibers to all the organs (except the adrenal glands), from the neck down to the second segment of the transverse colon. It also controls a few skeletal muscles as it allows the transport of approximately 90% from the total information into the brain and only 10% from the brain to the organs. Further details should the interest reader find out in a medical literature or by asking a medical doctor. I decided mention this important issue as it could tempt some ambitious scientists with deficit of moral and professional ethics to announce an application for financial grants supported by their worry of another epidemic the world may face in the future.

### **On the way to a total control and independence**

The Covid-19 and the pandemic of fear caused a worldwide increase in the usage of cameras, special applications including facial scanners, all in the name of protecting public health. In general in EU there is a public pushback, partly directed at the distancing, at commercial and also political misuse. If the estimates are near to be correct we should expect that China will have 560 million cameras installed by 2021. This estimated number does not exceed in comparison the total number of control equipment installed in EU Member states. From this point of view there is no objective reason label PRC and RF as police states. The issue at stake is the absence of the moral and ethics by governing elites and the ownership and control of all data centres by a few transnational giants. They promote inflated security needs, commercialize personal data and penetrate all areas of life for the sake of profit.

It is therefore unavoidable and right in the multi-polar world that countries and blocks of allies would continue to introduce new and additional security laws although they already have many of them. Usually they are covered by commercial law and export regulations. A special attention should be paid to laws dealing with IP, the history of IP law and the jurisdiction.

Therefore new data security laws in USA, EU, RF and PRC will bring changes for foreign company's activities in the respected countries. In addition our lives will continue to face big challenges not only because of the debts accumulated by so called *too-big-to-fail* private, semi-private and state-owned companies but also for risks and reasons arising from the shaky global economy and the temptations to use and misuse security issues, indebtedness and other weaknesses for securing important advantages needed for the needed adjustment of geopolitical and economic strategies by major countries. In addition to the stated PRC looks set a major adjustment of its ambitious in regard to the One Belt & Road and 16+1 initiatives.

As far as RF is concerned, one should expect the introduction of laws restricting the operation of foreign internet giants. They have been ignoring for years the current Russian legislation. With the changes of constitution the state, Russian law and court decisions would enjoy the sovereignty and become a priority. They would therefore play an important role in the maintenance and development of relations especially with the USA and EU. The time would prove to the ordinary citizen that the protection of sovereignty is not anymore an abstract term. In this context and considering the arguments from the introductory part of this paper there is a possibility that

independent services and analogies to You-tube, Twitter and other would appear in RF soon rather than later and offer also services to the ecology sector.

It can therefore be expected that incidents like the one which happened in Norilsk and which caused a historical damage with subsequent penalty totalling 148 billion Rubles (approx. 1,6 billion euro) and currently dealt with by a court would have not only an educational effect on individual's and corporate responsibility but also on the society as whole. It may also affect the perception of law and justice as indivisible parts of the regained state sovereignty. In this context there is a legal point of interest: the integration of sectional norms into the constitution allows an active protection of own history, tradition and culture. They all have for long been a subject of an attempt made by the West to rewrite, interpret or even ignore them. Therefore those ignoring the law would face a control, restrictions and even punishment. On the other side, they law would serve the Western propaganda against Kremlin and RF.

### **Evident risks in 2021**

There are many known and more publicly unknown risks as defined by critical thinking methods which could lead to military confrontations, which would affect international relations, national policies and the economy. The following is a short list of selected and evident risks.

1) USA as a worldwide problem. At the time of writing there is an evidence of civil disobedience: an active, professed refusal of a citizen to obey certain laws, demands, orders or commands of a government. It could easily turn into an analogy of the civil war in the United States (1861 to 1865). To avoid such a scenario the new president could try re-unify the nation by initiating a regional or even larger war, increase the spread of fake – news linked to security issues and to foreign involvement in local and national affairs. Whatever may happen in the foreseeable future in the USA, including the possible appearance of a third political party established by supporters of and based on Trump's ideas there is an imaginable conflict between the new US administration and the Vatican therefore the state reputation, foreign policy and international cooperation would suffer. An exit from one or two Federal states from USA cannot be excluded, and a more aggressive approach towards allies and partners requesting an unconditional obedience and loyalty should be expected. The use of blackmail, dependence and the deficit of moral and ethics in actions should nobody surprise.

A special category of risk represents the age and the death of president prior the end of his term. Should this happen USA would be even weaker. Why? President Biden knows about the consequences of a nuclear war, visited Government's underground facilities and has a wide experience in international politics. His vice, if she would replace him would further increase the aggression of the USA as she has a limited imagination what a nuclear war means (including so often mentioned small nuclear war), hasn't extensive experience in international politics and therefore is potentially much easier to be managed by puppet drivers.

As there is no realistic chance to unify the American society any time soon, the international situation would rather fade and as both parties are divided the puppet drivers could use the amendment 25 of the United States Constitution for removing the president Biden from the office as they like it. As the first date it could be January 2022 with its start of elections to United States House of Representatives. The Republican's chances to win are good and could only be better, especially if the internal state of affairs wouldn't improve and the disappointed citizen wouldn't be tranquilized. For information of the readers: Democratic party is divided by younger Members with a program which could be considered and as partially presented by Bernd Sanders and by old Members (Biden & Co), corrupted over decades and aiming only to stay in power and close to big money without any realistic program. Note please, that Bernd Sanders doesn't get any post in the new Government as per day of writing.

2) Covid-19 as a worldwide problem and one of the key risks in political, economic, financial and military terms. It would influence the traditional and public diplomacy efforts, strategic

planning and projects of PRC, RF and EU abroad. It would support the division between states, governments and public and also between scientific communities. It would support the potential for civilian disobedience and possible failure of economy a social recovery plans. Last but not least we may experience a further increase of power of the state and the official media and the push towards a new form of totalitarianism that limits opposition parties, restricts individual rights and opposition to the state and its claims. As in every totalitarianism an extremely high degree of control over public and private life shouldn't surprise and be expected.

3) A world wide risk represents also the fight against climate change(s). It would extend and increase international competition and the resistance to act by a few who don't understand sufficiently how transnational companies operate and that a resistance has not its roots in the reality but in the perception of it. And that all depends on the scale of successfully planted implications causing reactions by the public. The implementation of *The Green deal* could be used for redirecting the attention of the public from other important geostrategic events.

4) PRC would potentially face an increased risk from outside and related to India, the unification of Taiwan, the unresolved challenges in South China Sea and within the context of trade war, technology transfer and companies listed at stock exchange. As a manageable outside risk could be seen the relation with EU, if the public diplomacy effort could consider regional peculiarities, would be structured appropriately and involve active locals. Manageable also should be risks related to strategic plans and involvement in Africa and South America. The internal risk and its potential should be manageable as there is a plenty of bad examples of governance and management of public affairs in the West which could be utilized in an ecological, efficient and economic way at home.

5) RF would face a double risk. The internal risks would culminate during the next legislative election campaign which would end no later than 19 September 2021. The election of 450 seats for the 8th convocation of *The State Duma* would be followed by the formation of a new Government. The external risks are related to the Ukraine, Belarus, Caucasus including Nagorno-Karabakh, Central Asia, Baltics, The Near East and the unknown political and military menu prepared by Iran primarily for Armenia and Azerbaijan and also Turkey. The risks would be complemented by foreign involvement in internal affairs orchestrated by EU and USA in connection with the next presidential election to be held in March 2024 and to the activities of the minority group of people which clandestinely undermines the nation.

6) EU would also face a double risk. The external risks have been formed over years by the uncertainty of developments in USA and in NATO, the weak and corrupted elites, the tensions arising from US trade sanctions policy towards RF and PRC and last but not least the misreading of what US liberal democracy in BLM clothing means for the EU citizen. The internal risk represents a multidimensional challenge: growing bureaucracy and regulations, corruption, growing public indebtedness of all EU Members states complemented by individual indebtedness and unemployment, the immigration and confessional issue and last but not least the growing civil disobedience in regard to the measures linked to Covid-19.

Further to the mentioned risks there is an uncertainty in regard to political implications with roots in the series of elections in EU Member states. The Covid-19 could continue to disrupt and influence the votes ahead as it did in 2020 but some things are still certain: Germany will have five regional elections (Landtagswahlen) and one federal. (Bundestagswahlen on 26<sup>th</sup> September). Angela Merkel, the long-time leader of Germany and in many ways of Europe, is set to step down. Voters in Portugal (presidential election, January 24), in Netherlands (March 15-17), in Bulgaria (March 28), in UK (Scottish & Welsh parliamentary elections & English local polls, May 6), in France (regional elections possibly in June), in Czech republic (October 8–9) and in other states have big decisions to make as top politicians face what will essentially be referendums on their leadership during the pandemic.

7) A potential risk with unpredictable political and commercial implications represent the disruption of the delivery of vaccines, the potential prioritization of groups, terrorism and sabotage, including the involvement of black market sale of vaccines and last but not least the impossibility of long lasting cover up of victims of the side effects from the vaccines.

### Major historical and national events to be followed

The list below offers for consideration by politicians, their advisors and all interested citizens in foreign affairs dates and events in PRC and RF which would probably affect international relations and their development in the foreseeable future depending on reactions in the West.

**PRC** – February (12<sup>th</sup>) Chinese New Year (CNY) to be celebrated. PRC at APEC summit. March – NPC would adopt the 14<sup>th</sup> Five year plan and EK would review EU – PRC strategic and investment partnership. April – final work on Covid-19 investigation by WHO and preparation of the report to be published (either during the usually May session or in autumn). July – 100 anniversary of Communist Party of China to be celebrated. On September 5<sup>th</sup> in Hong Kong, Leg Co election to be held. UN General Assembly, and speech made by president Xi to be expected. October – 6<sup>th</sup> CPC Plenum and G 20 summit to be expected.

**Russian Federation** – 300 years ago (on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1721) *Peter The Great* (1672 – 1725) was officially proclaimed *Emperor of All Russia*. 100 years ago (21<sup>st</sup> May 1921) *Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov* a nuclear physicist, Nobel laureate, and activist for disarmament, peace and human rights was born. 90 years ago (2 March 1931) *Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev*, the eighth and last leader of the Soviet Union was born. 80 years of the *Great Patriotic War* (22<sup>nd</sup> June 1941 – 9<sup>th</sup> May 1945) would be celebrated. 60 years ago (April 12<sup>th</sup> 1961) *Yuri Gagarin* (1934 – 1963) was the first person to fly in space. His flight lasted 108 minutes as he circled the Earth for a little more than one orbit in the *Vostok* spacecraft. 30 years since the dissolution of the USSR on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1991.

All mentioned events and anniversaries, including the historical period of relations between USSR and China (1923 – 1925) offer and excellent opportunity for analytical and commentary work both needed and leading to a better understanding of the current quality of relations between key states shaping our future and of the evident trends and efforts made by a minority of knowledgeable towards the unified (holistic) knowledge in the name of peace. It could only be secured by an authority which has no right to be weak, is not disconnected from the people, and unsure of the country's and peoples prospects for decades to come. The people's Empire stands for a reasonable force based on tradition, justice and trust.

**USA** – each of the States would have its own days to celebrate. But there is one important day which offers the USA partially regain the trust in the world. It is the 11<sup>th</sup> September. In 2021 it will be twenty years since 9/11, time enough tell the whole world the truth of that crime. Its ultimate cover-up with a great number of conspiracy theories still sends out ripples. Trump may know the truth of the Bush - Cheney actions, followers of the crime would recall that BBC reported the third tower collapse 20 minutes before it happened and that the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2001 was the day when the USA was to settle the agreement signed by the world leaders in 1951 regarding the wealth in gold, currency and bonds. It would therefore be an act supporting the peace in the world if the new US Government would find the courage and present all the papers in this regard. Consent not needed.

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### Examples of recommended literature

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