

Georg von Goldbach

EUROPE ON THE WAY TO HER APOCALYPSE

History – Background – Perspectives

Engelsdorfer Verlag
Leipzig
2024

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

Bibliografische Information durch die Deutsche Nationalbibliothek: Die Deutsche Nationalbibliothek verzeichnet diese Publikation in der Deutschen Nationalbibliografie; detaillierte bibliografische Daten sind im Internet über <https://dnb.de> abrufbar.

ISBN 978-3-96940-854-4

Copyright (2024) Engelsdorfer Verlag Leipzig

Alle Rechte beim Autor

Hergestellt in Leipzig, Germany (EU)

www.engelsdorfer-verlag.de

22,00 Euro (DE)

*

Bibliographic information from the German National Library: The German National Library lists this publication in the German National Bibliography; detailed bibliographic data are available online at <https://dnb.de>.

ISBN 978-3-96940-854-4

Copyright (2024) Engelsdorfer Verlag Leipzig

All rights reserved by the author

Manufactured in Leipzig, Germany (EU)

www.engelsdorfer-verlag.de

22,00 Euro (Germany)

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

Table of Contents

Dedication.....	11
Our guiding principles and values.....	13
Foreword	21
The spiritual fathers of this book	23
Part One: The European Policy Framework...29	
Introduction.....	29
Part One – Chapter 1: Political Will and Strategic Thinking.....	44
Part One – Chapter 2: Overview on the EU's foreign policy role	47
Part Two.....	59
Part Two – Chapter 1: The New World Order after Versailles	59
Foreword	59
Life in a Crisis Mode – Symptoms of Global Political Structures	61
The new world order not is heralded by the USA in 1919	68
Everything has its price, especially for Germany	70
Europe: Bridge between East and West, or outpost of US hegemony	77
The appropriation of Russia's raw materials is the prerequisite for power over China.....	79

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

Brief Summary of Chapter 1: The
Reorganization of the World after Versailles 85

**Part Two – Chapter 2: How Europe Lost
Her Identity: Taking Stock 87**

Introduction..... 87

Brothers Under Arms 2019 – The Media
Warning Shot 87

The founding years of the EU: central state or
community of fatherlands? 89

The complementary starting position of
Germany and France: Germany's unconditional
orientation towards the West and France's claim
to a leading role in Europe..... 94

The „European Axial Age“ of 1985-95 under
Delors and Mitterrand 101

The turning point in the process of European
integration and the end of the „Grande Nation“ 105

Europe losing her way – going astray on
American paths 113

Fatal consequences of the EU's orientation
towards the West: the American „cordon
sanitaire“ from the Baltic to the Black Sea 122

Europe has given up her sovereignty 127

**Part Two – Chapter 3: The U.S. Struggle for
Global Hegemony as a Business Model..... 130**

Introductory note 131

Clarification of concepts and the logic of the US
approach in its quest for global hegemony..... 133

Structure and main elements of the model of
American hegemony..... 141

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

Practical guide and the logic of the model.....	143
The strategic spheres of influence: the geopolitical world view of the USA	150
Structured overview: the geopolitical spheres of influence	158

Part Three: The Overdue Paradigm Shift 167

Introduction.....	168
Call for a social paradigm shift.....	171

Part Three – Chapter 1: The End of Linear Solutions in Politics177

Crisis, or the chance for new happiness.....	177
Demographic change: the great opportunity for a paradigm shift.....	186
Linear thinking in politics leads to a dead end.....	194
Successful examples of paradigm shifts in politics.....	197
<i>The introduction of the social market economy in Germany..</i>	<i>198</i>
<i>The policy of reconciliation and peace under Willy Brandt....</i>	<i>200</i>
Successful examples of paradigm shifts in international politics	201
<i>Perestroika and German reunification</i>	<i>202</i>
<i>China's economic and social transformation.....</i>	<i>203</i>
Criticism of the linear policy of „business as usual“	205
Urbanization: Relationship between population density and aggression	207
Changing the perspective leads to finding a new path.....	209

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

The challenge: Securing and increasing prosperity	210
Rising to the challenge	213
Initiating the paradigm shift now	216
The solution to the problem	219
The key to the solution	221
Our call: take responsibility and act now	223

Part Three – Chapter 2: On Development of the New System of Global Governance.....227

Notice	228
Introduction.....	229
The Cultural Foundations of Capitalism.....	233
Transforming the system of global governance.....	241
The future system of global governance: the cultural background.....	247
Perspectives for the Coming System of Global Governance.....	256

Part Three – Chapter 3: Growth without End – Infinite Regeneration of Energy and Resources267

Introduction.....	267
Natural and social drive to growth.....	267
The new paradigm: infinite regeneration of energy and resources	287
The miracle of growth in nature.....	289
Globalization of growth.....	294
Limits to growth	299
Europe's lack of courage for utopia.....	302
The dimension of the dilemma.....	312

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

Graphical Growth Curves	319
<i>Growth of World Population and the History of Technology</i>	319
<i>Global primary energy consumption by source</i>	320
<i>Global GDP over the long run</i>	321
<i>Growth in Scientific Knowledge (1400 – 1900)</i>	321
Ways out of the dilemma.....	325
The New Paradigm: New Ways of Life.....	333
The decisive question we have to answer: how do we want to live?	334
Epilogue – Final Considerations	339
Europe's step out of the crisis.....	347
Europe's new self-image grown out of her history and culture	351
Bibliography	366

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

Dedication

I dedicate this book to the professors
Wolf-Dieter Narr, Freie Universität Berlin,
Eike Haberland, Frobenius Institute Frankfurt,
and Michel Izard, *Directeur de Recherche* at the *Centre
National de Recherche Scientifique* and founding mem-
ber of the *Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale*
of Claude Lévi-Strauss, at the *Collège de France* in Paris.
Their trust in me has given me courage and decisively
promoted my scientific education and academic career.

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!

Our guiding principles and values

It may be helpful for the reader, if we give him hints about the ideas, principles and values that have guided us and what led us to write this book.

We think that it is good, if people keep trying to improve their lives and also their living conditions. For modern humans, science and technology are important tools to improve living conditions. But there are also other ways and means that man is deploying to improve living conditions and the quality of life. Most people will probably agree with us when we say that people strive to improve or enhance their living conditions and the quality of their lives through games, music, singing, poetry, dance, sports, various competitive games and many other activities. In anthropology, it is assumed that these are universal human activities, with which humans enrich their lives. While the natural sciences are mainly about technology and engineering, about the utilization and application of energy, instruments and tools, human life is covering many more facets and aspects taking into account a great diversity of values and interests.

The most important areas that we address here in this book, and which are not directly related to the application and use of energy through technology, concern the shaping of the coexistence of people, peoples and states. So we are dealing here with topics of politics, i.e. the shaping of public life, at the international level. This is what we mean by geopolitics.

The natural sciences are mainly about the application and use of energy and, issues that turn around what we

commonly call *matter*, or the physical world. In this sense, the most important functions of the natural sciences and of the technologies developed with their help are primarily linked to the improvement of our material living conditions.

In politics, it is *power and money* that are seen as the decisive factors, as the matter of politics, so to speak. At the end however, the purpose and intentions that drive political action are not really different from those that are guiding science and technological efforts. In both areas, the purpose is the continuous improvement of living conditions and the quality of life.

In looking at things this way, we are also making a very personal commitment. We are expressing here our belief that we are able to make a sensitive contribution to the improvement of living conditions and the quality of life through improvements in the use of *power and money* as the essential factors and energies in the field of international politics, i.e. geopolitics. This belief infuses sense to our endeavor and is the *raison d'être* of this book.

This attitude is not self-evident. Because there are people out there, who think that, by principle, it is impossible to fundamentally improve geopolitics. Such attitudes are usually justified by the „nature“ of man, by the belief that man's nature cannot be improved and does therefore also leave no room for any meaningful and lasting improvement in the shaping of the coexistence of people, peoples and nations. While it is acknowledged that humans are always striving to shape geopolitics, man's *eternal* nature seems to block off the

Diese Leseprobe ist urheberrechtlich geschützt!