"The world - as we know it - passes away. Contours of a new global order emerge along new challenges. One of them is a fundamental change of roles of an individual and society in cyberspace." (Adam D. Rotfeld).

A new world order becomes reality. The present "old" order is falling apart. Factors defining power and dominance as well as standards in various spheres of life are changing. An attempt to discuss and reflect upon current changes has to be multifaceted and address issues that can hardly be contained in one volume only.

Papers included in this volume cover the US world leadership and transatlantic relations, US-Russia conflicts over the spheres of interests and influence, Russia's attempts to reconstruct its superpower role, China's new role and more.

The next volume will be dedicated to challenges Europe faces now, its changing role in the world and different perspectives of European integration.

An attempt to evaluate the current situation and prospects of the Federal Republic of Germany on the global arena in the world heading toward multipolarity will follow.

The authors will try to answer various questions, considering many problems in a wider perspective. In their research papers they will focus on three main issues:

How does the power system in the world change and what determines it?

What will the role and place of Europe and the European Union be in the new constellation?

What place can the Federal Republic of Germany take in the world of differentiated powers?

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