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Abstract:

We are living in a new geopolitical era. The rules of the game have changed. The pillars of our security and prosperity – cheap energy such as natural gas from Russia, relative peace at our external borders, growth markets such as China, the comfortable American security umbrella – are being undermined. Without a targeted strategy, Europe will no longer play a significant role in international relations. The doom scenario of a continent that can easily be divided and played off against each other is a real one. The Old Continent needs to redefine itself and its place in the world in geo-economic, geostrategic and geopolitical terms.

Europe must therefore resolutely opt for hyperrealism. Idealistic values such as democracy and human rights remain important. But in global politics, you only count if you develop capabilities in the areas of defence, technology and economics. Regained competitiveness can also secure the social contract. The book essay Hyperrealism offers an analysis of the geopolitical shocks that are inevitably and rapidly approaching us and examines how we can deal with them.

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