

Is it possible for a reader to be wholly engrossed in a book on political, social, and economic issues written by a university professor? It seems so, if one writes about it in a clear and intelligible way, going beyond the limitations of one, narrow discipline. If one uses comprehensible language; if erudition and knowledge of the author not only is a result of interdisciplinary studies and effective politics playing but also comes from an endless journey to the most extraordinary spots on Earth and participation in the most important discussions of the contemporary world. And that surely is the case here.

It was only two and a half a year ago when the bestselling "Wędrujący świat" was published (it's been published in January 2011 by Columbia University Press under the title "Truth, Errors and Lies. Politics and Economics in a Volatile World") but Professor Grzegorz W. Kolodko surprises us again. This time the story is as colorful; written with the polemical passion and power of persuasion, showing particular attention to the logic of disquisition and accuracy of arguments. But most of all it enraptures with literary verve.

The previous book, which is still being talked about in Poland and abroad, answered many questions but provoked a great deal of others. In addition, new processes, events and phenomena have sprouted up - the financial crisis, migration of people, problems with euro, climate warming, China's power, new global order, hindering of economic growth, social pathologies, different visions of future - to which one must refer. And thus, we get "The World at the Extent of Thought".

When Professor Kolodko speaks, other listen. His speeches are watched by millions of Polish viewers and commented on by American Nobel prize-winners. Kolodko's lectures draw crowds of students and auditoria are always filled to capacity during his public meetings. But what is most important, his works are appreciated by thousands of people all over the world. So will be this time.