Famous scholars and authors on Kolodko’s new book about the world’s future

An erudite and informed take on the big questions facing humanity.

John Cassidy, “The New Yorker”

A wise and probing tour of the horizons ahead, taking in demography, technology, resources, war and human folly. Kolodko argues that to survive well, the rich economies must learn how to prosper while slowing down. And yes, if we could only find and zap that neoliberal gene, we might have a better chance.


In this compelling volume, Dr. Grzegorz Kolodko combines academic expertise and a distinguished record of government service during crucial periods of Poland’s economic reforms. Ranging across genres and never shying from controversy, he has written a useful contribution to the literature on economics, social change, and 21st-century world order.

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Nobel Peace Laureate

Grzegorz Kolodko is one of the most acute observers of the international economy, based on long experience both as a practitioner and as an academic. His writings are always an important starting point for debate and discussion about the political economy of globalization.

Francis Fukuyama, Stanford University, author of “The End of History”

Professor Kolodko surprises again. In his new book he reaches into the future. This is not another forecast, but a knowledgeable exercise and intellectual adventure touching the most important challenges faced by mankind. He is right that the best way to solve the current difficulties is through attacking the long-term problems.

Nouriel Roubini, author of “The Crisis Economics”

Dr. Kolodko delivers comprehensive and inspiring economic analysis, drawing on his rich historical political leadership. His probing and insightful assessment of globalization in today's and tomorrow's world is a must read.

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., President of Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and an International Civil Rights Activist

Professor Kolodko is an independent economic thinker. What's more, for several years he presided over Poland’s transformation from planned to market economy and as experienced politician led his country to the European Union, thus this book is indeed worth considering.

Prof. Justin Yifu Lin, Beijing University, former First Vice-President for Development and Chief Economist of the World Bank

In his latest book Whither the World Grzegorz Kolodko, having completed in the first two volumes of his trilogy a tour de force theorisation of the state of the world and its evolution, addresses the even more challenging exploration of the future. His is not, and could not be, a rash and arbitrary prediction, nor a horoscope, but an exploration of feasible, desirable futures on the assumption that mankind will pursue an approach of "rational pragmatism". This is therefore not a trivial exercise in crystal-ball-gazing but an important contribution to the construction of a better world.

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