

The West Against Russia: The Strategy Is Being Played Out in Ukraine. "Socio-Economic Suicide" in the EU. Peter Koenig

Interview with GEOFOR, a Russian Geopolitical Thinktank

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Peter Konig's Interview

GEOFOR: Greetings, since our last conversation, the conflict between Russia and the West has only continued to gain momentum. How far do you think this proxy war in the Ukraine can go? Is there a chance that the situation will improve?

Peter Koenig: Thank you, for having me again for an interview.

This is a million-dollar question.

Especially when we consider that Russia, by far the world's largest and resource-richest country, was for over hundred years in the crosshairs of the western empire, led by the US and since WWII also by NATO, to be overtaken or to become a "colony", similar to or worse than western Europe, the European Union (EU), has become a colony of Washington's and NATO.

It is worth a distinction though, between the people of Europe and the governments of western Europe, i.e. the EU member countries and the European Commission (EC), the latter consisting of unelected members.

The EC currently headed by the hawkish EC President, Ursula von der Leyen (unelected), former Minister of Defense of Germany, and close ally of Klaus Schwab. In fact, she is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum. It is unlikely that Ms. Von der Leyen would deviate from the WEF's globalist agenda. And it looks like part of this globalist agenda is "regime change" in Russia.

On behalf of Washington, it's driven by NATO and the EU.

Let me make this clear: the EU and EC are not representative of the 450 million people of the EU. The European Parliament that is supposed to represent the interests of the people has practically no voice. Most people, educated people, inquired about Russia, have a positive opinion about Russia. They want peaceful relations. While perhaps not agreeing with the Ukraine war, they understand what may have led up to it.

The EU want sanctions on Russia to stop. The sanctions are foremost hurting the EU, but not Russia. On the basis of these sanctions, the planned One World Order (OWO), currently represented by the World Economic Forum (WEF), is using these sanctions, or rather Russia's reaction to the sanctions, as a justification for causing massive energy and food shortages throughout the west, and to some extent also the Global South.

They want to cause suffering and death. This is a gigantic western agenda of mass starvation, possibly mass death – fitting well into the Great Reset's population reduction program. Having said this, it is difficult to imagine that the west will let go, and pursue a Peace Agreement between Russia and Ukraine.

That would in fact, be easy.

All Ukraine would have to do is to adhere to the Minsk II Agreement (February 2015), which was sponsored by France, President Hollande, and Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel; by the very countries which are now coming down strongest, following US sanctions on Russia.

Let's just for a moment look at NATO's Madrid Summit 22-point Declaration, released on 29 June 2022. Item 2 is a statement of utter hypocrisy and item 3 reflects an outright hatred against Russia:

2. We are united in our commitment to democracy, individual liberty, human rights, and the rule of law. We adhere to international law and to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. We are committed to upholding the rules-based international order.

3. We condemn Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in the strongest possible terms. It gravely undermines international security and stability. It is a blatant violation of international law. Russia's appalling cruelty has caused immense human suffering and massive displacements, disproportionately affecting women and children. Russia bears full responsibility for this humanitarian catastrophe. Russia must enable safe, unhindered, and sustained humanitarian access. Allies are working with relevant stakeholders in the international community to hold accountable all those responsible for war crimes, including conflict-related sexual violence. Russia has also intentionally exacerbated a food and energy crisis, affecting billions of people around the world, including through its military actions. Allies are working closely to support international efforts to enable exports of Ukrainian grain and to alleviate the global food crisis. We will continue to counter Russia's lies and reject its irresponsible rhetoric. Russia must immediately stop this war and withdraw from Ukraine. Belarus must end its complicity in this war.

Then, point 4, starts with a love declaration for Ukraine's President Zelensky:

4. We warmly welcome President Zelenskyy's participation in this Summit. We stand in full solidarity with the government and the people of Ukraine in the heroic defense of

their country.....

That means and justifies for NATO, continuing the supply of billions worth of weapons to Ukraine – weapons that already now are ending up largely in the hands of dark and criminal weapons dealers. Brussels and Washington know it, but they will not stop it.

Zelenskyy, of course, is not free at all to take any decisions on his own. His decisions are dictated by the west.

These circumstances give a bleak outlook for Peace. But one should never lose hope.

GEOFOR: Can the statements of a number of Baltic politicians on the need to take Kaliningrad away from Russia lead to a new hotbed of military confrontation already in Lithuania?

PK: The Kaliningrad Oblast / District, a Russian enclave between Poland and Lithuania, has also an important Baltic Sea port for Russia. Who knows what will really happen, but I do not believe that Poland and / or Lithuania will dare intervene in Kaliningrad.

These statements or declarations may be just hot air, or a new type of western-style anti-Russia propaganda. From my point of view, not to be taken seriously.

GEOFOR: The sanctions confrontation has, apparently, finally gone beyond reasonable explanations. Canada, following the UK, introduced them even against Patriarch Kirill... Tell us, is the bottom already reached, or should we expect new surprises?

PK: Another good question. Frankly I don't know. I think rather that the [EU] Europeans, as well as Washington, start realizing that they are the ones suffering, I mean them – particularly also the elite, not just the people, about whom they do not care.

Therefore, it just might be, that they are quietly trying to make arrangements with Russia for energy deliveries – dropping "sanctions" and accepting Russia's ruble-billing and more.

It has been clear from the beginning that the Global South, meaning China and associated Asian countries, like the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), ASEAN, the BRICS-plus Iran – as well as most of Africa and many of Latin American countries, will not adhere to sanctions.

These are also he countries that Russia keeps supplying with energy resources and food.

The west has clearly overreached with their sanctions, totally illegal sanctions, mind you.

Sanctions, any kind of "sanctions", from one country to another, impacting another country's economy and the people's wellbeing, are illegal under international law.

That's also a reason why the east, led by China and Russia, will dissociate from the western currency and payment system (via US banks and SWIFT) and become an autonomous, sovereign politico-economic force. That may happen soon, possibly later this year or in early 2023. A shockwave may be expected.

It could well be that the financial-economic decoupling of the east from the west - already

ongoing — may be the "surprise", when it reaches its final stages.

And that in the meantime, the west is quietly back-paddling, as they realize to what extent they have been shooting themselves, unwittingly embarking on committing socioeconomic suicide. See also <u>this</u>.

GEOFOR: Autumn is coming soon, will be followed by winter. Judging by the statements of the [EU] Europeans, they will not have time to fill in the gas storage facilities, even despite the fact that many companies have agreed to pay for Russian hydrocarbons "in rubles", and the United States supplies liquefied natural gas. What will Brussels do in such a situation?

PK: Some of my assessment is already given above. And of course, supposedly NATO approves (despite 28 of the 30 NATO members being European, decisions are made in Washington), they may go back to Russia, quietly "lifting" some (or all) sanctions and trying to re-activate Nordstrom I and activate Nordstrom II.

It is clear that the Middle East, the Saudis, for example, will not jump in to supply Europe and the US with gas and oil, to replace deliveries from Russia. The results of the recent Joe Biden visit to the Saudis may be an indication.

For the Middle East replacing Russian gas, would be like "sanctioning" Russia, when they have clearly indicated that their future trading inclination is more eastwards, Russia, China and SCO and other eastern socioeconomic associations.

The Middle East realizes that the future is in the east. The west has been digging their own grave for decades. But they apparently still cannot admit it. Instead of seeking Peace, they are confronting an impending collapse.

GEOFOR: And the last question. Against the backdrop of the financial and economic crisis gaining momentum, the ratings of leading Western politicians are beginning to fail. B. Johnson is no longer the leader of the Conservatives. They are increasingly talking about the upcoming political crisis in Germany, and the midterm elections to the US Congress are not far off... What are we to expect from all this?

PK: Yes, Boris Johnson is out. But his "outing" was most likely a planned outing. In the west, there are no decisions nor elections made by the people or Parliaments. They are all imposed or planned from the beginning with the consent of the leaders in question – by the WEF and its handlers, or commanders, i.e. the *interlinked* corporate financial oligarchs of this world, the amalgamation of Black Rock, Vanguard and State Street. Plus, there are other important players like Chase, Bank of America, JPMorgan, CitiGroup, *et al.*

The WEF is the executioner according to the Great Reset and following the script of UN Agenda 2030. Only people themselves, waking up, can stop this drive to total destruction. And, yes, I'm positive that LIGHT will prevail over darkness.

It is said, the "financial emperors" control close to 90% of the western corporate industrial and service world with majority shareholdings. Under these circumstances it is not difficult to decide who "presides" over what country – and when they have to go.

Boris Johnson will be replaced by another vassal of the financial emperors, the one which best suits their current agenda.

As to Germany's Olaf Scholz, he has been put into the German Chancellorship just a bit over six months ago, after a long vetting process with important players like the EC, Washington and not least NATO. He had the right profile for what the west is all about.

If one reads or listens to his history, it is amazing that he is not yet in jail. See this, <u>The Olaf</u> <u>Scholz File - His Words, his Deeds</u> (*English spoken* - 3 March 2022). Or you may watch the video below.

https://www.kla.tv/_files/video.kla.tv/2022/03/21790/TheOlafScholzFileHisWordsHisDe_480p. mp4

Yes, an economic crisis is coming. Even to Germany. According to many economists, Germany is de-industrializing. I agree. Self-made, by the insane "sanctions". But even that is part of the plan.

During and after a harsh winter 2022 / 23, there may be lots of bankruptcies, unemployment, poverty to extreme poverty, perhaps even deadly famine for the poorest.

This is not a coincidence. There are no coincidences. This is shifting capital from the bottom and the center to the top – the financial elite, that pretends to rule the world. If they – the WEF-led globalists – have their way, there would be a One World Government. But that will not happen.

The globalist agenda is falling apart. That was already visible at the WEF's Davos meeting last May. People around the world are waking up to the globalist agenda. The vast majority of them has been suffering under the *global everything* – and now the attempt of global digitization, meaning total control of every move you make, via the financial system.

Russia and China may lead humanity into a new future, a multipolar world. This is the hope. And the peoples will, is to be expressed in solidarity, and peace may prevail.

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