

Preface

It is a great honour for me to address you, the conference participants, and our partners, with whose support we are holding this event. Let me express my deep gratitude to everyone who decided to participate in our conference and share the research results. We will try to reflect all valuable thoughts in the materials of the conference "New Trends, Strategies and Structural Changes in Emerging Markets" in the Post-Pandemic Era.

We are witnessing the growth in the world at the global and national levels of the so-called "challenges" i.e. contradictions between the existing state of society and the need for real changes that require an adequate "response" from the society. Among them is the inequality of world development, the transition from natural competition to economic confrontation, the threat of climate change, the aggravation of food security, the growth of migration to developed countries, the decline in the authority of international organizations, etc. The pandemic has only exacerbated these challenges.

The growing instability in the world economy grounds several experts to assert that the world has entered a bifurcation point. Either a long period of chaos lies ahead, or the system will move to a new state of order. It is logical to turn to economic theory and a retrospective analysis of previous development to understand how the world economy will develop and make a scientific forecast as a systematic view of the future. In these conditions, the development of adequate models ("responses") of society to "challenges", the search for new orderliness ("stability"), become more relevant than ever.

Realizing this, the founder and permanent head of the WEF in Davos, Klaus Schwab, developing his ideas about the "Fourth Industrial Revolution" from 2016, last summer put forward the idea of the "Great Restart" of capitalism as a model for the global restructuring of the world economy on a digital basis, clean energy and long-term abandonment of the pursuit of profit and income growth of the middle class. This model became the main topic of the online format of the WEF, held in January 2021. Key messages echo the 2015 UN Sustainable Development Goals and the European Green Deal to achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions in EU member states by 2050. All the ideas put forward are supported by the new leadership of the United States, the IMF, and the heads of the world's largest companies. The outwardly attractive ideas of the "reset" conceal the interests of capital and the world elite, who will get their hands on climate weapons and technologies of total digital control. There will be a redistribution of global wealth through instruments such as fines and taxes on carbon emissions, lower revenues from the export of traditional energy resources, increased spending on the purchase of digital and "green technologies", more environmentally-friendly vehicles.

The world community needs not to build an economy operating for the "golden billion", but models and strategies for the development of national economies as a "new order". We need a model that would direct efforts and resources, new technologies, and care for the environment to improve the level and quality of life of the population of developed and developing countries. I am sure that the work of the conference will make a significant contribution to the development and promotion of such ideas. I wish you success in the work of the conference!

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