

GREEK VERSION

Αναλογίζομαι καιρό τώρα τι έχει συμβεί ώστε να έχει απωλέσει τόσο έντονα το «ηθικό πλεονέκτημα» του ο αναπτυσσόμενος Δυτικότροπος κόσμος στα μάτια του αναπτυσσόμενου αλλά και αντικρίζοντας τον καθρέφτη.

Προσφατα εντόπισα ένα επικίνδυνο θεωρητικό παράδοξο στα θεμέλια της μεταπολεμικής παγκοσμίας αρχιτεκτονικής ... που ίσως να ευθύνεται εν μέρη για την αυξανόμενη αστάθεια του οικοδομήματος:

Δεν μπορείς να έχεις οικοδόμημα χωρίς αρχιτεκτονική. Αρχιτεκτονική χωρίς γεωμετρία. Γεωμετρία χωρίς κανόνες. Κανόνες χωρίς αξιώματα / αρχές / principe.

Ίδου το πρόβλημα, οι κανόνες που διέπουν το σύστημα - και που επιβάλουμε κυρίως στους άλλους στο όνομα της παγκοσμίας τάξης- ΔΕΝ αντανακλούν πλέον παγκόσμιες αξίες και κοινώς αποδέκτες αρχές.. πρωτίστως δε την οικουμενική αξία της ανθρωπίνης ζωής αλλά και της ζωής όλων των άλλων εμβίων όντων και οργανισμών στον πλανήτη μας..

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ENGLISH VERSION

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The post WW-2 world order aspired to a global governance based on convergence around certain main principles. It was based on sovereign state actors, ensuring individual citizens' rights within their fixed borders, while participating in supranational institutions overseeing international conventions pertaining to the flow of trade, capital and people between the state actors.

It is arguable that these principles, underpinning the rules of post WW2 Security Architecture aka "Pax Americana", reflected the rich winners' worldview and power, rather than any Kantian universal principles or Marxist socialist aspirations, yet they were identifiable, solid and had delivered democracy, prosperity and victory in the eyes of the world.

Almost a century later global inequality, not only between laggards and leaders but even within developed and emerging economies, as exemplified by the concentration of power, the delegitimization of authority (due to the unaccountability of elites and their alleged agendas of social re-engineering) has reduced the “West” to an anxious hegemon hanging on to bygone privilege in the face of incredulous challengers.

The double standards with which our so-called “rules-based” world order operates, are now a matter of record in the eyes of the world, as well as back home.

But for me, the root cause behind this exposed hypocrisy runs even deeper:

There cannot be rules without principles; there cannot be a baseless, so to speak, “rules-based” world order.

Despite our subjective and selective application of these rules, despite our reliance on shock & awe for their enforcement, it is not our rules (ie the codification of our conduct) per se, that no longer inspire confidence and respect globally; but rather, it is the fundamental lack of any principles with which the world might reconcile their acceptance of such rules.

There is good news and bad news that flows from this realisation.

A rules-based world order could in theory work again; however, it would need to be based on commonly acknowledged principles genuinely reflective of global values.

Addressing the "why" precedes the "how." All rules pertinent to Euclidian Geometry, Newtonian Physics, Evolutionary Biology or Quantum Mechanics flow from the fundamental principles (assumptions/axioms) on which each of these theories are based eg 3-dimensional space/gravity of mass/genetic traits/uncertainty principle. The same applies for religious codes for love through acceptance or peace through moral order, and other ideological codes in pursuit of equality/justice/security/control/order/wealth etc.

Today's dangerous imbalances are not so much a matter of misinterpreted or misapplied rules but primarily a result of rules which are no longer connected to common values. Our rules are no longer based on any particular set of principles or, even more dangerously, are based on a complete lack of principles altogether: fundamentally so by an apparent lack of respect for human life and that of all other planetary life forms.

A world security architecture based on a paradoxical geometry that seeks to maintain an elaborately balanced edifice based on rules that have no axiomatic foundation... can only lead to an ου-τόπος.. (in this case not to be confused with utopia) and is in urgent need of rethinking before its foundation is beyond repair and the roof comes crashing down on all of us together...

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