

THE STRUCTURAL DISINTEGRATION OF THE WESTERN ORDER

A Structural Analysis and

Scenario Foresight 2026-2035

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SHORT ABSTRACT

This treatise provides a rigorous structural analysis of the Western international order, examining converging pressures of economic erosion, demographic decline, institutional fragmentation, strategic overstretch, and monetary transformation that challenge the liberal hegemonic model established after 1945. Moving beyond deterministic predictions or ideological narratives, this work employs a multi-dimensional analytical framework integrating political economy, hegemonic cycle theory, and probabilistic scenario modeling. It introduces the Principle of Sovereign Flexibility as a normative framework for understanding how states navigate structural transitions while preserving developmental autonomy. Through three probabilistic scenarios spanning 2026-2035, the work offers policymakers, scholars, and strategic analysts a balanced assessment of potential trajectories, grounded in empirical indicators and comparative historical analysis. This is not a prophecy of collapse, but a systematic examination of structural dynamics and their probable consequences for the emerging multipolar international system.

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The three probabilistic scenarios developed in this work provide frameworks for strategic thinking, helping policymakers anticipate challenges and opportunities while maintaining flexibility to adapt to unexpected developments. The Principle of Sovereign Flexibility provides a normative framework for evaluating policy responses during structural transition, recognizing legitimate interests while preserving the possibility of cooperation.

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The ultimate objective is not to celebrate or lament Western transformation but to understand its structural dynamics and probable consequences. Whether this transition leads to renewed Western adaptation, managed decline, or accelerated fragmentation depends on choices made by political leaders, institutional actors, and citizens across multiple jurisdictions. Structural analysis can illuminate constraints and possibilities, but cannot determine outcomes. Human agency remains decisive.