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**Realpolitik: What is the New World Order? US-China Competition After Covid-19
with Zoltán Fehér**

Webinar: <https://youtu.be/JiHOIW-FiKo>

English Article

<http://www.eccom.info/index.php/mediation/global-business-global-affairs/214-how-can-the-world-escape-captivity>

Hungarian Article

https://azonnali.hu/cikk/20200504_hogyan-szabadulhat-a-vilag-mostani-fogsagabol

Jersey City, May 15, 2020—Professor David Weiss sat down (virtually) last week with diplomat, lawyer, and schola, Zoltán Fehér to discuss his new article How Can the World Escape Captivity. This article is the first of many to be entered into the brand new IDR Scholarly Article Depository on Global Business, Global Affairs, and Mediation through our partnership with ECCOM Magazine. Fehér is currently an Adjunct Professor at Tufts University and pursuing his PhD in International Relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.. He is a diplomat scholar who worked for 13 years as a professional diplomat. Feher’s most recent diplomatic position was as Hungary’s deputy ambassador and Chargé d’Affaires in Ankara, Turkey. He worked at the Embassy of Hungary in Washington DC as Chief Creative Officer and Foreign Policy Analyst, and held various positions in the Foreign Ministry.

Professor Weiss commented, “Understanding the world is not flat and has many shapes from a geopolitical perspective in the current pandemic era: the first step for both nations and the global community is to understand how to shape policy through a new more redefined nation state self-interest perspective” when asked about the importance of Fehér’s article and their contextualizing podcast episode.

Ambassador Laszlo Molnar , NJCU Professor and Hungarian Diplomat expressed, “The article is a powerful demonstration of the sad reality how often developments of crucial importance in world politics are neither recognized nor addressed in a timely fashion, leaving us with the only

choice between bad and worse. It is a well-documented and intelligent quest for the basic imperative to understand our globalized world real time, also in order to predict our future with higher probability and more certainty.” Contemporary world politics is an ever changing and increasingly difficult to navigate ecosystem, but Fehér and Professor Weiss ardently and efficiently outline some key components, as well as the future of the world as we know it.

Gyorgy Toth, PhD, Lecturer in Post-1945 U.S. History and Transatlantic Relations at the University of Stirling in Scotland, said "A diplomat-scholar whose praxis has spanned the United States, Central Europe, and all the way to Asia, Zoltan Feher uses the school of realpolitik to illuminate the international politics of the Covid-19 crisis. For Feher, realpolitik's logic of self-interest is the key to the new world order beyond the virus crisis. He argues that nation states have misapplied the practices of realpolitik, and after their initial isolationist responses, they now need to urgently seek international cooperation in tackling the crisis. Feher argues that intra-state cooperation and systemic corrections within the United States are crucial not only for combating the crisis, but also for shoring up the American role in the world in the face of Chinese competition. China has been enabled by its own centralized strategic decision making to assume the mantle of a benevolent superpower in the world - the same role that the United States used to play before Trump assumed the presidency. Feher's analysis is a call for a rebirth of a national effort by the United States to alleviate the crisis and rise to the challenge internationally - an endeavour not seen since America's double project of the New Deal-turned war effort.”

Fehér examines one of the most pressing questions of modern international studies: Are nation-states intrinsically or inherently prone to international cooperation or conflict? Follow the links above to listen to the podcast or read the article to experience Fehér and Professor Weiss’s illuminating thoughts for yourself.

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