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## From the Editors

Although the media in the trans-Atlantic world is doing its best to suppress the news, writes Helga Zepp-LaRouche in our *Cover Story*, “the world has fundamentally changed in the past three weeks.”

China and the other BRICS countries have been forging ahead, since their summit in Brazil in July, putting together a new world economic order that prioritizes the common aims of sovereign nations, especially the development of infrastructure and science. The BRICS interventions continued at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Beijing during the first week of November, and the G20 summit in Brisbane, Australia, on Nov. 15-16. The Western media portrayed Russia’s President Putin was “an isolated figure,” perhaps intimidated by such affronts as host Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott’s threat to “shirtfront” him (Abbott apparently remembered that Putin has a black belt in judo, and restrained himself). But as our cover photo shows, the real news was no such isolation of Putin, but the new moves by the BRICS that we report in this issue.

Chinese President Xi Jinping’s emphasis on the “inclusiveness” of his New Silk Road policy and the institutions the BRICS countries are putting into place is vividly illustrated in our *Feature*, “Integrating the Nile Basin with Modern Transport.” Hussein Askary and Dean Andromidas provide a blueprint of Africa’s requirements for a triad of infrastructure: road, rail, and maritime transport. The legacy of Africa’s colonial past—railroads that go only from the mines to the ports to expedite imperial looting—is finally beginning to be overcome, with China playing a leading role.

Our *Science* section addresses the energy and infrastructure requirements of the 21st Century, with speeches from the Schiller Institute’s Oct. 18-19 conference in Frankfurt on “The New Silk Road and the New Paradigm for Mankind.” Speakers from the United States, China, Germany, and Malaysia pointed to the solutions for mankind’s energy requirements, through fission and fusion power.

The key missing element is support from the United States for these development policies. In *International* we document the aggressive actions by Obama and his NATO allies to encircle Russia and China militarily, to block the emerging new world order. But there are new signs of fight: In *National* we report on domestic opposition to Obama’s unconstitutional war policy in Iraq and Syria,