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ZEPP-LAROUCHE WEBCAST

## The New Silk Road Is Shaping Strategic Affairs

*This is the edited transcript of the April 5, 2018 Schiller Institute New Paradigm webcast, an interview with the founder of the Schiller Institutes, Helga Zepp-LaRouche. She was interviewed by Harley Schlanger. A [video](#) of the webcast is available.*

**Harley Schlanger:** Hello, I'm Harley Schlanger from the Schiller Institute. Welcome to this week's Schiller Institute webcast for April 5, 2018, featuring our founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

In the last couple of weeks, Helga has spoken about the potential for a backfire as a result of the Skripal affair that British Prime Minister Theresa May and her somewhat unhinged Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson, have been using as a way of attacking both Russia and the United States. We've seen this play out in a very big way in the last couple of days. The fact that the British have come out in their own name, and in the name of their intelligence services and their government, to attack Russia, has in fact, "put egg on their faces," as some

have said. So, Helga, why don't you catch us up on what's happened in the last days? Because this is quite significant, in terms of shaping the strategic relationships.



**Helga Zepp-LaRouche:** This is extremely serious. The group of nations, which moved in unprincipled solidarity with May and Johnson, need to reflect on what has actually happened. Look at some of the recent developments: Gary Aitkenhead, the Chief Executive of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory at Porton Down, said in an interview, that the lab could not find any proof that the origin of this nerve agent was Russia; the lab did establish that it was Novichok, or belonged to the group of Novichoks, but could not definitely say that it came from Russia.



*UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson.*

*UK Prime Minister Theresa May*

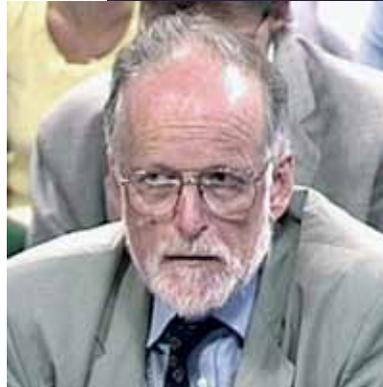
even mentioned that the scientists of the Porton Down lab had said so. So, they were obliged to remove the tweet, because that also constitutes evidence that Boris Johnson was lying, because he had said that he had heard from the scientists that there was irrefutable proof that this came from Russia. That's the first thing.

Then *The Times* of London had a comment saying that the statement by Aitkenhead threatens to collapse the international coalition against Russia. Well, that's indeed the case, because now everyone is reviewing the case. For example, at a press conference held by the German government shortly after Aitkenhead's statement, journalists asked if the German government had changed its perspective. The answer was no. This clearly demonstrates the nature of the stranglehold on the minds of these people. They are in the grip of the British empire.

This operation is now clearly backfiring. The role of the British government, and the British empire, is completely exposed. They, however, are not stopping their confrontation with Russia. Some of the Russian response can be heard from speakers at the Seventh Moscow Conference on International Security, now taking place in Moscow. Sergei Naryshkin, for example, who is the head of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service said that this is as serious as the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Others said that this time these idiots have gone way over the line, and that is clearly the case. There is, fortunately, a wide array of people who are saying, look, we cannot continue this way; we have to resume a dialogue with Russia; we have to go back to straighten out relations.

Despite the fact that the United States expelled 60 Russian diplomats, which is clearly part of Britain's escalation, President Trump himself did not at any point use the Skripal incident to attack Russia as the perpetrator; this stands out clearly. People, who are always totally freaked out about Trump, should seriously review the truth of the matter and ask themselves if their perspective and their approach are correct. It is not, for the most part, Trump who is going for confrontation. The actual warmongers turn out to be people who can't even walk straight, claiming that they are so heavily burdened with their responsibilities to enforce "democracy and human rights." People need to think this through.

If you consider the procedures that NATO, part of the European Union, and the German and French governments have taken, all immediately jumping on Brit-



The George W. Bush Presidential Library  
Above: UK Prime Minister Tony Blair (left) at a meeting with President George W. Bush in 2002 to pressure Bush to launch the war against Iraq. Left: Dr. David Kelly, who was "suicided" in 2003.

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ain's evidence-free condemnation of Russia, these actions constitute a blow to the whole Western system.

These actions are wreaking great damage to the Western system by allowing the condemnation to come first, by having Russia declared guilty, before any establishment of scientific fact, by claiming that perhaps evidence will surface sometime down the road, or maybe not. Any nation that plays with these things lightly is contributing to discrediting itself, which is not a good thing.

**Schlanger:** Minimally, we could say this is a rush to judgment, but more importantly, this is part of an established pattern of British intelligence. We've seen it before with the repeated charges, without evidence: that the Assad government was using chemical weapons against its own people, and of course, the famous case even earlier of Tony Blair's story about Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction, which turned out to be another fabrication of the highest levels of British intelligence.

But there's another aspect of this which I think you may want to comment on, which is the case of David Kelly, because this also hits at home, where there was opposition from within the scientific community in the United Kingdom against the actions of the government and the intelligence community.

**Zepp-LaRouche:** This is clearly a pattern. Before the statement by the head of the Porton Down lab came out, the former British ambassador to Uzbekistan, Craig Murray, had said that he had it from high-level sources in the intelligence community or the science community, that the British scientists could not produce the evidence—and they didn't. At the time of the Iraq War, David Kelly, UN weapons inspector and Porton Down division head, had blown the whistle, reporting that there were no weapons of mass destruction, for which truth-telling he met with an early death under extremely dubious circumstances, which was said to be a suicide, but nobody really believes that.

I think this is quite something. The Iraq war was based on lies. Willy Wimmer, the former vice president of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and former state secretary to the German Federal Minister of Defense, pointed to the fact that the Iraq War, after all, has caused hundreds of thousands of deaths in Europe, in the Middle East, and in North Africa. The Chilcot Commission, which from our standpoint was somewhat a cover-up, did, nevertheless, point to the fact that Tony Blair had willfully, intentionally exaggerated the danger coming from Iraq and Saddam Hussein at the time. Bush's Secretary of State, Colin Powell, used the MI6 "dodgy dossier" on Iraq's alleged "weapons of mass destruction" to argue before the UN Security Council for the United States to join in the Iraq War.

Governments have launched these wars in which, looking at them in their totality, millions of lives have been lost. There has been no accountability, it just goes by. The people, who claim to be defenders of human rights and democracy, are the same people who make these interventions into sovereign countries, which have had such horrible results. This is complete hypocrisy and duplicity. And then they act self-righteous, pre-



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*Willy Wimmer*



*Colin Powell*

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tending they are the good ones, and the Russians and the Chinese are the bad ones.

I think we need to review all of this, because it cannot be allowed to continue. It's very dangerous to world peace.

**Schlanger:** Another aspect of this is that it was a major feature of President Trump's election campaign in 2016, in which he, at a very important debate in South Carolina, openly accused George W. Bush of lying to create the Iraq War, and he said that his administration would oppose these kinds of wars.

This week the President announced that he's preparing to remove U.S. troops from Syria, despite demands from some in the military and the CIA, that the United States remain in Syria.

This is a fairly significant departure from the standard Bush/Obama policy of pursuing these wars, isn't it?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** Yes, Trump is clearly sticking to his campaign stances despite the fact that certain representatives of the U.S. military and related circles are saying, "No, no, we still have a lot of fighting to do against ISIS." He has promised

to stop the interventionist wars, and I think he is going very far to do so. Especially, if you consider that in this middle of this whole hysteria, he telephoned President Putin and reiterated that he wants to have a summit with him in the near future. President Trump stated that having a good relationship with Russia "is a good thing and not a bad thing," in the midst of his meetings with the presidents of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, the three Baltic countries that are extremely anti-Russian.

Those who have blindly accepted the slanders against Trump, Putin, and Xi should consider that these slanders originate from the same circles—the neo-con, neo-liberal geopolitical factions—that recognize that their system is in really bad shape and will stop at noth-

ing to save it, as is evident in the recent Skripal affair.

**Schlanger:** You mentioned the Moscow International Security Conference. Clearly, there's a discussion going on there, about something that your husband Lyndon LaRouche brought up many, many years ago, and that you've been calling for, which is the establishment of a new security architecture. How is this proceeding in Moscow? Do you have some reports on what the discussion process has been there?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** It's an extremely important event. There are 95 countries represented, 840 guests, and 700 media. This alone speaks to the fact that Russia is very far from being isolated, as some in the West are trying to portray.

The discussions were very focussed on the need to have an international alliance to combat terrorism. There was a warning by the Director of the FSB, that there are signs that ISIS and al-Qaeda are merging. He said this means you will have sleepers and cells in every country around the globe, and the only way you can defend against that, is to work together internationally.

Another very important aspect of this conference, is that the Defense Minister of China went to this conference and made a statement that his attendance was meant as a signal to the West that the Russian and the Chinese military are in an extremely close strategic partnership.

There were many warnings that the present confrontation is approaching the danger level of the Cuban Missile Crisis, so people are extremely attuned to what is coming from the British and their allies. On the other hand, it also shows who is talking in favor of international solidarity and cooperation to address the real dangers of the world. Clearly Russia, China, and the other countries participating in this conference, not the British led Western group, are addressing the real dangers in the world.

And again, this is something people should reflect on, rather than believing the propaganda. If you read the German tabloid *Bildzeitung* this morning, on page 2, it has a photo montage of Putin, Erdogan, and Rouhani, and it labels them as an "axis of evil." This is ridiculous!



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*Russian President Vladimir Putin (left) and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.*

These three countries—Russia, Turkey, and Iran—have collaborated to bring about a solution to the terrible crisis in Syria, and this *is* a very good thing. Not all aspects of the policies of these countries,— there are the unresolved tensions between the Kurds and Erdogan, between Turkey and Greece, so not everything is perfect.

In the larger picture, look at the fact that the misery of the Syrian people, who have suffered through war for seven years, is being positively addressed and alleviated precisely because of the intervention of these three countries, and do not forget the cooperation between the United States and Russian military under the leadership of Trump and Putin. Don't just fall for the propaganda spread by such media coverage. There are many people who have suffered great losses, of their livelihoods, their happiness, and even their lives as a result of the British empire's geopolitical policies. For the Syrian people, this help is a very good thing.

**Schlanger:** Especially, this should have meaning for people in Europe, because in 2015-2016, there was the explosion of the refugee crisis, and with all the hand-wringing and crocodile tears that were shed, nothing was done to support the Russian intervention to stop the war in Syria. The fact that the Russian, Iranian, and Turkish governments were meeting to discuss this, is something that should be welcomed, as opposed to being a source for criticism.

On Russia-Turkey cooperation, there was another aspect to it, because when these problems are dealt with in the real world, there's always an economic element.

Putin and Turkish President Erdogan recently reached an agreement to move ahead with nuclear energy development. This is part of the broader package of the New Silk Road and economic cooperation that you've been talking about, isn't it?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** Yes. The remarks of President Putin, who was at the opening ceremony of this Akkuyu nuclear plant, were meant to emphasize the extreme importance of nuclear energy, giving a country cheap and secure energy, and leading to an increase in the productivity of its entire economy; which is absolutely the case. There are many, many nuclear energy projects under construction with the help of Russia, China, and India—in Africa, in Latin America, and in Asia.

Soon, countries such as Germany will be the only ones not having nuclear energy, and if they keep to this course, these countries will be sidelined to the disadvantage of their own people. This is something we must change.

**Schlanger:** Another story getting a lot of coverage internationally is that the discussions and negotiations under way between the United States and China on tariff policy are nothing but a trade war. I think it's being covered by the media as a way of trying to drum up war. There is danger in this, as the Chinese have pointed out. I think it's important to hear your perspective. There are problems in the U.S.-China relationship including the huge trade imbalance, but it's not just a trade war, there is a much broader discussion under way. How do you see this evolving, from what you've seen recently?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** There are negotiations going on, and it may not necessarily come to the execution of these tariffs, which both sides have now drawn up, ranging up to \$60 billion in products. Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang has pointed out that there is another way to overcome the trade imbalance, namely by increasing trade, especially by investments in joint ventures in third countries—that there are many ways to get rid of this trade imbalance.

There is renewed discussion of something which we brought in early on, namely, the possibility of Chinese investments in infrastructure in the United States. That would also be a way to completely change the dynamic. Chinese investment in American infrastructure would create many, many productive jobs for Americans; it would create the infrastructure necessary as a precondition for a real industrial revolution: for the building of

new cities, science cities, connecting all American cities with fast train systems.

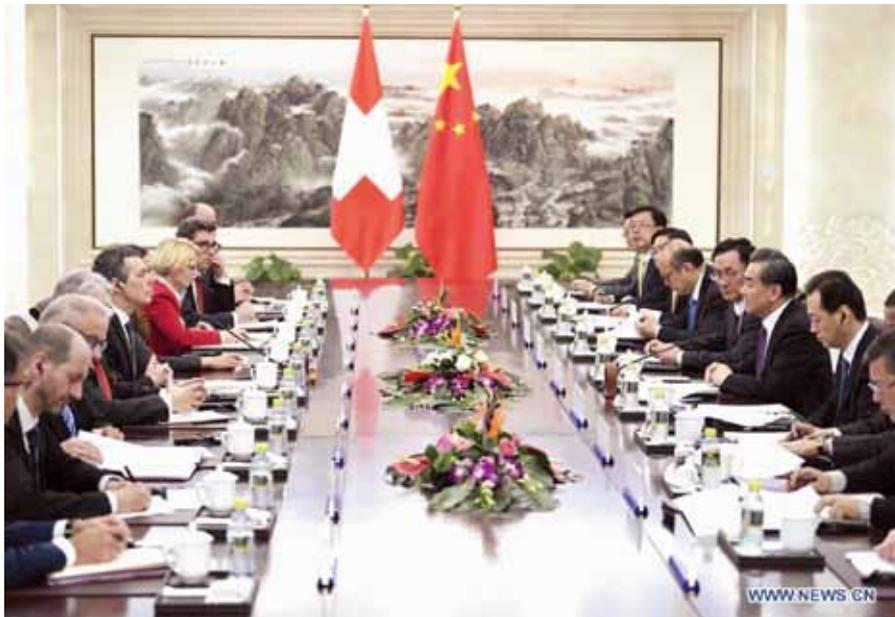
There are so many ways of changing the dynamic for the better. I'm convinced that China has this in mind. There was a program recently on the Chinese TV channel CGTN, proposing exactly that idea: that there should be a dialogue on infrastructure. A Trump supporter made such a proposal recently. Such a discussion has begun. President Xi Jinping will be giving a very important speech at the Boao Forum for Asia, known to some as the "Asian Davos," which will start on April 8. He is expected to make quite a significant, major speech on the continuation of international reforms, and opening up. You can expect something important to come from there.

The Chinese are also extremely aware of the fact that we are sitting on a powder keg in terms of the financial system. Xi Jinping has defined three priorities: One, to overcome the risks of the financial system; two, to alleviate poverty; and three, to get rid of air pollution. So I think the Chinese are very much aware of the dangers of the current Western financial system. There were several articles recently warning that the outbreak of a new 2008 crisis could happen at any moment. One of the many new aspects being looked at is the difference between the LIBOR rate and the Fed rate. That was the early sign of the start of the 2008 crisis.

So that requires an acceleration of the discussion which we and our colleagues in the United States and in Europe have initiated, to implement the Four Laws of Lyndon LaRouche: Glass-Steagall, a national bank, a credit system, and cooperation of the Western countries with the financial systems of the New Silk Road, the AIIB, and the New Silk Road Fund. All of these things need to be urgently discussed because of the very great and present danger of a financial crash. Some people are even speculating that the same people taking these provocative actions against Russia, could also deliberately trigger such a financial crash, to pull the rug out from under President Trump and bring the neo-cons back, getting rid of Trump by blaming the crash on him.

To anyone who thinks this is a conspiracy theory, or totally over the top, I strongly suggest looking again at the Skripal case. Learn the lesson from that. Learn how things can be manipulated and orchestrated.

The urgency is to quickly draw the proper lesson from all of this, and end this system of looting, which only serves the very few, very rich; it's destroying the middle class; it's making the poor, poorer. We need a return to Hamiltonian economics. This is the basis of the Chinese economic miracle, as I have said many times.



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*Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Swiss Federal Councillor and Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis hold the first round of foreign ministerial strategic talks between the two countries in Beijing, April 3, 2018.*

The Chinese economic miracle, or Chinese economic model, is much, much closer to the economic policies of the young republic of the United States than many think. It's no coincidence that the distinction which Friedrich List, for example, made between the American System and the British System, is exactly what is playing out today, and that's why we **clearly** need a return to the American System of economy.

**Schlanger:** It's also important to keep in mind that President Trump has repeatedly referred to his great friendship with Xi Jinping, and the strategic importance of a U.S.-China relationship is also clear when it comes to collaboration in bringing a peaceful solution to the Korean Peninsula. There's a lot of diplomacy coming up: The Trump-Putin meeting; the Trump meeting with Prime Minister Abe of Japan; and also his coming meeting with Kim Jong-un. So there's a lot more at stake here than just reducing the U.S. trade imbalance.

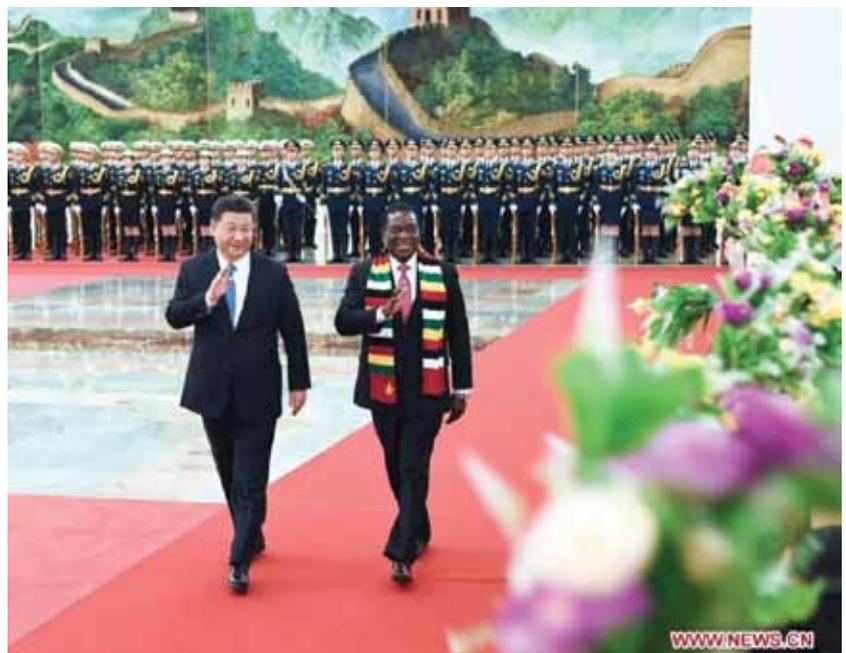
Just to go back to one final note on the Belt and Road Initiative: I'm sure you took note of the importance of the recent visit of the delegation from the

Swiss government to China, and also the very large delegation heading to China from Austria. Maybe there's a lesson here for Germany?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** Well, one would hope so. I am very happy that all the neighbors of Germany are joining the Silk Road; it certainly greatly increases the pressure on those who are too stupid or too arrogant to see the potential this initiative has for German industry.

The Swiss Foreign Minister was just in China. He and his Chinese counterpart, Foreign Minister Wang Yi, and also State Councilor Yang Jiechi, declared that the collaboration of China and Switzerland in the New Silk Road is at the

best historical level ever. They emphasized the importance of Xi Jinping's visit last year to Switzerland, when he addressed the Davos World Economic Forum as a keynote speaker, and then went on to Geneva, emphasizing the importance of Switzerland. So they're deepening the relationship between China and Switzerland.



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*Chinese President Xi Jinping holds a welcome ceremony for Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, April 3, 2018.*

And the Austrian government has a huge delegation, the largest ever: President Alexander Van der Bellen, Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, four cabinet ministers, and 170 CEOs from large corporations, are all spending five days in China. Kurz said that there is no ceiling when it comes to improving the relationship between Austria and China on the New Silk Road. The same thing is happening with Zimbabwe. The new President, Emmerson Mnangagwa, is going with a large delegation of 12 ministers and also many, many CEOs. Almost every day there is an interesting new breakout in relationships with China. As I have said many times, the Spirit of the New Silk Road is, in my view, absolutely unstoppable, unless we have World War III—which some people are risking.

Nevertheless, the idea of new relationships among nations, respecting each nation's sovereignty, respecting the difference in social systems, ending international wars, and the idea of win-win cooperation—this is a new model of international relations and a New Paradigm. The biggest problem is that the Western media are so controlled by this insane geopolitical faction, that most people don't know enough about this new, growing model of win-win cooperation that is so rapidly involving more nations every day.

Join the Schiller Institute! Help us spread knowledge about the New Silk Road, and also the options to solve the present financial crisis, and many other crises around the world, with such an approach. I appeal to you: Don't sit on the fence! This is an incredibly important historic moment. The British have just suffered a terrible setback and defeat, which freaks them out. That British mistake and misjudgment is visible for everyone to see. We are in a very opportune moment to move forward and establish a completely different political, social, and economic system on this planet.

**Schlanger:** The Schiller Institute will be launching a new membership drive. If you want to increase the misery of the British intelligence establishment and the City of London, become a member of the Schiller Institute, and help us build the audience for these webcasts, to give an ever-increasing number of people an alternative to the lying media, which are otherwise the only option they have to allegedly find out about the world.

So Helga, I think that covers quite a bit. Thank you for joining us again, and we'll see you next week.

**Zepp-LaRouche:** Yes. Till next week.

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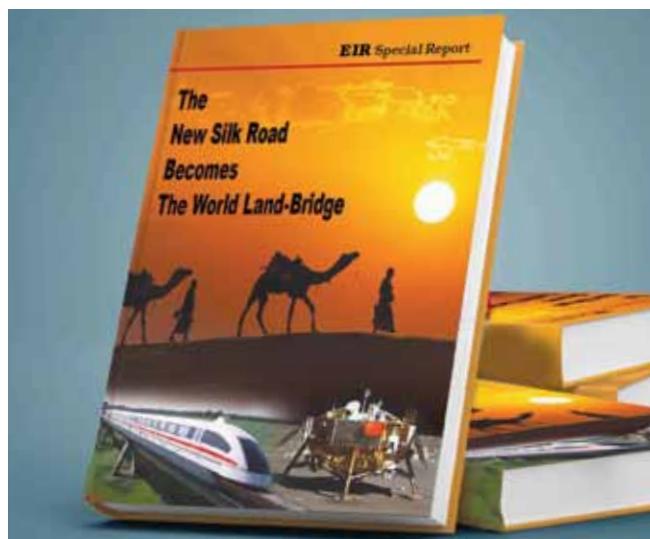
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