

famous neighborhoods.

That fish would be taken over those roads. Those same roads that we call the Inca Road network, were also taken advantage of during the Spanish conquest of Peru and other Latin American countries. They were used by them because they were excellent roads, which had spots along the way every so often to store food for the chasquis, or messengers, or others carrying messages and for trade.

This road network was used for communication. In those days there obviously weren't any computers, but they were able to communicate almost in real time what was happening in Cuzco or any part of the empire to the Inca.

So, if we see this tradition, there is a history regarding the use of roads to integrate and create good economic and social policies to enable the people to develop more rapidly.

From the Pacific to the Atlantic

How then could we not believe in the Belt and Road?! As Christian Democrats we support the idea that you have to cross from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The existing Port of Bayóvar, near the city of Piura, the capital city of Peru's northwestern Piura region, for example, is an advantageous place where a mega-port could be built for very large, even giant ships.

From there, you could move freight by rail and

modern roads up through the lowlands of our mountain range. You enter through Cajamarca, and then you cross the sierra to the edge of the jungle. You could reach Ucayali and then go into Brazil, and thereby reach the Atlantic.

This would clearly directly benefit eleven regions of Peru, and the rest would be indirectly integrated.

We believe that this would contribute greatly to our need for economic diversification, not having to depend on, or go on auto-pilot based on, the price of minerals abroad. In this way, Peru could be transformed into a region potentially heading towards progress. I believe that raising the living conditions of our people would be highly favorable for them, and for the common good.

Therefore, we believe in the project for bi-oceanic integration, to connect the people with the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans, and in that way to be able to reach Europe, Africa, and Asia as well.

So, I send my greetings and thank you for the opportunity you have given us, and tell you that we have to get back to doing things again. The Inca Road network was 30,000 kilometers long, and it was developed by the Incas. I'm sure that with the technology available in the world today, we can accomplish this rapidly and efficiently, and we can achieve progress for all of our people, not only for Peru, but also for the entire South American region.

Thank you. I greet you all with an *abrazo* from Peru. We hope to see you here soon.

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War Is Not Inevitable! Emergency Response to the Crises: A New, Human-Centered Paradigm

The following is the edited transcript of the presentation by Tony Magliano to Panel 2, of the Schiller Institute conference, "100 Seconds to Midnight on the Doomsday Clock: We Need a New Security Architecture!" on February 19, 2022. Mr. Magliano is an internationally syndicated columnist for the Catholic social justice and peace mission.



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write an internationally syndicated Catholic social justice and peace column. I am honored to be invited by the Schiller Institute to share a few brief thoughts concerning the crisis inflicted upon starving Afghans as well as the volatile Russian-Ukrainian crisis.

The Human Cost of War

According to Brown University's "Costs of War" project, Afghanistan has endured more than 46,000

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civilian war deaths, serious human rights abuses against civilians committed by CIA-armed militias, mental health problems in two-thirds of the population—including countless traumatized children—large-scale destruction of infrastructure, and over 2 million refugees.

On top of all this misery, countless Afghans are starving!

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres recently told the UN Security Council that, “Daily life has become a frozen hell for the people of Afghanistan.” He said,

As a matter of moral responsibility—and regional and global security and prosperity—we cannot abandon them. They need peace. They need hope. They need help. And they need it now.

In addition to a quick, far more robust response to ensure that all Afghans—especially the children—have enough quality food to eat, Guterres underscored the need to free-up frozen Afghan currency reserves and additional cash injections.

While the Biden Administration has committed approximately \$780 million for humanitarian assistance, that stingy amount is less than what the U.S. spent every three days during its 20-year war in Afghanistan.

This is a humanitarian emergency! Following the selfless example of first responders, we need to provide an emergency response.

We owe it to them!

The Russian-Ukrainian Crisis

Turning to the volatile Russian-Ukrainian crisis. If war breaks out, it will be a total disaster—except for political hawks and the military-industrial complex. Weapons manufacturers like Lockheed Martin, Boeing, General Dynamics, and Raytheon are already raking in a fortune fueling this immoral, preventable war.

Just imagine all the inhumane carnage from a conventional war, but even worse, imagine a thermo-nuclear war.

As reported by *Vatican News*, Colonel [Konstantin] Sivkov, Deputy President of the Kremlin-backed Russian Academy of Missile and Artillery Sciences (RARAN), is worried that military tensions between the U.S. and Russia over Ukraine could escalate into nuclear war; citing that such a nuclear war would destroy the U.S. and Russia and change the world forever. This is a most appropriate time to watch the realistic nuclear war movie, *The Day After*.

A New Societal Paradigm

The people of the world, especially the poor and vulnerable, desperately need a new economic, political, and societal paradigm. A global model that places the life and dignity of human beings at the center. Where, in place of greed and raw power—love, justice and peace rule the day!

We need to remove our selfish blinders and broaden our view, realizing that we were created by God, father of all, and that we are all brothers and sisters in one human family.

Jesuit theologian and paleontologist Teilhard de Chardin, insightfully said,

The age of nations is past. The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to build the Earth.

Pope Francis, in his recent encyclical letter titled *Fratelli Tutti—All Brothers: On Fraternity and Social Friendship* urges us to build a Gospel-centered fraternal global alternative that replaces our “throwaway culture” with the “culture of encounter.” He challenges all of us, saying,

With the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can finally put an end to hunger, and favor development in the most impoverished countries, so that their citizens will not resort to violent or illusory solutions, or have to leave their countries in order to seek a more dignified life.

Let’s build the Earth! Thank you.