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[The Xi-Putin partnership is not a marriage of convenience \(economist.com\)](#)

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[Vladimir Poutine en Chine pour tester une amitié « sans limites » \(lemonde.fr\)](#)

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[The world’s rules-based order is cracking \(economist.com\)](#)

“Refusing to choose between Beijing and Washington, Emmanuel Macron in search of an elusive balance”

Pay wall : Refusant de choisir entre Pékin et Washington, Emmanuel Macron à la recherche d’un équilibre introuvable - ANALYSE - Le président français refuse de se laisser enfermer dans la logique de blocs que la Chine et la Russie s’emploient à imposer (Le Figaro)

Excerpt:

La Chine est aussi sensible à la voix particulière de la France, dont Emmanuel Macron aimerait faire une «puissance d’équilibre» qui ne soit «ni alignée ni vassalisée» et conserve de la période gaullienne une capacité à rester fidèle à ses alliances tout en marquant sa différence. À Pékin, on interprète «l’autonomie stratégique» défendue par Paris comme une volonté de se distancier vis-à-vis de «l’ennemi» américain et de son «bras armé»,[l’Otan](#). Les États-Unis demandent de manière insistante aux Européens de se montrer plus

fermes vis-à-vis de la Chine, à l'origine selon eux de la reconstitution de l'industrie d'armement russe. À Washington, le développement de la puissance chinoise est considéré comme un risque majeur, qu'il faut affronter directement. (...)

En avril 2023, il avait choqué ses partenaires en affirmant, de retour d'un déplacement en Chine, que l'Europe ne devait pas faire preuve de «suivisme» vis-à-vis des États-Unis à propos de [Taïwan](#). Défendant une «troisième voie», il avait donné l'impression à certains d'inciter Pékin à reprendre le contrôle de l'île... Le président français le répète dans presque toutes ses interventions: «La France refuse de s'enfermer dans une logique de blocs.

Et pourtant, la «logique des blocs» s'est déjà installée à l'initiative de la Chine et de la Russie, aidées par leurs mains droites que sont devenues dans ce combat l'Iran et [la Corée du Nord](#), avec l'assentiment d'une grande partie du «Sud global».

Avec le Covid, puis avec la guerre russe en Ukraine, qui est devenue un sujet existentiel pour la Chine, et enfin avec la guerre à Gaza, le fossé entre la Chine et les Occidentaux est devenu si large qu'on voit mal comment l'approche française pourrait avoir un impact sur les dirigeants chinois.

Aujourd'hui, la Chine, qui se cache officiellement derrière une «neutralité», a bel et bien choisi le camp de la Russie. Elle n'a aucun intérêt à ce que la guerre en Ukraine, qui sert son objectif de recomposition de l'ordre mondial et dont elle bénéficie politiquement et économiquement, s'arrête. En tout cas, tant que le conflit reste conventionnel... Il sera donc difficile pour Emmanuel Macron de poser la France en puissance d'équilibre vis-à-vis de la Chine. À moins de risquer une réédition des erreurs déjà commises avec [la Russie de Vladimir Poutine](#).

L'entêtement d'Emmanuel Macron, au début de la guerre, à maintenir un dialogue avec la Russie, qu'il ne fallait surtout pas «humilier», avait suscité la méfiance des partenaires est-européens de la France. »

[Refusant de choisir entre Pékin et Washington, Emmanuel Macron à la recherche d'un équilibre introuvable \(lefigaro.fr\)](#)

“Ports, airports, undersea cables: how Beijing is taking over the backbone of global logistics”

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[Ports, aéroports, câbles sous-marins : comment Pékin fait main basse sur la colonne vertébrale de la logistique mondiale \(lefigaro.fr\)](#)

“Ice age in relations between India and China”

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[China und Indien – die grossen Rivalen \(nzz.ch\)](#)

“Macron's meeting with Xi: Talking to China, without illusions”

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homologue chinois. Seule une Europe unie a quelque chance de se faire entendre auprès de Pékin. Et encore, pas dans tous les domaines (Le Monde, Editorial)

[Rencontre entre Macron et Xi : parler avec la Chine, sans illusions \(lemonde.fr\)](https://www.lemonde.fr)

“Xi Visits Europe, Seeking Strategic Opportunity”

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[China’s Xi Visits Europe, Seeking Strategic Opportunity - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com)

China and America

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[China and America trade blame for a world on fire \(economist.com\)](https://www.economist.com)

"Faced with Beijing, it's the end of sweet Western dreams"

Pay wall : Philippe Le Corre: «Face à Pékin, c’est la fin des doux rêves occidentaux» : Alors que le président Xi entame un voyage qui le mènera à Paris, Budapest et Belgrade, la France veut profiter de l'approche de l'élection présidentielle américaine et de la guerre d'Ukraine pour se poser en interlocuteur européen privilégié des puissances américaine et chinoise (Le Figaro, Interview)

[Philippe Le Corre: «Face à Pékin, c’est la fin des doux rêves occidentaux» \(lefigaro.fr\)](https://www.lefigaro.fr)

“Xi Jinping is more like Stalin than Mao Zedong”

Pay wall : « Xi Jinping ressemble bien plus à Staline qu’à Mao Zedong » - Alors que le président de la République populaire de Chine doit se rendre en France pour une visite d’Etat les 6 et 7 mai, le sinologue Jean-Philippe Béja analyse, dans une tribune au « Monde », comment il a renforcé son contrôle de l’appareil d’Etat en s’appuyant sur la bureaucratie, les institutions du Parti communiste et une surveillance accrue de la population (Le Monde, Guest Essay)

[« Xi Jinping ressemble bien plus à Staline qu’à Mao Zedong » \(lemonde.fr\)](https://www.lemonde.fr)

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Iran: If we give up and appease Iran and Qatar, like Chamberlain tried to appease Nazi Germany, we could be dragged into another world war

Some free articles / week : Time to cut off the head of the octopus: Iran - If we give up and appease Iran and Qatar, like Chamberlain tried to appease Nazi Germany, we could be dragged into another world war (The Jerusalem Post, Opinion)

Excerpt: “In a heartfelt apology, IDF Chief of Staff Herzl Halevi addressed the terrible incident in which seven World Central Kitchen (WCK) staff members lost their lives, attributing it to a grievous misidentification under the veil of night amidst the complexities of war conditions. This incident sheds light on the unpredictable and often tragic nature of warfare, particularly in regions fraught with tension like Gaza. (...) Gaza is a theater of illusions, in which an ambulance, which should be sacrosanct, is often used to transport armed personnel and weapons. The soldier on the ground must decide if the next ambulance is transporting wounded and sick people... or armed fighters. Many lives depend on the soldier’s decision, including his own. One need hardly add that the stress levels of soldiers on the battlefield are off the charts, reducing the quality of their emotional regulation. Soldiers are trained to keep their emotions in check and make sound, rational decisions but those emotions are also data that help keep them and their buddies alive in a theater where things are often not what they seem. The deaths of the WCK workers are yet another tragic result of this hateful war that Hamas began and the rest of us must finish.”

[The Islamic Republic of Iran must be targeted for global security - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

America and its allies are entering a period of nuclear uncertainty

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[America and its allies are entering a period of nuclear uncertainty \(economist.com\)](#)

China plans to overtake America

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[How Xi Jinping plans to overtake America \(economist.com\)](#)

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[Technologie-Entwicklung China: Der Fortschritt ist unaufhaltsam \(nzz.ch\)](#)

A new world order without Western values?

Pay wall : « Le monde occidental est attaqué pour ses valeurs et son hégémonie, justement parce qu'il perd de sa force » : Les conflits actuels démontrent de façon implacable que le monde est en guerre. La question a été l'objet d'un travail réunissant des chercheurs lauréats d'un appel à projets lancé en 2022, dont les contributions ont été publiées dans un ouvrage dirigé par Claudia Senik, sur lequel l'économiste revient dans un entretien au « Monde » (Le Monde, Interview)

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Russia and China: Good neighbor, old enemy

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[Russland-China: Geschichte einer grenzenlosen Freundschaft von kurzer Dauer \(nzz.ch\)](#)

"The USA and China are rivals. But current dangers are forcing them to coexist"

Pay wall : The USA and China are rivals. But current dangers are forcing them to coexist, writes the well-known historian Niall Ferguson - The geopolitical fault lines of the 21st century are increasingly resembling those of the Cold War - with reversed roles for Beijing and Moscow. But what exactly does this mean for the West? / Die USA und China sind Rivalen. Doch aktuelle Gefahren zwingen sie zur Koexistenz, schreibt der bekannte Historiker Niall Ferguson - (Niall Ferguson, NZZ, Guest Essay)

[China-Politik: Der Umgang mit der Sowjetunion verrät die beste Strategie \(nzz.ch\)](#)

US: "Both Biden and Trump are foreign-policy flops"

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[Both Biden and Trump are foreign-policy flops, argues John Bolton \(economist.com\)](#)

Why America is a “flawed democracy”

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[Why America is a “flawed democracy” \(economist.com\)](#)

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[China’s low-fertility trap \(economist.com\)](#)

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[How China, Russia and Iran are forging closer ties \(economist.com\)](#)

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Pay wall : Jean-François Colosimo: «La guerre en Ukraine, un conflit mondialisé qui ne fait que commencer» - Pour l’historien et théologien, le conflit s’inscrit dans un contexte de retour des empires, non seulement en Russie, mais aussi en Chine, en Inde, en Iran et en Turquie. La bataille d’Ukraine est d’autant plus décisive qu’elle pourrait être le prélude d’un conflit planétaire qui opposerait l’Occident aux puissances néo-impérialiste (Le Figaro, Interview)

[Jean-François Colosimo: «La guerre en Ukraine, un conflit mondialisé qui ne fait que commencer» \(lefigaro.fr\)](#)

India's hydra-headed nukes

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[India is souping up its nuclear missiles \(economist.com\)](#)

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[Opinion | Biden's Next Crisis Might Be North Korea - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

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[Gulf countries are becoming major players in Africa \(economist.com\)](#)

Russia threatens the world

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[Rogue Russia threatens the world, not just Ukraine \(economist.com\)](#)

Technology is the new battlefield

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[Krieg der Technologien - Ära der «kognitiven Konfrontation» \(nzz.ch\)](#)

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[UN is a complete conceptual mishmash - opinion - The Jerusalem Post \(jpost.com\)](#)

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China: Xi Jinping's hunger for power is hurting China's economy

Free access: China pledges to deepen Russia ties and criticises US 'obsession' with suppressing Beijing. Foreign minister Wang Yi – speaking at the Two Sessions – said it was unacceptable some countries are at the table while others are 'on the menu' (The Guardian)

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[Emmanuel Todd: «Nous assistons à la chute finale de l'Occident» \(lefigaro.fr\)](#)

"The West and the rest"

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[Kommt es zum Dritten Weltkrieg \(nzz.ch\)](#)

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[Narendra Modi's illiberalism may imperil India's economic progress \(economist.com\)](#)

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