

Editorial Introduction

The volume „*Futurology – The challenges of the XXI century*” is an important element of the Recifer Eurofutures Publication Series developed by WSB-NLU in Nowy Sącz. The volume is presenting and analyzing a rich panorama of problems and approaches related to the historical experiences of the XX century and the prospective experiences of the XXI century. This is a pluralistic volume in substantial and methodological dimensions opening the perspectives for different value judgments in the interpretation of the past and in the interpretation of the enigma of the future. Some of these value judgments may be seen as controversial especially in the evaluation of the role of neoliberalism as the dominant ideology of the last decades of the XX century.

There is no doubt however, that the grand debate related to the experiences of the XX century and the prospects for the XXI century, should be a controversial debate creating an intellectual climate for the new Futurology able to survive and grow in the dramatic conditions of the XXI century. The title and context of the volume – „*Futurology – the challenges of the XXI century*” can be seen as an inducement for creative reflexion related to the new shape of futurology as an substantial and methodological instrument useful in the interpretation of the grand interactive field linking the past, the present and the future. Never in the history of human mind the enigma of the future was more dramatic than to day. If the volume will even in a very modest scale help us to face these enigma then the mission of the volume will be accomplished.

Let us hope that the context of the volume can be seen as a modest contribution to the new grand Programme of the Club of Rome – The New Path of World Development.

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The creation of the volume „*Futurology – the challenges of the XXI century*”, is the result of an effective cooperation of an informal team of eminent authors, presenting innovative contributions which open the next stages of our thinking related to the enigma of the XXI century. The editors of the volume welcome the possibility to formulate a warm “Thank You” note to the authors of the volume and to the authors of the prepublication review the volume.

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