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**IVAN KRASDEV: THE 'WEST' OF THE COLD WAR-ERA WILL NOT RETURN**

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*Interview with Bulgarian political scientist Ivan Krastev: Defending the status quo cannot be exciting for anyone. Europe must be able to imagine a society that is better than ours and see opportunities even where there are objectively many risks.*

*Where do you think the world is heading?*

In 1643, an English Protestant priest told his listeners: We live in turbulent times, and these storms are global. When I follow the news, I basically have the same feeling. We are at a moment when a certain type of international order has collapsed, we face at least a decade of chaos, and finding a way out of it is becoming the main concern.

And is it even possible □ when you watch all the negative trends and events of recent years □ for this to end well? And by well I mean without a major war or a division of the world into spheres of influence that would not be particularly pleasant for ordinary citizens.

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