



EMAR SEMINAR

## **The Birth Pangs of the Third World War**

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The transition from British to American hegemony that took place during the inter-war period witnessed a mixture of political, economic and ideological crises best exemplified by the Wall Street crash and the rise of Nazism and fascism, eventually leading to WWII. The transition from American to Asian hegemony that has been taking place for some time now, is far more complex, protracted and painful. It began with the collapse of the Dollar-Gold parity in the 1960s and the defeat of the USA in Vietnam; continued through the fall (as Soviet Union) and then rise of Russia; through the rise and fall of the EU as a liberal democratic arrangement; and through a perpetual set of localised wars, especially in the MENA region and the Balkans instigated by the very same Western powers in decline in pursuance of the doctrine of neo-liberal financialisation. This paper attempts, via those comparative variables, to decipher the structural tendencies leading to WWIII that should be avoided at all costs.

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