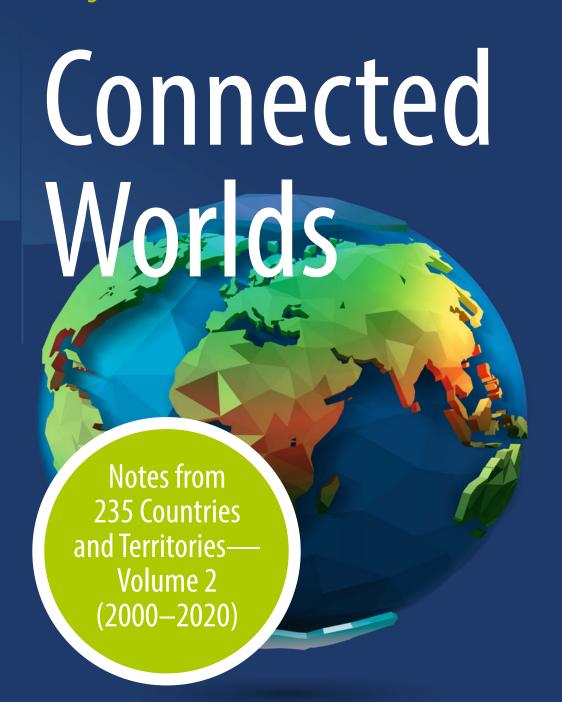
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The shortest way to oneself leads around the world

Hermann Graf Keyserling, The Travel Diary of a Philosopher

Preface

The following notes in two volumes are puzzle pieces of a retrospective on the six decades from 1960 to 2020. With the onset of a global pandemic, a new world sovereign named Corona, I suddenly realized that an interim period had come to an end for the whole world. Only now, in 2020, had the global age truly begun, in full name, which had begun to reveal itself since at least 1945—but probably already since 1914/1919—albeit in a punctual and gradual manner, but all in all, only partially and incompletely. For the longest part of this interim period, I tried to appropriate the world in its connections. Much disappeared as soon as I had understood it. My travel notes want to preserve what was just visible. Reading interconnected worlds to interpret them elsewhere: This was the purpose and consequence of my notes during stays in all sovereign states and in most territories of the earth during the interim epoch from the 20th to the 21st century. With a short lead time since the 1960s and a tentative outlook on the 2020s, a scientific source has emerged that may continue to bubble for research.

A place that is particularly close to my heart, I have not been able to visit so far. I have been fascinated by Timbuktu ever since I read the sign in southern Morocco in 1986, stating that it would take 52 days to get there on the back of a camel. In 2009, the risk of being kidnapped by jihadist Islamists prevented my already well-organized visit by air. Timbuktu lives as a myth and reality. The story of the book smugglers, who saved the city's heritage from jihadist fanatics in 2012, is incredibly gripping. The treasure of Timbuktu can therefore still be read. Perhaps this is one of the most important lessons for the post-Corona world, which all of humanity entered in 2020: We humans see the world most carefully when we read its books. Only in books does what we hope to read in the myth of fleeting perception become reflected reality.

I have culturally recharged, as you will read, during the journeys through the interconnected worlds, most preferably in Rome and in Vienna, in Milan and in Malta. I have imposed the most on my wife Enikö during the path that lies behind me. Like her, our children Victoria Elisabeth and Stephan Maximilian have traveled a good part of the way with me. Now they are already traveling on their own paths further into the 21st century.

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I wish them nothing more than that these will always be good and happy paths. These notes are dedicated with love and gratitude to Enikö and our children. Without their love, my gratitude for successful journeys would always have remained empty and aimless.

on January 1, 2022

Ludger Kühnhardt

Chronology of Countries and Territories

Europe

Kingdom of the Netherlands: 1960, 1965, 1973, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Federal Republic of Germany: 1969, 1972, 1976, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018

Switzerland: 1965, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019

Liechtenstein: 1972, 1993, 2009

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: 1974, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2018, 2019

Ireland: 1974, 1998, 2002

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German Democratic Republic: 1976, 1978, 1980, 1990

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Luxembourg: 1980, 1988, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2018

Belgium: 1980, 1985, 1987, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016,

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Glossary of Abbreviations

ABC All Basotho Convention (Party in Lesotho)

ABC American Broadcasting Company

ABC-Inseln Island group Aruba, Bonaire and Curação

ABM-Vertrag Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Sys-

tems

ACYF All Chinese Youth Federation

AfD Alternative for Germany (Party in Germany)
AFRICOM Africa Command of the US Armed Forces
AGOA African Growth and Opportunity Act

AICGS American Institute for Contemporary German Studies

AIOC Azerbaijan International Oil Company Consortium (Consortium

for Petroleum)

AK Party for Justice and Uplift (Party in Turkey) or Party for Justice

and Development (Turkey)

AKP Group of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States

AKR New Kosovo Alliance (Party in Kosovo)

ALBA Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America

ALDE Faction of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in the Euro-

pean Parliament

AMISOM African Union Mission in Somalia

ANA Afghan National Army

ANAP Motherland Party (Party in Turkey)

ANC African National Congress (Party in South Africa)

ANZAC Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Community

AQMI Organization al-Qaeda of the Islamic Maghreb
ARENA National Renewal Alliance (Party in Brazil)

ARF ASEAN Regional Forum

ASEAN Association of South East Asian Nations

ASERI High School of Economics and International Relations

ASP Afro-Shirazi Party (Party in Zanzibar)

AU African Union

AWACS Airborne Early Warning and Control System

AWB Afrikaner Resistance Movement (radical movement of the Boers

in South Africa)

AZAPO Azanian People's Organisation (political movement in South

Africa)

BAMF Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

BBC British Broadcasting Corporation

BDP Botswana Democratic Party (Party in Botswana)

BEAC Bank of the Central African States (Bank der Zentralafrikanis-

chen Staaten)

BICC Bonn International Conversion Center

BKA Federal Criminal Police Office

BMZ Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation
BNP Bangladesh National Party (Party in Bangladesh)

BOVESPA leading stock index in Brazil

BRIE Bulgarian-Romanian Inter-Regional Europe Center BVI British Virgin Islands (British overseas territory)

CAN Andean Community of Nations

CARICOM Caribbean Community

CCAMLR Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living

Resources

CCM Chama Cha Mapinduzi (Party in Tanzania)

CCTV Chinese television channel

CDU Christian Democratic Union (Party in Germany) of Germany
CEA Commissariat à l'énergie atomique (Office of the Atomic Energy

Commissioner)

CEDEAO Economic Community of West African States (West African

Economic Community)

CEEAC Economic Community of Central African States (Zentralafrika-

nische Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft)

CEFIR Training Center for Regional Integration

CEMAC Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (Zen-

tralafrikanische Wirtschafts- und Währungsgemeinschaft)

CEN-SAD Community of Sahel-Saharan States

CEP Pacific Experimentation Centre (Experimentelles Zentrum für

pazifische Randgebiete)

CERES Centre for School, Economic and Social Research (Zentrum für

Schul-, Wirtschafts- und Sozialforschung)

CETA Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (comprehen-

sive economic and trade agreement EU-Canada)

CEU Central European University

CFA-Franc Franc of the Financial Community of Africa (Central and West

African currency)

CHP Republican People's Party (Party in Turkey)

CIA Central Intelligence Agency

CIGEM Centre for Information and Migration Management (Informa-

tionszentrum für Migrationsmanagement)

CIMIC Civil-Military Cooperation

CNN Cable News Network Television Station

CNODC China National Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Cor-

poration

CNRT National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction (Nationalkon-

gress für den Wiederaufbau von Timor-Leste)

COERR Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (Katholis-

ches Büro für Notfallhilfe und Flüchtlinge)

COM Overseas Collectivity (Übersee-Gemeinschaft)

COMECE Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Com-

munity

COMESA Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

COP21 UN Climate Conference in Paris

CRPLC Centre for Research on Local Powers in the Caribbean

(Research Centre for Local Government in the Caribbean)

CSFR Czechoslovak Federal Republic CSSR Czechoslovak Socialist Republic

CSU Christian Social Union (Party in Germany)
CTM Territorial Collectivity of Martinique

CTV Canterbury Television

DAAD German Academic Exchange Service
DDR German Democratic Republic

DED German Development Service

DEMYC Democratic Youth Community of Europe
DGAP German Society for Foreign Policy
DGB German Trade Union Confederation
DISY Democratic Rally (party in Cyprus)

DOS Democratic Opposition of Serbia (Party in Serbia)

DPRK Democratic People's Republic of Korea

DRC Democratic Republic of Congo

DTA Democratic Gymnasium Alliance (Party in Namibia)

DYL/DYP Party of the Righteous Path (Party in Turkey)

EAC East African Community

ECCAS Economic Community of Central African States

ECO West African Currency

ECOMOG ECOWAS Monitoring Group (Economic Community of West

African States Monitoring Group)

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

EDF European Development Fund

EG European Community

EHU European Humanities University
EKD Protestant Church in Germany

ELN National Liberation Army (Liberation Movement in Colombia)

ENA National School of Administration

ENOSIS Union of the territories predominantly inhabited by Greeks with

the Greek state

EPA Economic Partnership Agreement ESM European Stability Mechanism

ETH Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

EU European Union
EUFOR European Union Force

EUJUST-LEX-IRAQ European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq EULEX Rule of Law Mission of the European Union in Kosovo

Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission

EVP European People's Party

EWG European Economic Community
EXPO International Universal Exposition

EZB European Central Bank

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FARC Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—People's Army

FAZ Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation

FDJ People's Front for Democracy and Justice (Party in Eritrea)

FDP Free Democratic Party (Party in Germany)

FIDESZ Federation of Young Democrats (Party in Hungary)
FIESP Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo
FIFA International Federation of Football Association

FLN Front de Libération Nationale (Liberation Movement in Algeria)
FNLA National Front for the Liberation of Angola (Liberation Move-

ment in Angola)

FOCAC Forum for China–Africa Cooperation FPÖ Freedom Party of Austria (Party in Austria)

FRELIMO Mozambique Liberation Front (Liberation Movement in

Mozambique)

FRETILIN Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor (Liberation

Movement in East Timor)

FSM Federated States of Micronesia

GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade GCC Gulf Cooperation Council of the Gulf

GTZ German Society for Technical Cooperation GmbH

GUS Commonwealth of Independent States
HADEP People's Democracy Party (Party in Turkey)
HDZ Croatian Democratic Union (Party in Croatia)

IAE0 International Atomic Energy Agency

ICDDRB International Cholera and Diarrheal Diseases Research

Bangladesh

ICRI International Commission for the Reform of the Institutions of

the European Union

ICU International Christian University

IDD Institute for Democracy and Development

IFOR Implementation Force (NATO's Implementation Force)

IFRI French Institute of International Relations

IMF International Monetary Fund

INCIPE Institute for International Issues and Foreign Policy
INF Treaty on Nuclear Intermediate-Range Systems

INTAL Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean

IOC International Olympic Committee

IRA Irish Republican Army

ISAF International Stabilization Force, Afghanistan
ISF International Stabilization Force, East Timor ISIS

ISIS Islamic State (Sunni terrorist militia)
ISPI Institute for International Politics Studies

ISS Institute for Security Studies

JOSPOD Joint Seminar on Development Harvard/Massachusetts Institute

of Technology

KCMC Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre

KDNP Christian Democratic People's Party (Party in Hungary)

KEDO Korea Energy Development Organization

KFOR Kosovo Troop

KGB Committee for State Security of the Soviet Union (Komitet

gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti)

KHIC Korea Heavy Industry Corporation
KPdSU Communist Party of the Soviet Union
KSK Special Forces Command of the Bundes

KSK Special Forces Command of the Bundeswehr
KSZE Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
LDDP Lithuanian Democratic Labour Party (Party in Lithuania)

LDK Democratic League of Kosovo (Party in Kosovo)
LDP Liberal Democratic Party (Party in Japan)

LDR Democratic League of Kosovo (Party in Kosovo)

LGBT Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender MBC Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation

MDF Hungarian Democratic Forum (Party in Hungary)
MEDAC Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

MERCOSUR Common Market of South America

MINUR-CAT United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and

Chad

MLP Mauritius Labour Party (Party in Mauritius)

MLSTP Movement for the Liberation of São Tomé and Príncipe (Libera-

tion Movement in São Tomé and Príncipe)

MMM Mauritius Militant Movement (Party in Mauritius)

MMP Mixed-Member-Proportional-System

MNJ Movement of Nigeriens for Justice (Party in Niger)
MNLA National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad

MOLINACO Movement for the National Liberation of the Comoros (Libera-

tion Movement in the Comoros)

MPLA Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (Liberation

Movement in Angola)

MSP Mauritian Socialist Party (Party in Mauritania)

NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration National Aero-

nautics and Space Administration

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization National Socialist*in

NBC National Broadcasting Company

NCP National Congress Party (Party in India)
NCRE National Centre for Research on Europe

NDC National Democratic Congress (Party in Ghana)
NEPAD New Partnership for African Development

NGO Non-Governmental Organization

NHK Nippon Hōsō Kyōkai (Television station in Japan)

NPA New People's Army (revolutionary communist group in the

Philippines)

NPT Non-Proliferation Treaty
NSA National Security Agency
NSC National Security Council

NSDAP National Socialist German Workers' Party (banned party in

Germany)

NSW New South Wales

NTT Nippon Telegraph and Telephone

NUPI Norwegian Institute for International Politics

OAS Organization of American States
OAU Organization of African Unity

OCT Overseas Countries and Territories

OCTA Association of Overseas Countries and Territories ÖDP Party of Freedom and Solidarity (Party in Turkey)

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OECS Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

OPEC Organization of oil-exporting countries Organization of oil-

exporting countries

OSZE Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

ÖVP Austrian People's Party (Party in Austria)

PAC Pan African Congress (Liberation Movement in South Africa)

PACER Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations

PAIGC African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde

(Party in Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde)

PAP People's Action Party (Party in Singapore)

PARLACEN Central American Parliament

PDK Democratic Party of Kurdistan (Party in Turkey)

PDS Party of Democratic Socialism (dissolved party in Germany)
PEN Poets, Essayists, Novelists (international association of writers)

PESCO Permanent Structured Cooperation

PFP Partnership for Peace

PF-ZIPRA Patriotic Front—Zimbabwe People's Army (Liberation

Movement in Zimbabwe)

PIDF Pacific Islands Development Forum

PIF Pacific Islands Forum

PKK Partiya Karkerên Kurdistanê (Party in Turkey)

PLO Palestinian Liberation Organization

PNG Papua New Guinea POM Overseas territories

PP Popular Party (Party in Spain)

PPP Pakistan Peoples Party (Party in Pakistan)

PPPS Party People Progress Seychelles (Party in the Seychelles)

PRI Institutional Revolutionary Party (Party in Mexico)

PROMESA Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act

PTOM Overseas countries and territories
REFAH Refah Partisi (Party in Turkey)
ROC Republic of China (Taiwan)

RPF Rwandan Patriotic Front (Party in Rwanda)

RUB Royal University of Bhutan

SAARC South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation SACEUR Supreme Allied Commander of NATO in Europe

SACU Customs Union of Southern Africa

SADC Southern African Development Community

SAERI South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute
SAIS School for Advanced International Studies

SAR Special Administrative Region
SDGs Sustainable Development Goals
SDI Strategic Defense Initiative

SEATO Southeast Asia Treaty Organization

SED Socialist Unity Party of Germany (Party in the GDR)

SFOR Stabilization Forces

SICA Central American Integration System

SIEPS Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies SISU Shanghai International Studies University

SMOM Sovereign Military Order of Malta

SNU Seoul National University

SPD Social Democratic Party of Germany (Party in Germany)

SPLA Sudan People's Liberation Army

SPLM Sudanese People's Liberation Movement

SPÖ Social Democratic Party of Austria (Party in Austria)

SSSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Union of Socialist Soviet

Republics)

SWAPO South West African People's Organization (Liberation

Movement in Namibia)

SWAT Special Weapons And Tactics

SZDSZ Alliance of Free Democrats (Party in Hungary)

TACIS Technical assistance from the EU for the Commonwealth of

Independent States

TANU Tanganyika African National Union (Liberation Movement in

Tanzania)

TNRC Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

TOP 09 Tradition, Responsibility, Prosperity (Party in the

Czech Republic)

TPFL Tigrayan People's Liberation Front (Liberation Movement in the

Province of Tigray)

TPP Trans-Pacific Partnership

TRT Turkish Radio and Television Corporation
TTIP Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

UAE United Arab Emirates

UANC United African National Council
UBS Union Bank of Switzerland

UÇK Kosovo Liberation Army (Befreiungsarmee des Kosovo)

UCT University of Cape Town

UDI Unilateral Declaration of Independence
UdSSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

UDT Timorese Democratic Union (Party in East Timor)

UEMOA West African Economic and Monetary Union (westafrikanische

Wirtschafts- und Währungsunion)

UMNO United Malays National Organisation (Party in Malaysia)

UN/UNO United Nations/United Nations Organization
UNAMIR United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

UNDP United Nations Development Program

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organiza-

tion Education, Science and Culture

UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization UNIP United National Independence Party (Party in Zambia)

UNIS University Center in Svalbard

UNITA National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Libera-

tion Movement in Angola)

UNLF Uganda National Liberation Front (Guerrilla movement in

Uganda)

UNMIK United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

UNMIL United Nations Mission in Liberia

UNMISS United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan Organi-

zation of the United Nations

UNOMSIC United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

UNP United National Party (Party in Sri Lanka)

UNWRA United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees

in the Near East

US/USA United States/of America
VOC Dutch East India Company
WAI West Africa Institute

WDR West German Broadcasting

WESCOM Western Commando
WEU Western European Union
WHO World Health Organization
WSLF Western Somali Liberation Front
WTO World Trade Organization

YMCA Young Men's Christian Association

ZANLA Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (Liberation Move-

ment in Zimbabwe)

ZANU-PF Zimbabwe African National Union—Patriotic Front (Party in

Zimbabwe)

ZEF Center for Development Research

ZEI Center for European Integration Research

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