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According to various analysts, the actual economic and health crises could seriously change the world as we have known it. During these months, the texture of the metropolis all over the world has been radically modified by lockdowns, “smart working”, online teaching and so forth. It follows that also the features of the “urban century” (*Urban Empires. Cities as Global Rulers in the New Urban World*) could be radically transformed. If global cities are the pivotal nodes in the world city network, as in Zhenhua Zhou’s analysis (*Global Cities. Past, Present and Future*), then one has to carefully consider how the actual crisis has impacted on this network. In other words, due to the role that global cities have played within the process of globalization in the last decades, the modifications they are going through could result in a transformation of globalization itself.

In fact, Alain Cluzet (*Mégalopoles. Malades de la globalization*) thinks that these changes have already occurred. The big cities, he affirms, are no longer the “beating heart” of globalization, which moves today through smaller, faster and more agile platforms. However, he acknowledges that they remain the place in which contemporary contradictions, fears and issues are accumulated. In this sense, they remain the sites of “contemporary warfare and insecurity” (*Cities at War*) and the theatre for what Michael Lind has called “the new class war” (*The New Class War. Saving Democracy from the Managerial Elite*).



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