

Return of the plungers – Hidden strategists, war hawks, silent profiteers 1914 and today

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One hundred years after the outbreak of World War 1, the discussion re-emerges: how could the “seminal catastrophe of the 20th century” happen? This heated debate almost always deals with the question of guilt. However, in light of the political climate at that time, careful attention must be paid to the *cui bono* in order to understand the backgrounds and their consequences. Wars do not just break out, wars are made. Who were the planners and the intriguers, who were the profiteers?

Wolfgang Effenberger and Willy Wimmer trace the secret objectives that were pursued by war-mongering circles at that time – and enable an insightful look behind the scenes of power. The authors also demonstrate that the depicted motives and geopolitical interests constitute a blueprint for conflicts around the globe to the present day.

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