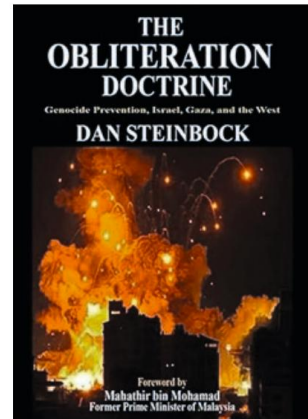


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**ECONOMIC RESEARCHER AND
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 shed light (HS 5.1.2025) on his own
 experiences and connections to Israel
 and Palestine. Steinbock does have
 perspective. He was interviewing
 occupiers and occupied people in the
 region even before the Yom Kippur
 War in 1973. He has translated
Amos Oz into Finnish and is also
 familiar with Israel's peace opposition.

Steinbock has published two very
 interesting works that shed light on the
 background to the ongoing human
 catastrophe, but also on the historical
 and legal nature of the concept of
 genocide. He reminds us that what
 happens in Gaza does not stay in Gaza.

The Obliteration Doctrine:
*Genocide Prevention, Israel, Gaza and
 the West* is his most recent work. It
 builds on his previous work, *The Fall
 of Israel*, and focuses on the ethnic
 cleansing of Gaza, the Israeli
 occupation, US-Israeli military
 relations, and the extreme escalation of
 tensions in the region.

Alex de Waal, executive director
 of the World Peace Foundation and
 familiar with issues related to famine,
 characterizes Steinbock's work:
 “Gaza is our moral zero point. As Dan
 Steinbock convincingly explains, even
 more shocking than the depth of Gaza's
 misery is the openness with which its
 architects express their intentions and
 enjoy impunity.”

In **THE FALL OF ISRAEL**, Steinbock
 also offers new concepts in line with
 the new reality to understand the
 current situation, such as *algocide*, *ultra-
 apartheid*, or *atrocious complicity*, the
 latter of which the so-called West is
 involved in.

Algocide refers to the systematic
 use of algorithmic warfare – that is,
 algorithms and artificial intelligence –
 in atrocities such as genocide.
 Artificial intelligence outsources the
 control of killing to algorithms – and
 ignores moral considerations altogether.

In principle, the algorithm should
 distinguish military targets from civilians,
 but experiences in Gaza and southern
 Lebanon clearly show that there has
 been no distinction in practice.

Steinbock also believes that the
 atrocities will continue as long as the
 United States is willing to be complicit
 – and the international community
 fails to intervene. “Without the weapons,
 funding and training from the United
 States, these massacres would not
 have happened. This is a disaster that
 could pave the way for much worse.”

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