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The Article focuses on two points: 1) The strategy for a new paradigm of international law (by prof. Zdzisław Brodecki) and 2) The doctrine of R2P as the core of a new paradigm of international law (by Paulina Zajadło-Węglarz).

We live in a time of great changes now. The core of a new treaty on peace should be crisis diplomacy, which must always include a military option. In the real world there may not in fact exist order without the presence of *in being* force. In the discussion on the strategy of the new paradigm of international law, the attention should be drawn to: strategic stability, crisis management and humanitarian intervention. The traditional point of view of international law and international relations only obscures the reality. Both realists and liberals have lost the sense of continuity, relationship and direction. There is a need to construct a new paradigm of international law and to take care of its development. It is a categorical imperative in a time of great transformation.

We live in times of accelerated change of paradigms today. In legal science it mainly concerns such traditional and new concepts of international law as sovereignty, the international community, the responsibility of States and individuals, universal jurisdiction or *erga omnes* obligations. The concept of responsibility to protect started from the debate on the "right to intervention", which broke out in the '90s under the influence of the events in Rwanda and Bosnia. After the experiences of the intervention in Kosovo and the subsequent controversy on the legitimacy of NATO's actions, the Secretary-General Kofi Annan presented his famous speech at the General Assembly meeting in 1999, in which he questioned the basic principles. The Secretary claimed that no principle, in particular the principle of state sovereignty, should serve as a protective umbrella for crimes against humanity.