



### **THIRTY YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL: THE AFTERMATH IN GERMANY, IN EUROPE AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD**

Like its construction, the collapse of the Wall was in fact an event that had come to fruition well in advance but, at the same time, had been unexpected and surprising. The author analyses some decisive historical developments immediately prior to November 1989; the author tells the Night of November 9, 1989 and he analyses the Aftermath of the Fall of the Wall, that not only radically changed German history, but also that of Europe and of the world.

1989 was initially hailed as the beginning of a happy era, marked by greater cohesion and cooperation between States, but the West instead made the mistake of not reforming the *governance* of international politics and economics in an adequate way, in relation to the challenges and responsibilities posed by the new situation; it left too much space and power to the strongest States and to the freedom of the markets. New military and economic powers, and above all by the global threat of Islamic terrorism, rose: it's the situation that Pope Francis defined a "fragmented third world war".