**Abstract:** Just as Bismarck’s newly united Germany found itself forced to play “honest broker” in the geopolitical “great game” between Great Britain and Russia, so also did the thought of Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche occupy a pressure-filled Zwischenreich between immoralist nihilism and evolutionary elitism; the self-styled “untimely one” is therefore better understood as “the philosopher of the Second Reich.”

**Keywords:** Second Reich, German Culture, Politics, “Great Politics”