



The Breakdown of Nations

By Leopold Kohr, Foreword by Richard Body, Foreword by Neil Ascherson

Keynote

Leopold Kohr argues 'Little states produce greater wisdom in their policies because they are weak. Their leaders could not get away with stupidity.'

Description

Leopold Kohr shows in *The Breakdown of Nations* that throughout history people living in small states are happier, more peaceful, more creative and more prosperous. Virtually all our political and social problems would be greatly diminished if the world's major countries were to dissolve back into the small states from which they sprang. Rather than making ever-larger political unions, in the belief that this will bring peace and security, we should minimize the aggregation of power by returning to a patchwork of small, relatively powerless states, where leaders are accessible to and responsive to the people.

The Author

Leopold Kohr, an economist by profession, was the originator of the concept of 'the human scale', an idea later popularized by F. Schumacher in *Small is Beautiful*

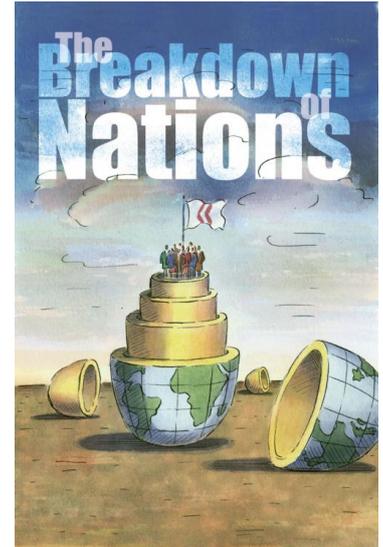
Review Quotes

We have now reached the point Kohr warned about...the point where 'instead of growth serving life, life must now serve growth, perverting the very purpose of existence'. Kohr's crisis of bigness is upon us

Paul Kingsnorth, The Guardian - The Guardian

This is the most important book written by the most original political thinker of the 20th century.

Neal Ascherson, from the foreword



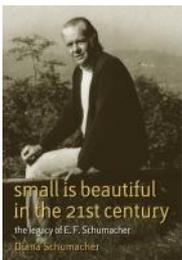
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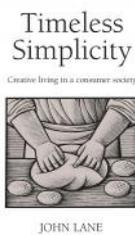
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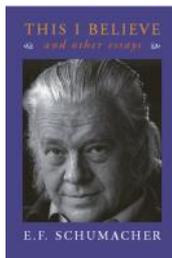
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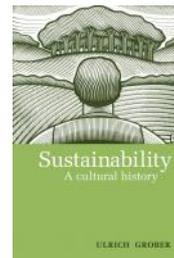
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