2015 William Vest Memorial Lecture

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Envisioning a Small Nations Global Future: a Scale & Power Perspective

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Humanity has lived in three overlapping cultural worlds over the past 100,000 years: Tribal, Imperial, and Commercial. Of the three, only the Tribal World has made human well-being its primary objective. Through detailed research and critical analysis, Professor Bodley argues that small nations are capable of reaching a cultural consensus to correct the unsustainable nature of imperial and commercial cultural worlds and minimize the negative costs of growth. A future Small Nations world would prioritize human well-being, justice, and socio-environmental sustainability. Such possibilities would require, Bodley argues, a radical restructuring of the present commercial world.

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