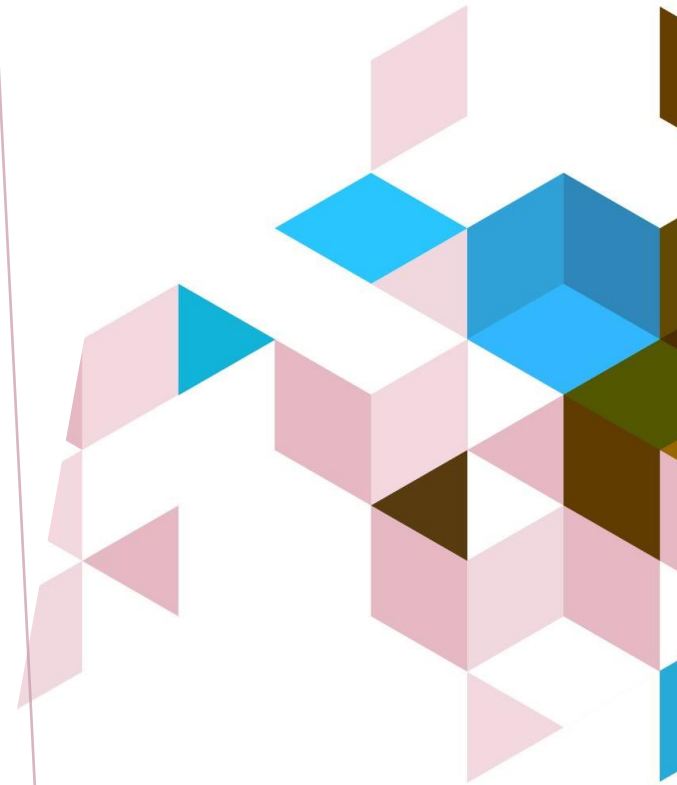


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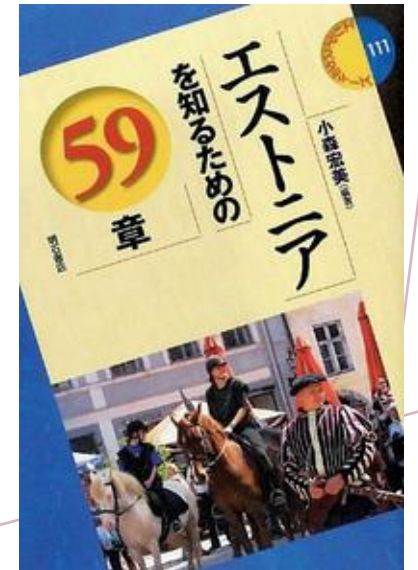
A view on the past, present, and future of “small states” studies

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Past and Present from the viewpoint of human connections

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 - Sergei Isakov
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 - Olaf Mertelsmann
 - Catharine Gibson
 - Lauri Mälksoo
- etc...

*Faceted Nationalism in
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ヨーロッパ境界地域におけるナショナリズムの多面性



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Unsettled border issues

Kadri Liik met local people at Yamanashi and Nemuro and shared her deep expertise in politics and society of Russia.

Source:
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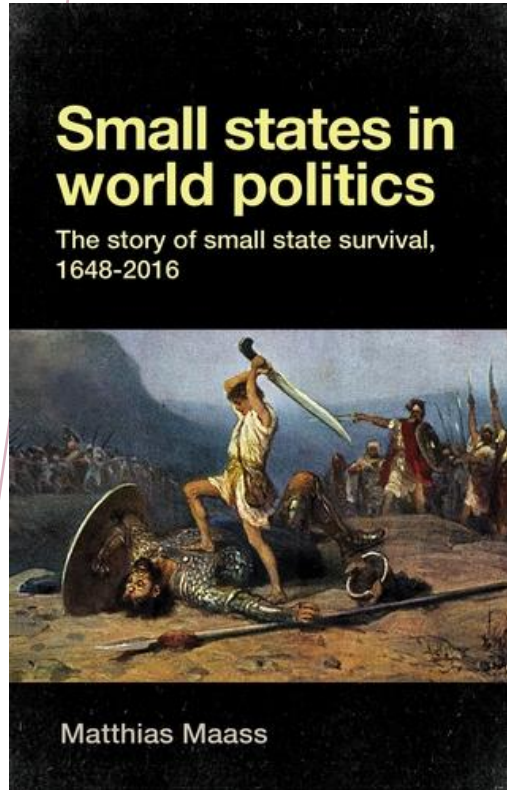
Possibilities of “small states” studies

the purpose of this book was to trace the evolution of "small states" evaluations to identify the dominant views on "small states" in each historical period and examine the problems the "small states" concept had raised, especially concerning their political practices.



Source: SRC

Possibilities of “small states” studies



Maas argued that while not individually capable of influencing international politics, small states can collectively influence world politics. However, from my perspective, depending on the international political situation, I would like to argue that small states can influence world politics both individually and collectively.

Small state as a game-changer

1990's

human rights or/and historical justice



European identity based on the common
memories on WW II

Since 2004

contestations of historical memories

Number of small states

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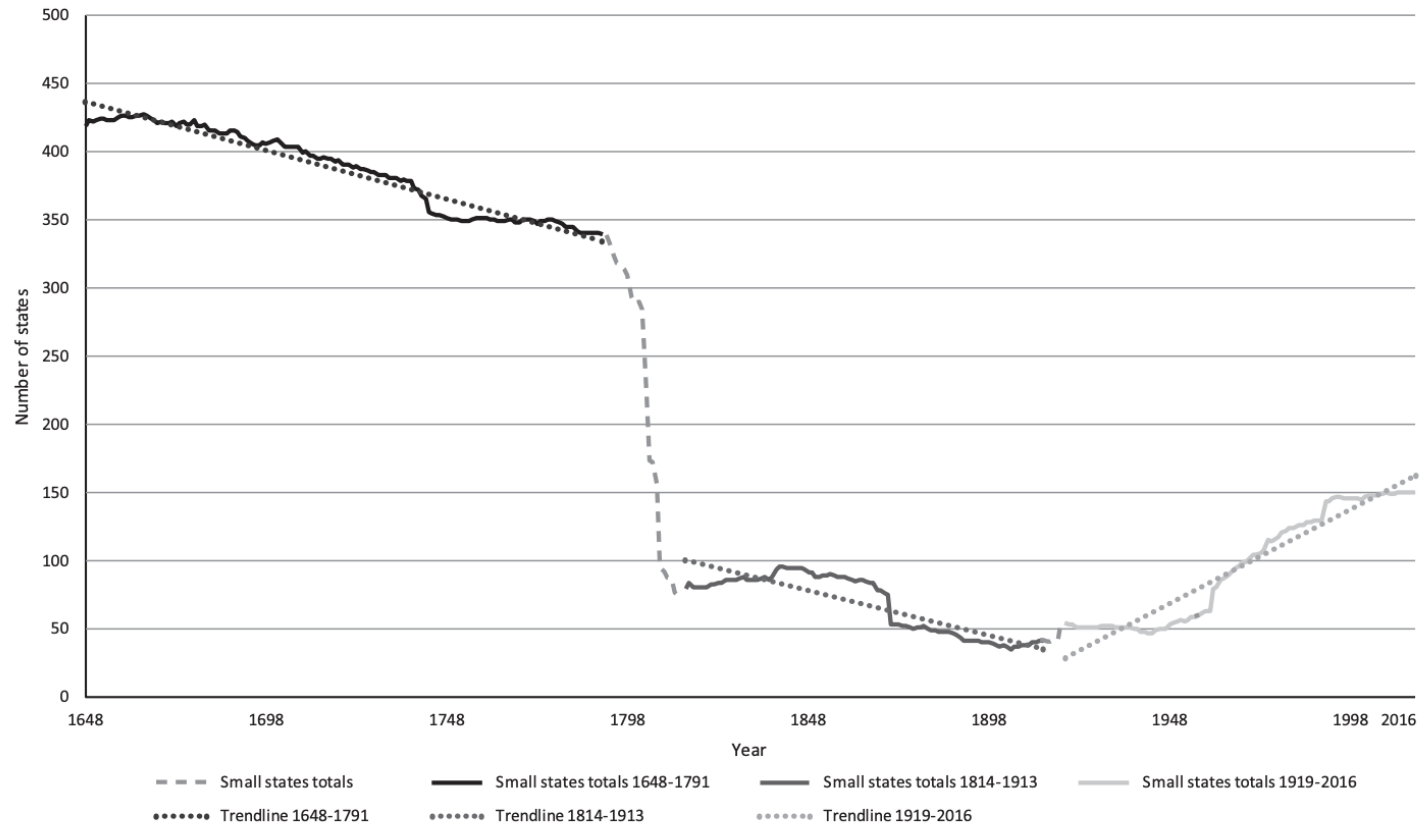


Figure 15 Number of small and larger states, 1648–2016