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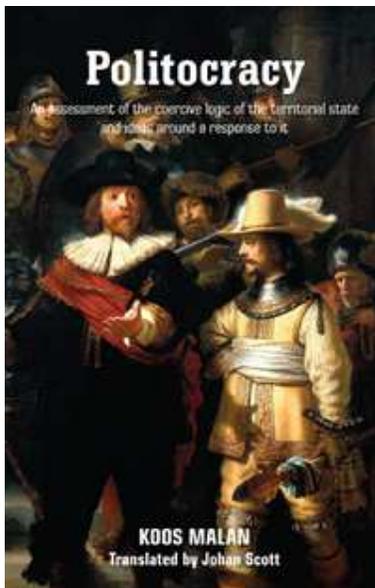
Politocracy:

An assessment of the coercive logic of the territorial state and ideas around a response to it

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- *Eberhard Bertelsmann, High Court, Pretoria*

Is the classical triad of "monarchy, aristocracy, democracy" soon to be supplemented with a fourth type, namely "politocracy"? Or should we rather replace the triad with its further evolved form, which affords a more plausible representation of the diversity of our society? Koos Malan has succeeded in arousing our thoughts on the path followed by the modern state, by referring to the most authoritative authors - past and present. But above all, it is his own analysis that urges the reader on, not only towards new designations, but especially towards improved realities.

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- *George Barrie, University of Johannesburg*

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