

IWC STUDY CIRCLE – February 2024 Program

Live and Zoom every Tuesday at 7:30PM PST

***SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL* REVISITED**



In February 2024 the Study Circle will revisit E.F. Schumacher's iconic book, *Small is Beautiful*. We will be reading and discussing chapters of *A New Study Guide to Small is Beautiful*, produced by the Schumacher Center on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Small is Beautiful* in 1973. The Guide reviews his ideas in light of the contemporary world. A copy of the Study Guide is available free of charge at: <https://centerforneweconomics.org/envision/library/small-is-beautiful-study-guide-50th/>

“The book *Small is Beautiful* is also the story of how one man managed to stand in the way of a juggernaut – the stultifying series of errors in economics that stemmed, according to the author, from scientific materialism.” David Boyle

Feb. 6th Introduction to the Study Guide and to Schumacher

Feb. 13th Chapter I. What is Capital?

The Problem of Production.

“Few people will be easily convinced that the challenge to man’s future cannot be met by making marginal adjustments here or there, or possible, by changing the political system...”

Feb. 20th Chapter II. Growth.

Peace and permanence.

“It could well be that rich people treasure peace more highly than poor people, but only if they feel utterly secure – and this is a contradiction in terms.”

Feb. 27th Chapter III. The Role of Economics.

“Call a thing immoral or ugly, soul-destroying or a degradation of man, a peril to the peace of the world or to the well-being of future generations: as long as you have not shown it to be ‘uneconomic’ you have not really questioned its right to exist, grow, and prosper. . .”