A Free Introduction

POLIARCHISM

A Novel Political Doctrine

Discover Poliarchism



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CHAPTER ONE

What Poliarchism is

Poliarchism is a Filipino-born political doctrine for systemic transformation. Its whole idea fits in its tagline: **people's politics, institutionalized.**

It is a system-centric doctrine that rejects personality-driven politics. It moves the question from *"Who should lead?"* to *"What system should govern?"*

Participation that depends on goodwill comes and goes. Participation designed into institutions, with defined procedures, records and answers, becomes part of how the state works. That is the difference Poliarchism asks us to build.

> *"A nation is not run by leaders alone. It is shaped daily by the behavior, discipline, and decisions of its people."*
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CHAPTER TWO

The eleven concepts on one page

The framework is drawn as an assembly: the people on the floor at the centre, and four rings of ideas built around them.

Citizenship

- **I. People-Centered Governance.** Government measured by what it does for and with the people, not for those who hold office.
- **II. Political Citizenship.** Citizenship as an active, continuing role in public life, not a once-every-three-years vote.
- **III. Financial Citizenship.** Public money is the people's money: citizens should be able to follow, question and shape it.

Participation

- **IV. Participatory Democracy.** Democracy in which citizens take part in decisions, not only in choosing who decides.
- **V. People's Legislative Participation.** A recognised place for the people in the making of laws and ordinances.
- **VI. Citizen Petitions and Initiatives.** The lawful power of citizens to put a proposal on the public agenda themselves.
- **VII. Referendum.** The people deciding directly on a defined question of law or policy.

Reform

- **VIII. Political and Electoral Reform.** Changing the rules by which power is won and used, so that it answers to citizens.
- **IX. Societal Reform.** Reform of habits, culture and civic life that sustain or undermine good institutions.
- **X. Sustainable Governance.** Governance that outlasts its officials: continuity of good policy across terms.

The State

- **XI. The Policratic State.** A state built so that people's participation is part of how it works: policracy.

CHAPTER THREE

How the five volumes fit together

The series follows the assembly from the centre outward, one volume for each layer.

1. **Volume I: An Introduction.** What Poliarchism is, why it was developed, and the principle that runs through every volume.
2. **Volume II: Citizenship.** Citizenship as a continuing role: understanding power, and following public money.
3. **Volume III: Participation.** Participatory democracy and the people's place in legislation, nationally and locally.
4. **Volume IV: Reform.** Changing systems, not only faces: political, electoral, societal and sustainable reform.
5. **Volume V: The Policratic State.** The whole picture: a state designed for an informed, participating people.

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CHAPTER FOUR

Financial citizenship

One of the most transformative ideas in Volume I. Every citizen has a civic responsibility to:

Earn a living with purpose.	**Save** with discipline.
Protect their future.	**Build** lasting assets.

When citizens are economically secure, the nation becomes structurally reliable.

Questions to discuss

1. Which public office near you could be judged by what citizens experience, and who would do the judging?
2. What would a citizen need to know to follow one law from proposal to effect?
3. Could you find out how your barangay or city spent last year's budget, line by line?
4. Where in today's system do citizens decide something directly, and how often?
5. If citizens could table one ordinance in your city, what would it be?
6. Why are the participation tools already written into law so rarely used?

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Philips Ferdinand R. Saavedra brings decades of experience across politics, security and finance to this work. Rooted in the Filipino experience but universal in application, his vision provides a blueprint for any society seeking long-term, sustainable reform.

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