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## **PRESS RELEASE – NEW BOOK ABOUT THE HOME-MADE NATIONS OF THE WORLD**

You are familiar with Switzerland, Senegal and Saudi Arabia. Maybe all 193 countries that managed to grab a seat in the UN. But have you heard of the hedonistic techno utopia Sweutschland? The low-budget monarchy Seborga? Or the rebellious Principality of Sealand?

They are called micronations and can be described as a kind of do-it-yourself-states. What unites these country projects – whose history extends hundreds of years back in time – is a use of state attributes such as passport, flag and national anthem.

The best known of the world's approximately 400 micronations is Sealand, whose territory consists of an occupied sea fortress off Britain's coast. The principality was proclaimed in September 1967 by a pirate radio contractor. Its history includes shootings, kidnappings and diplomatic intrigues. Today – 50 years after the foundation – the struggle for UN-recognition continues.

Until just a few years ago, it seemed as if globalization was about to pass the national state idea into the past. But the worrying world situation has given it a renewed topicality. This confusing situation makes the micronational movement extra interesting. Despite its obscure nature this subculture becomes a kind of pendant for the whole idea of the national state.

In *Mikronationer (Micronations)* the Swedish reporter Johan Joelsson and photographer Jonatan Jacobson portray life in eight of the world's most fascinating micronations: Sealand (Great Britain), Seborga (Italy), Sweutschland (Sweden), Elleore (Denmark), Ladonia (Sweden), Alcatraz (Italy), Molossia (United States) and Elgaland-Vargaland (Sweden).

“It has been a fantastic journey to a kaleidoscopic parallel world that is usually closed to the public. We have gotten acquainted with wonderful do-it-yourself dictators and paranoid princesses. But also with utopian philanthropists who dream of creating a better world”, says Johan Joelsson.

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