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Abstract

The social contract with science has changed over the last 30 years. Agenda-setting, practices in science and the making of knowledge claims have all been reshaped by a changing relationship between science and society. Drawing on examples from the new international Future Earth programme, the seminar will discuss the drivers and paradoxes behind the new engagement agenda in science.

Bio

Frans Berkhout is Professor of Environment, Society and Climate in the Department of Geography at King's College London, and Interim Director of the Future Earth programme. Professor Berkhout is a lead author in the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report (2014) and a member of the Research Evaluation Framework (REF) of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). He sits on the editorial boards of Research Policy, Global Environmental Change, Journal of Industrial Ecology and Current Opinion on Environmental Sustainability. His early research was concerned with the economic, political and security aspects of the nuclear fuel cycle and radioactive waste management. His more recent work has been concerned with science, technology, policy and sustainability, with a focus on climate change.