

Contested Notions of Responsibility in Climate Engineering Discourse

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In the face of global risks carried by climate engineering (CE, or geoengineering) technologies, little research has been done on questions of responsibility. CE is understood as the deliberate large-scale manipulation of the planetary environment in order to slow down global warming.

This paper provides results of examining how understandings of “responsibility” are conceived *of* and communicated *by* researchers, policy-makers, and civil society actors engaged in assessing or governing CE. Employing a discourse analytical approach divergent understandings of “responsibility” will be compared between the domains of science, policy, and civil society. Articulations of responsible research and governance on the one hand, and implicit notions of what responsibility means in research and governance on the other enable the discussion of Responsible Research and Innovation of CE with empirical material.