

# Tapping the tensions between the science and politics of climate change

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Climate change poses significant risks to our environmental, societal, and economic well-being. As society attempts to address the complex and interconnected problems of climate change, we face a core problem: scientists have the knowledge, but politicians and social institutions hold the power to exact meaningful solutions. Do climate scientists need to better understand the politics? Or should science stay true to itself and the process of climate change investigations?

**Come participate in a discussion with Drs Berger and Stephan on the roles, responsibilities, and differences between policy and science in driving public perceptions about climate change.**

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