



LEARNING SIX IMPOSSIBLE THINGS BEFORE BREAKFAST: A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT ON FUTURE DEBATES OVER NEGATIVE EMISSIONS TECHNOLOGIES

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Although still at the drawing board, negative emissions technologies (NETs), such as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) or massive forestation programmes, have received extensive interest as one of the only ways to meet ambitious climate targets. The debate over BECCS is likely to focus on the sustainability of biomass feedstock (food versus fuel). In this discussion Dr. Reiner will explore several analogies to BECCS deployment drawn from the histories of biofuels, Carbon Capture and Storage and nuclear power.



Dr. David M. Reiner is a political scientist and is currently University Senior Lecturer in Technology Policy and Programme Director of the MPhil in Technology Policy, a joint offering of Cambridge Judge Business School and Cambridge University Engineering Department. David has advised government, industry and non-governmental organizations on energy and environmental policy, with a particular emphasis on the politics of climate change and the social acceptability of carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) and other energy technologies including smart meters and shale gas. David is also Assistant Director of the Energy Policy Research Group, and is a Research Associate of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research and the Carbon Capture and Storage Technologies Program, both at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



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