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## Politische Philosophie

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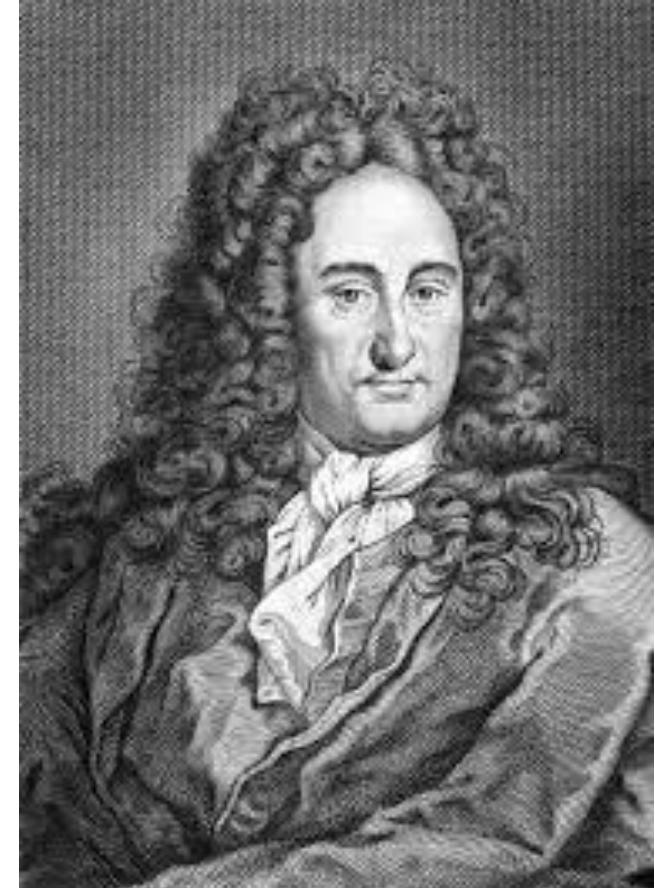
## Empirische Politikwissenschaft

- Prof. Dr. Achim Goerres
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## Finanzmathematik

- Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Kiesel
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## Warum sind wir hier?

- 1. Abschluss eines 3,5jährigen interdisziplinären Projektes an der Universität Duisburg-Essen (UDE)**
- 2. Interdisziplinäre Ausrichtung = Finanzmathematik, Philosophie und Politikwissenschaft**
- 3. Einbettung an UDE = Profilschwerpunkt Wandel von Gegenwartsgesellschaften**
- 4. Personalstruktur = „3 Profs + 3 Doktoranden“**

**Ziel des Vortrags = Bericht zu übergreifenden Befunden und Aktivitäten des Projekts (insb. 3 Doktorarbeiten)**

# Prof. Dr. Achim Goerres

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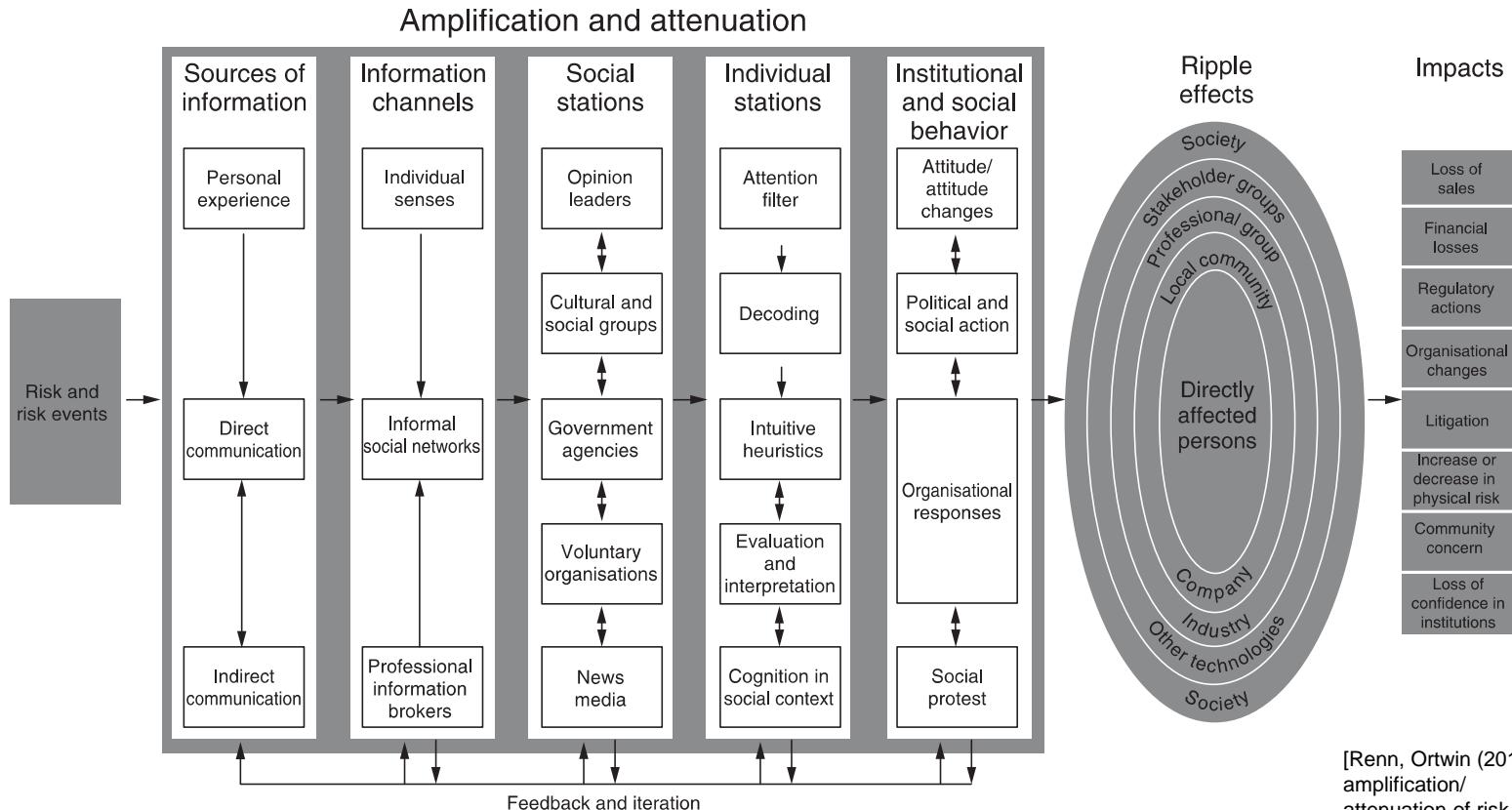
Obwohl große Risiken wie der Klimawandel auf der ganzen Welt wahrnehmbar sind, gibt es nach wie vor keinen überzeugenden interdisziplinären wissenschaftlichen Ansatz zur ganzheitlichen Analyse dieser Risiken.

# Strukturelle Ambivalenz von Risiko

**Risiko = Ungewolltes Ereignis, das eintreten oder nicht eintreten kann (Definition in Anlehnung an Hansson 2005)**

- Objektive Komponente des Risikobegriffs
  - > Klimawandel als zu bewertende Familie von Ereignissen (Modelle bilden Zusammenstellung und Wahrscheinlichkeitsverteilungen nach)
  - > Abhängigkeit von technischem Fortschritt und Wissensstand
- Subjektive Komponente des Risikobegriffs
  - > Persönliche Werte, persönliche Erfahrung, persönliches Verhalten etc.
  - > Elemente der Klimawandelrisiken müssen als relevante Bereiche gelernt werden

# Komplexität eines Universalmodels: Der „Social Amplification of Risk Framework“ (SARF)



[Renn, Ortwin (2011), The social amplification/attenuation of risk framework: application to climate change, 157]



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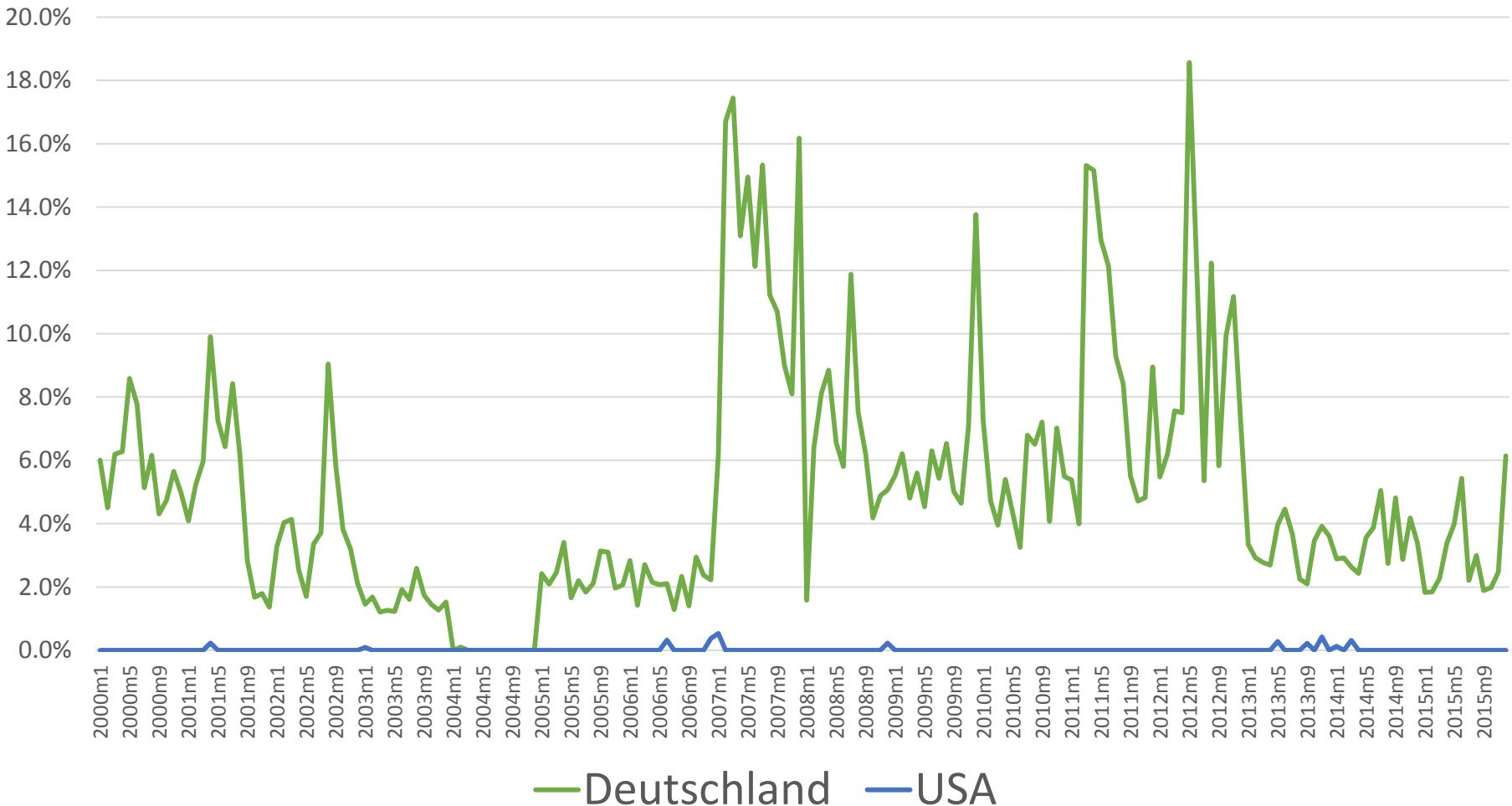
# Klimawandel und Politikwissenschaft

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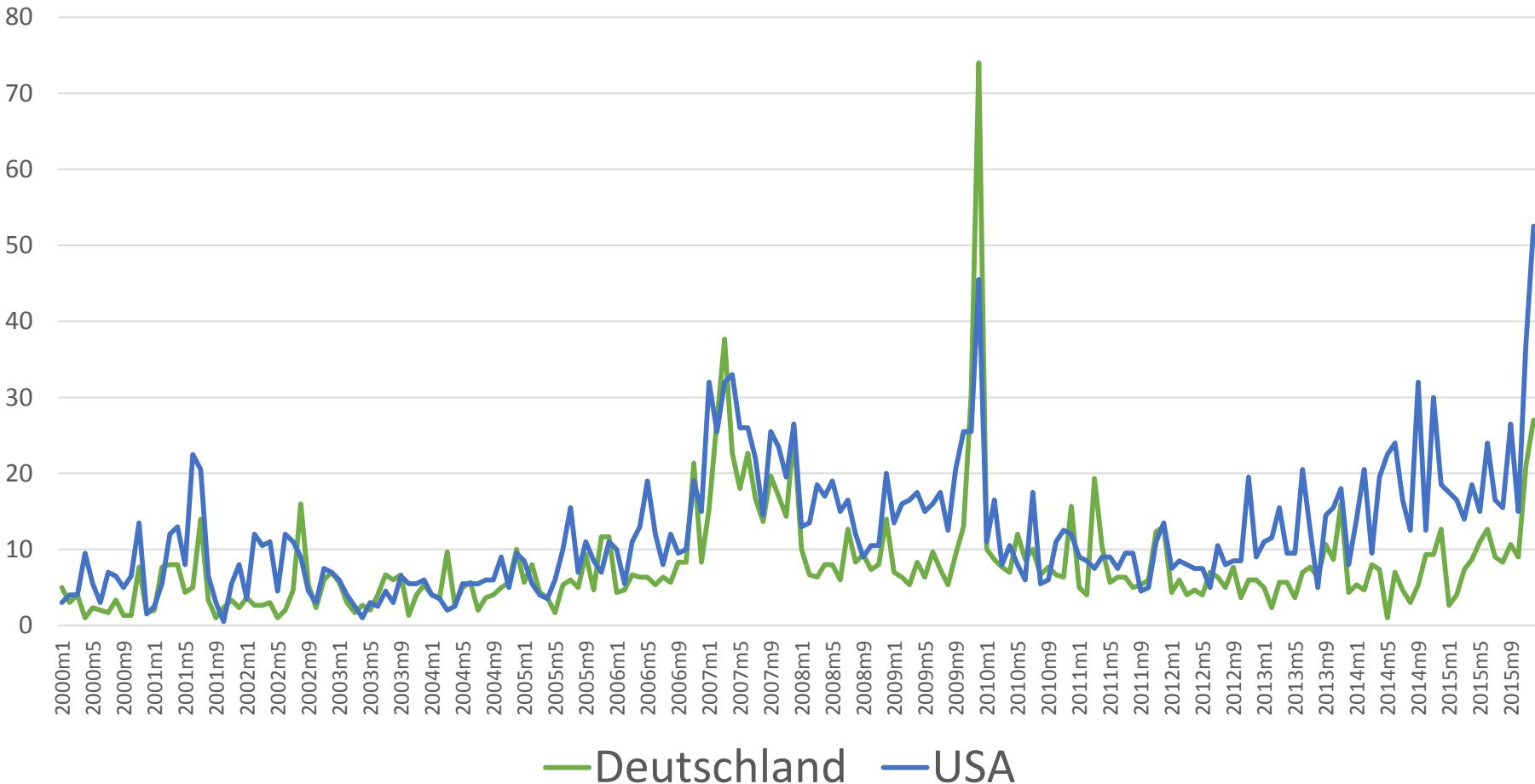
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In Deutschland wirken sich sowohl mediale Berichterstattung als auch politisches Risikomanagement auf die öffentliche Wahrnehmung des Klimawandels aus. Die US-amerikanische Bevölkerung scheint für diese Determinanten nicht empfänglich.

## Das Ausmaß der Sorge vor Klimawandel im Zeitverlauf



## Zeitungsauftritt mit dem Themenschwerpunkt “Klimawandel” (Durchschnittliche Anzahl pro Monat)



# Determinanten der Wahrnehmung des Klimawandels

Ergebnisse der Zeitreihenanalyse von 1990-2015

## Medieneffekt:

DE: Ein Anstieg im Umfang der Medienberichterstattung führt zu einer gesteigerten Problemwahrnehmung.

USA: Medienberichterstattung weist keinen signifikanten Effekt auf.

## Politisches Risikomanagement:

DE: Politische Maßnahmen mildern die Sorge vor Klimawandel (dies gilt vor allem für den Zeitraum seit 2010).

USA: Politische Maßnahmen weisen keinen signifikanten Effekt auf.



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# Klimawandel und Philosophie

# Ruben Langer, M.A.

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Der Klimawandel zeigt  
die Grenzen  
etablierter normativer Theorien auf.

# Climate Change 2014

## Synthesis Report

### Summary for Policymakers

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##### SPM 1.1 Observed changes in the climate system

Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, and since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia. The atmosphere and ocean have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, and sea level has risen.<sup>{1.1}</sup>

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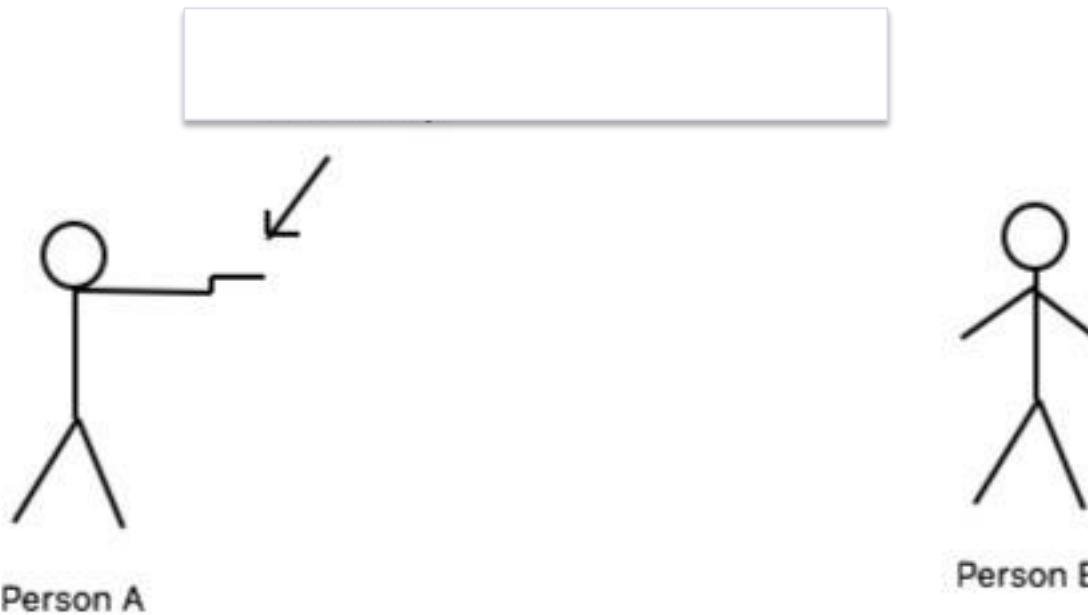
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# Ethik und Klimawandel

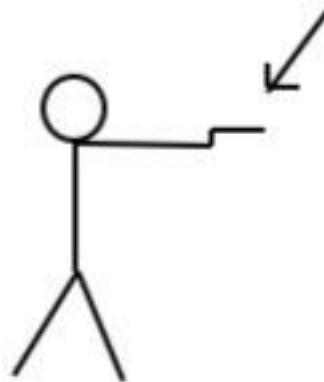


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# Ethik und Klimawandel

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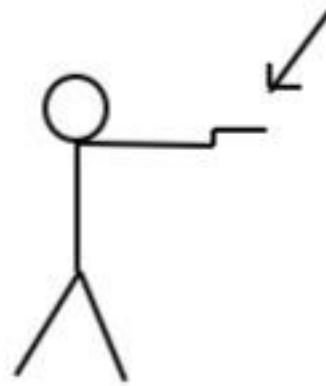
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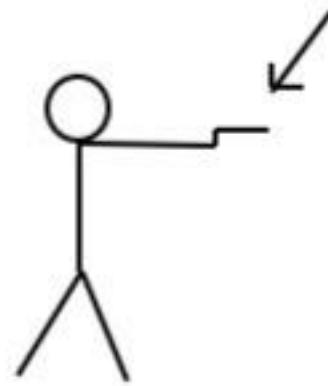


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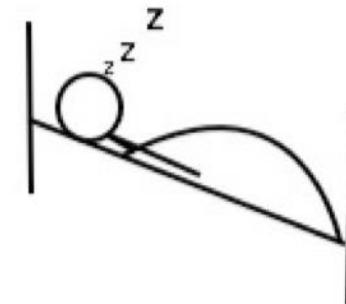
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# Politische Philosophie und Klimawandel

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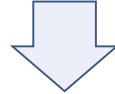
# Klimawandel und Finanzmathematik

# Björn Fischbach, M.Sc.

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Die Unsicherheiten rund um den Klimawandel sind nicht zu leugnen und erfordern eine Bewertung die diesen Rechnung trägt. Modelle die Ambiguität mit einbeziehen führen daher zu einem wesentlich schärferen Bild und ermöglichen eine detailliertere Analyse der Klimarisiken.

# Konsum



# Emissionen



# Klimaschäden

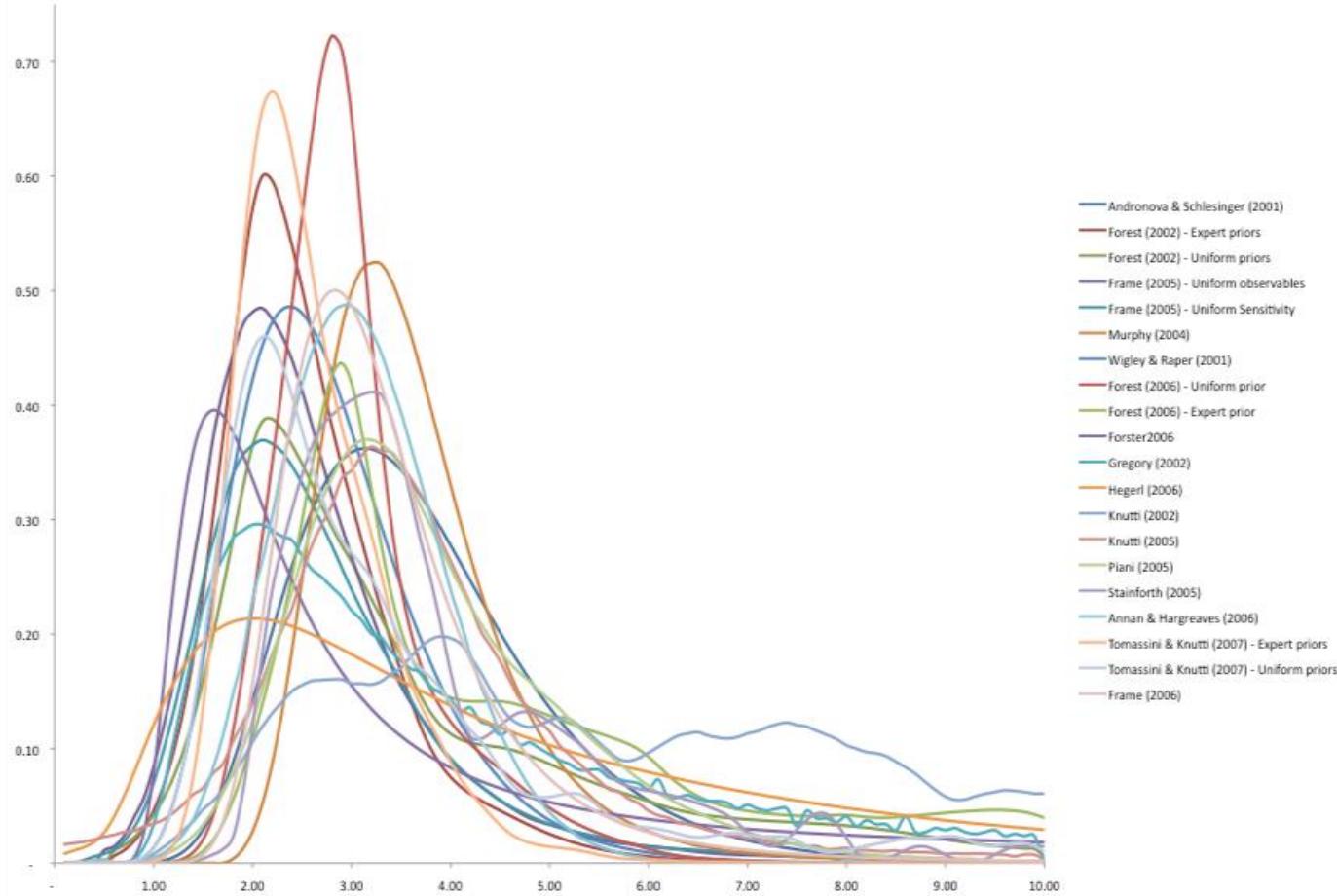
## Integrated Assessment Models (IAM)

- Ökonomische Variablen:  
Wirtschaftswachstum,  
Weltbevölkerung, CO<sub>2</sub>-Ausstoß
- Klimamodell: Temperaturrentwicklung,  
Meeresspiegel, Extreme  
Wetterereignisse
- Folgen: Ernteerträge, Lebenskosten,  
Arbeitsproduktivität, Energieverbrauch

Kosten-Nutzen Analyse > Nutzenfunktion

# Klimasensitivität

- Temperaturänderung bei Verdoppelung der CO2-Konzentration



# Eigenschaften der Nutzenfunktion und deren Folgen:

- Risikopräferenzen /Risikoaversion
- Zeitpräferenzen
- Ambiguitätsaversion

## Ergebnisse:

- Höhere Risikoaversion führt zu höheren CO2-Preisen
- Höhere Zeitpräferenz führt zu sinkenden CO2-Preisen
- Höhere Ambiguitätsaversion führt zu höheren CO2 Preisen

Allgemein gilt: Die Modelle führen zu einem starken Anstieg der CO2-Preise die weit über den aktuell beobachtbaren Preisen am Markt liegen.

# Klimawandel und Wie weiter?

# Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Kiesel

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Die Zukunft der wissenschaftlichen Auseinandersetzung mit Klimawandel als großes Risiko wird durch den Spezialisierungsdruck in den Disziplinen gebremst und verlangt große Forschungsgruppen, die sich interdisziplinäre Arbeit leisten können.

# Interdisziplinarität bei „Big Risks“

- Zweigleisige Forschung:
  - Gemeinsame Fragestellungen (z. B. Phase 1 „Finding a common language“ -> Arbeitspapier)
  - Disziplinspezifische Forschung (z. B. Dissertationen, UNIKATE 52)
- Workshops als wichtige Orte für
  - Austausch innerhalb des Projekts
  - Austausch mit externen Risikoforschern

# Interdisziplinarität bei „Big Risks“

- Interne Treffen zur Diskussion von Methoden und Begriffen
  - Datenanalyse (Anne-Kathrin)
  - Ambiguität (Björn)
  - Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie (Ruben)
- Notwendigkeit der Zusammenarbeit von multidisziplinären Teams
  - „Kurze Wege“ zu fachfremder Expertise
  - „Institutionalisierte Irritation“ durch fachfremde Herangehensweise



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# Politische Philosophie und Klimawandel

These 1: Notwendigkeit eines politischen Ansatzes  
(*Agreement vs. Disagreement*)

These 2: Notwendigkeit

- > Transnationaler demokratischer Institutionen
- > Repräsentation zukünftiger Generationen