



Interactions between research and international negotiations: Why and how climate changes become a new prism to look at and to understand the world?

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Climate changes question becomes progressively an area of concern for everybody (from environmental NGOs to Head of States through companies and citizens). Almost all of our daily acts may be translated in terms of contribution to the climate changes by assessing its greenhouse gas content. Building upon decision-making theories, a sociological approach will determine and analyze reasons why and modalities by which climate changes offer a new way to view the world.

For that analysis, the numerous texts available on the Internet (IPCC reports, decisions made by the UNFCCC Conference of Parties - COP, COP daily reports...), interviews I made in 2007 (with scientists, NGO representatives, and chief negotiators) and my experience as a member of the French delegation to COPs will be used.

Beyond this case study on climate changes, I would like to work on the articulations between environmental information systems and decision-making processes. My objective on a longer term is to build a typology so as to be able to compare these articulations across different space and time scales. Articulation between research and international negotiations is usually considered as efficient in climate changes domain. By adopting a sociological point of view to describe and analyze these articulations, we may be able to draw lessons for other articulations (e.g. between meteorological forecast and civil security).