

### **CSPO Perspectives**

“Dueling Elites and Catastrophic Visions” by Brad Allenby: *Consider two of the primary dialogs of our times that, while superficially quite different, are in fact disconcertingly similar in intent and tone. One is the current U.S. Administration’s insistence on a continuing and inescapable threat of ubiquitous and unpredictable terrorism... The second is the significant acceleration in stories and publicity regarding predictions of planetary disaster as a result of human activities, especially global warming...* Now available on the CSPO website at [www.cspo.org/home/perspectives/index.htm](http://www.cspo.org/home/perspectives/index.htm).

### **Lifting the Taboo on Adaptation**

Writing in the February 8 issue of *Nature*, Roger Pielke Jr., Gwyn Prins, Steve Rayner, and CSPO Director Dan Sarewitz argue that adaptation needs to be moved to the top of the global climate change policy agenda. Read it at <http://www.cspo.org/documents/NatureAdapt.pdf>

### **Global and Comparative Knowledges**

The website for CSPO's project on Global and Comparative Knowledges has been launched. Be one of the first to explore it at <http://www.cspo.org/gck/>.

### **Multiple Stressors on Central Arizona Water Resources**

As part of its ongoing effort to understand how climate change relates to other influences on society and the environment, the [SPARC project](#), in collaboration with ASU's [Decision Center for a Desert City](#) and CSPO, convened a workshop of interdisciplinary experts to discuss the relative importance of various stressors on the water supply for the Phoenix, Arizona, metropolitan area. A report summarizing the principal results of that workshop is now available at <http://www.cspo.org/documents/workshopfinalreport.pdf>.

### **Climate Science Policy: Lessons From The RISAs**

The final report of the 2005 SPARC Reconciling Supply and Demand Workshop: Climate Science Policy Lessons from the RISAs is available at [http://sciencepolicy.colorado.edu/sparc/research/projects/risa/workshop\\_report.html](http://sciencepolicy.colorado.edu/sparc/research/projects/risa/workshop_report.html). This workshop focused on the lessons learned from the NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessment (RISA) programs based on the fact that these programs are widely hailed as a promising means to connect decision-making needs with the research prioritization process.

### **Ways of Knowing Novel Materials**

Like it or not, the unfolding of a new area of innovation commits us to engage in a process of selecting which risks are acceptable and which are not. This selection process involves decisions in the midst of uncertainty, and trade-offs among incommensurable values and objectives. Read more of this presentation by CSPO Director Dan Sarewitz to the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution at [http://www.cspo.org/documents/Royal%20Commission%20text-1\[1\].pdf](http://www.cspo.org/documents/Royal%20Commission%20text-1[1].pdf)

### **CNS-ASU Hosts NNCO Workshop on Ethical Aspects of Nanotechnology**

The National Nanotechnology Coordinating Office held a Workshop on Ethical Aspects of

Nanotechnology hosted by CNS-ASU in January. Political scientists, ethicists, physicians, bioengineers representing government, industry, and non-governmental organizations attended the two-day session. For more information on the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University, visit [cns.asu.edu](http://cns.asu.edu). To receive news about CNS-ASU activities and other items of interest regarding nanotechnology in society, subscribe to the newsletter by contacting [cns@asu.edu](mailto:cns@asu.edu).

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