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Accounting for Sociopolitical Feedbacks to Identify Barriers and Opportunities for Collective Climate Action

Not only a calculation of uncertain outcomes, risk is a psychological and social experience shaped by emotion, trust, cultural context, and identity. In this seminar, Sara Constantino and Elke Weber examine how individuals and communities perceive risk, and how these perceptions influence behavior in the face of escalating climate hazards. Drawing on research across psychology, anthropology, sociology, and economics, they synthesize what is known about social norms: how they form, how they shift, and how they can both constrain and catalyze collective climate action.