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The concept of **Extended peer community** belongs to the field of sociology of science, and in particular the use of science in the solution of social, political or ecological problems. It was first introduced by in the 1990s by Silvio Funtowicz and Jerome R. Ravetz in the context of what would become *Post-normal science*. An **Extended peer community** is intended by these authors as a space where both credentialed experts from different disciplines and lay stakeholders can discuss and deliberate.



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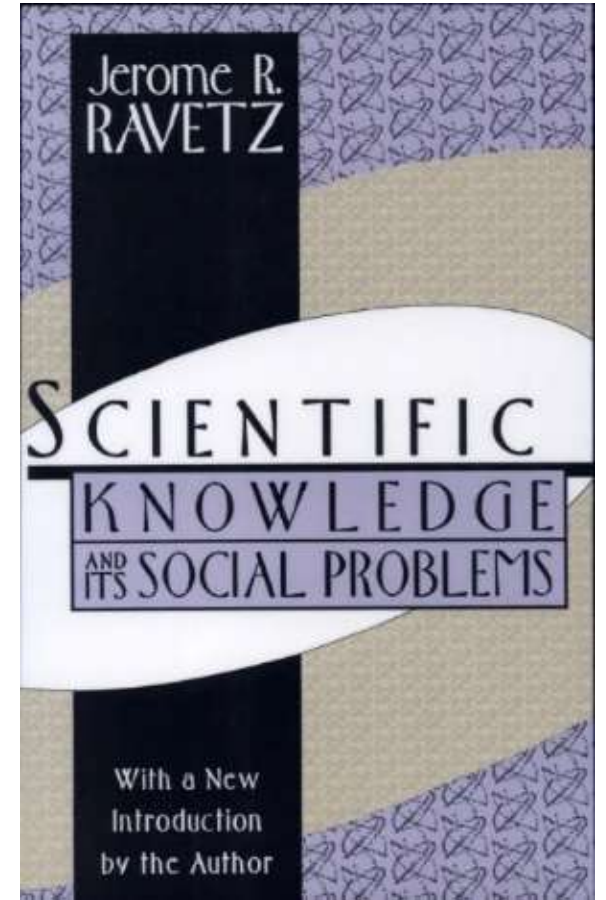
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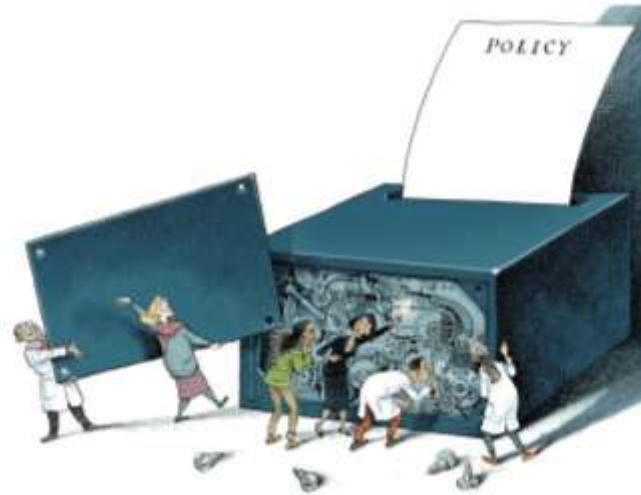
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