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Hans von Storch:

The advent of societal relevance of climate science.

During the years 1975-2100, climate science changed fundamentally. From a mostly ivory-tower, curiosity driven science arose a demand-driven activity closely related to policy design and implementation (post-normal conditions). After the events in late 2009, the field is in a crisis, but a new reflexivity seems to set in.