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## **Science Under Siege Interest Groups And The Science Wars:**

**Science Under Siege?** Leon E. Trachtman, Robert Perrucci, 2000-07-26 The combative metaphor of Science wars has taken on a predominant position within the collective conscious from being featured on the programs of scientific meetings to being splashed across the pages of leading national magazines and newspapers Some in the scientific community perceive their profession to be under siege by members of the academic left radical environmentalists religious fundamentalists eco feminists and others This book based on in depth interviews with sixty members of groups with alleged anti science attitudes examines how pervasive and uniform these critiques are The research is designed to examine two conflicting hypotheses 1 that anti science attitudes reflect a general cynicism about all major social institutions and 2 that anti science views are not broadly based but are reflective instead of the particular interests of a given social grouping In the final analysis Perrucci and Trachtman dig at the root of the so called Science wars by presenting evidence that the wars are not the product of an overarching suspicion of the institutions at the core of our society but are instead the product of organized interest groups which shape the attitudes and beliefs of their respective members

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*Food Biotechnology in Ethical Perspective* Paul B. Thompson,2007-05-05 Agrifood biotechnology the genetic transformation of plants and animals through recombinant means has created controversy in the food system for more than twenty years This thoroughly revised and amended edition of Paul B Thompson s path breaking study of ethical and philosophical issues raised by this technology up to date The original 1997 edition was the first book length treatment by a philosopher to focus on food and agricultural biotechnology covering ethical issues associated with risk assessment labelling animal transformation patents and the impact of biotechnology on traditional farming communities in both the developed and developing world The new edition reflects lessons from the hotly contested debates over those issues in the intervening decade and includes wholly new discussions on ethical issues associated with livestock cloning the Precautionary Principle and the transatlantic debate between United States and European perspectives on biotechnology Thompson s unique and insightful approach to addressing the risks and questions of public acceptability associated with novel technology stands as a model for anyone interested in technological innovation and social change The book should be of interest to scholars and citizens interested in the Internet or nanotechnology while it remains an essential resource for understanding the twists and turns of debate over the role of molecular genetics in the transformation of the global food system      **Scientific Method in**

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Wallerstein,2015-12-03 This book tells the story of how the very idea of two cultures the so called divorce between science and the humanities was a creation of the modern world system The contributors working from a common research framework trace the divorce of facts and values as part of the transition from feudalism to capitalism This led to a

polarization between universalist science and the particularist humanities and finally to the creation of the social sciences as an uneasy intermediary in this epistemological debate The book addresses the contemporary attempts to overcome the division between the two cultures that emerge from science feminism race and ethnic studies cultural studies and ecology ending with an analysis of the culture wars and the science wars Contributors Volkan Aytar Ay se Betul Celik Mauro Di Meglio Mark Frezzo Ho fung Hung Biray Kolloupglu K3 4rl3 4 Agustin Lao Montes Eric Mielants Boris Stremelin Sunaryo Norihisa Yamashita Deniz Yukeseker

**Knowledge Matters** Richard E. Lee, 2017-07-05 Economic changes and political changes which emerged with the modern capitalist world economy were accompanied in the sociocultural domain by changes in the structures of knowledge These included the hierarchical separation of the realm of facts from that of values institutionalized as a division between the sciences and the humanities The social sciences responded to contradictions inherent in this structure over the nineteenth century in producing knowledge on which policy decisions could be based The problems of the contemporary period indicate we are in a long term structural crisis Nowhere is this more apparent than in the theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches through which social analysts and observers alike seek to understand the world Since the 1960s developments in the field of knowledge especially two movements complexity studies in the natural sciences and cultural studies in the humanities have contested the naturalized essentialist boundaries separating the sciences the social sciences and the humanities The primary rationale for this work is to recognize the inseparable whole composed of the material structures of the world and the structures of knowledge that govern what actions may be deemed legitimate and effective Knowledge Matters discusses what actions will actually be undertaken by social agents and what such an approach means for an analysis of the present situation in terms of imagining and evaluating possible futures

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**Science under siege** Peter Banks, Daniel Lunney, Chris Dickman, 2012-11-01 On Saturday 29 November 2008 the Royal Zoological Society of NSW held a forum with the theme of Science under siege As the RZS is a zoological society zoology under threat became the secondary theme and the basis for selecting speakers This book records that forum with the papers developed for this book as the written word from the spoken presentations Papers that were presented as posters are included as are the edited plenary sessions which featured questions from the floor with answers and comments encouraged from anyone in the forum We were delighted that Mark Horstman from ABC Catalyst was willing to replace his peripatetic colleague Paul Willis who was nonetheless very happy to write the foreword There is a place for such skilled science communicators we need more of them and scientists at the lab bench or in the field or exploring computer models or those that have now taken a job in the policy world need to stay in touch with them Some might say that the title Science under siege seems a bit extreme but we invite you to examine the evidence as presented in this book What follows is an edited version of the introductory material that advertised the forum The title looks dramatic but if you ask yourself is anything killing the science in your area of interest you might be surprised that you come up with a point or two Then ask a wider set of questions such as are there any pressures that preclude people

from doing good zoology do either political budgetary constraints impact on your field is science in the media a subject that influences the outcome of your work are there economic impediments to careers in zoology is the education mix in Australia right for this new century are the best researchers becoming full time administrators or the converse the poor researchers becoming the administrators can you place the Australian situation in an international context are there reduced opportunities for human interactions with the natural world is the virtual world killing reality and what are your predictions of the future To deal with such issues the Royal Zoological Society of NSW has structured the day to emphasize a range of themes beginning with identifying the issues including those that are persistent and those that are emerging and encompassing palpable hits to science Direct and indirect hits to science include such matters as the withdrawal of funding subversion of science death by 1000 cuts redirection of funding to fashion issues and using the name of science to justify things that are really not justifiable The name of science is being dragged down We need to confront the ever present problem of ignoring the scientifically accurate for the politically correct This raises such questions as to whether basic skills in biology are not being acquired because of public concern based on extreme animal rights propaganda Good science is not optional but what can be done if you are under siege The answers include understanding the philosophy of science the legal perspective and asking what scientists are or should be doing Audience participation will be a central part of this forum The plenary sessions will address questions raised by the speakers and the posters and debate issues and consider options for future directions It is widely known that it is hard to pull a major paper together on this theme but so many scientists know of at least one matter that they would like to draw to public attention So short contributions are included Listen to the speakers present some overarching themes or compelling case studies contribute to the debate on the day then examine your stance on a variety of these subjects to see whether the day changes your view of this often cryptic aspect of zoology As editors we wish to acknowledge the skills of the referees all papers were refereed by two peers and the patience of the authors for what has been a long gap between the date of the forum and this publication By the end of 2008 the Royal Zoological Society of NSW along with everyone else was caught by the GFC Global Financial Crisis and we simply had to extend the length of the queue for publication We also reassessed our mode of publication The Council of the Society voted to publish this production as an ebook as well as a short print run for formal library deposit and other essential matters The ebook is open access to enhance the reach of the papers and the ideas At the same time the Royal Zoological Society of NSW signed a contract for a more international mode of access of the publications of the Society and papers are now available via Metapress <http://rzsnsw.metapress.com> Science remains under siege in our view and now we have been alerted to the range of issues it becomes easier to spot the small irritating closing of options that collectively amount to a denial of science and its relegation to an optional way of looking at the world During production of this book this matter became obvious on a number of fronts which led us to invite the paper by Rosie Cooney and colleagues to defend their science of kangaroo conservation and commercial

harvesting from an attack on the science We also saw that this issue of science under siege needs more airing and the Royal Zoological Society of NSW is planning its forum for the end of 2012 to take up another strand of this theme by capitalizing on the lifelong insights of scientists under the rubric of grumpy scientists an ecological conscience of a nation This idea in fact derives directly from the suggestions in the plenary sessions by Nick Holmes and Charley Krebs We are also concerned for young scientists with science under siege manifesting often in a failure to create permanent careers for science graduates that advance science itself and zoology in particular from flourishing and identifying problems and finding solutions If we want to conserve the native fauna of Australia then Australian zoologists will have to be key team members We contend that to put science under siege and zoology under threat we not only further imperil our native wildlife but also the careers of the small band of specialists that can see the issues find the problems implement solutions and evaluate the outcomes In short science under siege is not a light matter and no one in this forum thought so Read on form an opinion and speak up and publish your thoughts your examples and your solutions

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