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### Sample Abstract

#### Process Alternatives in Technological Controversies

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Many alternatives, such as the so-called Science Court, to common mechanisms for resolving policy disputes have been advanced over the past quarter century. Yet, where Machiavellian motives are involved, more than the mere threat of protracted litigation is often needed to encourage their use. Even when such motives might not have a controlling effect, unfamiliarity strongly interferes with parties' seriously considering, much less adopting, novel processes. Also, inclinations to try new things have been shown strongly, and negatively, to correlate with the stakes involved.

Issues at the frontiers of science and technology must be carefully framed to minimize, if not avoid, giving decision makers the capacity to resolve issues outside their technical or political competences. Also, to foster trust, proceedings must be public, and decisions must be subject to court review.

Those who advance novel institutions or processes must start with small stakes. Only after the bugs are worked out and shibboleths put to rest will they be seriously considered as a way to resolve major policy disputes.

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