

# Nano futures: Exploring risk, promise and hope of emergent technology

Bridging the disciplines of physics, chemistry, material sciences, and engineering, biotechnology, and medicine, nanotechnology is an emerging movement of innovation, spanning geographical and other boundaries in terms of sites, actors and issues. Nanotechnology envisions many innovative, even revolutionary, solutions to complex global problems such as health, climate and the use of energy. At the same time, risk to the environment and to human health is to a great extent surrounded by uncertainty. The project aims to explore nanotechnology as an emergent policy-driven techno-scientific movement of innovation. It will investigate how various actors frame “nano futures” in terms of risk, hope, benefit and promise and how they reflect upon ethical aspects and the social benefits of knowledge.

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