



Identifying, Assessing, and Governing Systemic Risks: Towards an Integrative Framework

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Characteristics of Systemic Risk



- Complex interdependencies
- Transboundary effects
- Nonlinearity
- Tipping points
- Attenuation/amplification of risk perception and lag in policymaking

(Renn et al. 2022; Schweizer 2021)

Analysis



System III

societal risk controversies

System II

institutional arrangements and regulation

System I

risk emitting systems (biological, financial, technological, ecological, or combinations thereof)

- Boundary analysis
- Interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral cooperation
- Decision landscapes and actor networks

(Schweizer, Goble, & Renn 2021)

Risk Governance

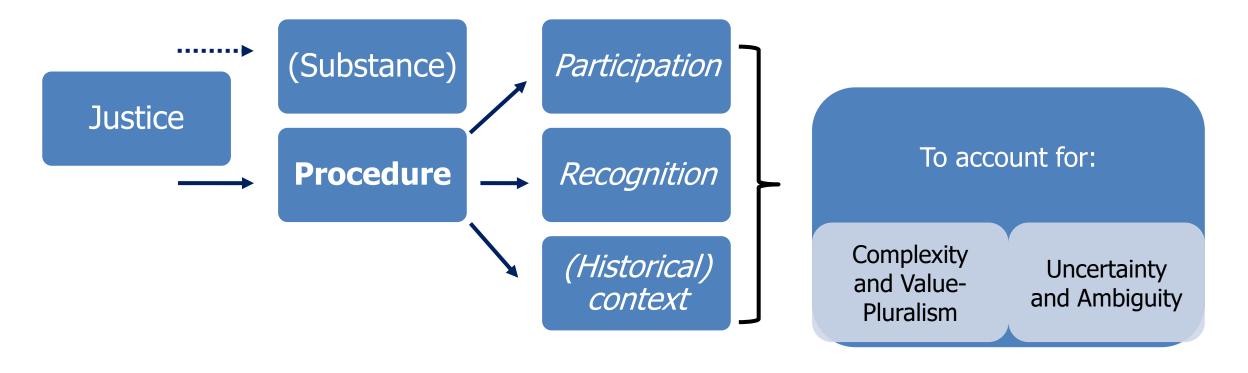




- Adaptability
- Reflection
- Iteration
- Inclusion
- Transparency
- Accountability

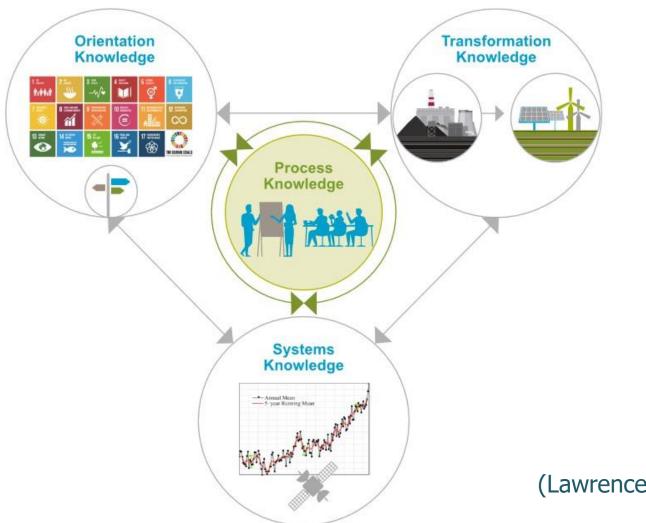
An Ethical Grounding For Just Participation in Systemic Risk Governance





Transdisciplinary Research: Co-creation of Knowledge

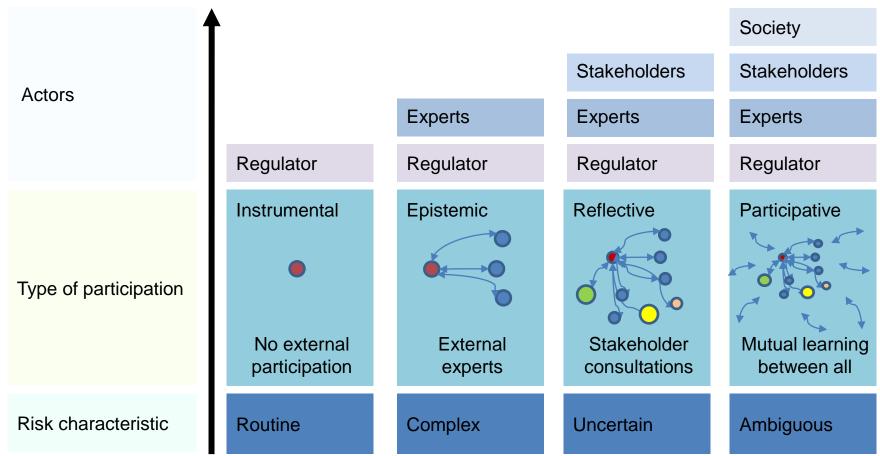




(Lawrence et al. 2022)

Framework for Organizing Dialogue and Learning





Based on the risk governance approach of the International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)

Participation and Engagement: Schools of Thought



Concept	Main objective	Rationale	Formats and tools
Functionalist	Improvement of quality of decision output	Representation of all knowledge carriers, integration of systematic, experiential and local knowledge	Delphi, hearing, inquiry, citizen advisory committee
Neo-liberal	Representation of all values and preferences in proportion to their share in the affected population	Informed consent of the affected population, seeking Pareto optimal win-win solutions	Referendum, focus group, negotiated rule-making, mediation
Deliberative-rational Discourse	Competition of arguments with respect to criteria of truth, normative validity and truthfulness	Inclusion of relevant arguments, reaching consensus through argumentation	Discourse oriented models, e.g., deliberative workshop, mini-public
Anthropological	Common sense as ultimate arbiter in disputes (jury model)	Inclusion of non-invested laypersons representing basic social categories such as gender, income, and locality	Consensus conference, citizen jury, citizen's assembly
Emancipatory	Empowerment of disenfranchised groups and individuals	Fostering agency of those who suffer most from environmental degradation and systemic inequalities	Action group initiative, community development group, science shop
Post-modern	Demonstration of variability, plurality and legitimacy of dissent	Acknowledgment of plural rationalities, no closure necessary, mutually acceptable arrangements are sufficient	Open forum, open space conference

(Renn and Schweizer, 2009; 2020)

Outlook



- Interdisciplinary risk analysis and appraisal incorporating quantitative and qualitative indicators
- Transdisciplinary risk evaluation of risk-risk tradeoffs
- Risk governance targeted towards
 Sustainability
 Societal resilience

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