

# Review of: "The Role of Think Tanks in Megatrends Analysis and Future Research"

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The manuscript addresses an important topic that has received relatively little attention in the literature. The analysis of discourses on megatrends and the examination of the evolving global landscape of think tanks provide valuable insights. However, I have identified a few areas that require attention before the manuscript can be considered for publication.

The manuscript lacks a clear statement of objectives or research questions that guide the analysis. It is important to clearly state the purpose of the study and the specific research questions being addressed. This will help readers understand the focus of the manuscript and the contributions it aims to make to the existing literature.

The manuscript does not provide sufficient information on the methodology employed to analyze the discourses on megatrends and the global landscape of think tanks. It is crucial to provide details on the data sources, selection criteria for the think tanks studied, and the analytical framework used for the analysis. Additionally, the manuscript should describe any limitations or potential biases associated with the chosen methodology.

While the manuscript briefly mentions that some think tanks are gaining increased visibility due to the growing interest in megatrends analysis, it does not provide a comprehensive discussion of the findings. The manuscript should present a more detailed analysis of the strategies employed by the selected think tanks for knowledge dissemination and policy advice. This discussion should highlight the strengths, limitations, and potential impact of these strategies in shaping megatrends discourses and future research.

The manuscript mentions that think tanks are presumed to drive megatrends discourses and contribute to future research and strategic foresight. However, it does not thoroughly explore the specific roles and functions of think tanks in these processes. It is important to provide a more detailed discussion of how think tanks actively shape megatrends analysis, future research agendas, and policy development. This can be achieved by drawing on existing literature or incorporating empirical evidence from the selected think tanks studied.

The manuscript briefly mentions the dynamics of international cooperation and geopolitical developments contributing to the expansion and diversity of the think tank landscape, including in the Global South. To enhance the analysis, it would be valuable to include more specific examples and case studies of think tanks from the Global South. This will provide a more comprehensive understanding of the global landscape and ensure a balanced representation of think tank activities worldwide.

The manuscript would benefit from a more comprehensive conclusion that summarizes the key findings and their implications. The authors should highlight the significance of their research in advancing the understanding of the interplay between think tanks, megatrends analysis, and future research. Additionally, the manuscript should discuss potential policy and practical implications of the findings and suggest avenues for further research in this area.

In summary, the manuscript addresses an important topic and provides valuable insights into the interconnection between think tanks, megatrends analysis, and future research. However, the manuscript requires further development in terms of clarifying objectives, describing the methodology, discussing findings in detail, exploring the role of think tanks, incorporating geographical representation, and providing a comprehensive conclusion.