

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

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This is a review of definitions of think tanks and practices of megatrends analysis (as well as Future Research and Strategic Foresight but I am not sure whether these latter tools are overlapping with the former). The author attempts to map the practice of megatrends across a small (n=7) sample of think tanks. It is now clear what is the main aim of this paper. Are the author proposing that think tanks are essential for our understanding of megatrends analysis? Or alternative are megatrends analysis a way to differentiate think tanks?

Besides the flaws in connecting megatrends with think tank and what is the motivation of this literature review, the variation in the think tanks' use of megatrends is not guided by any analytical framework that allows the reader to make sense of it. I believe that a neat contribution to the literature of the role of think tank in epistemic communities is aired in the conclusion. It will be interesting to see why consolidated think tanks neglect this way to gaining scientific knowledge.