

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

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The topic is important and forward-looking - to evaluate the role of think-tanks in conducting anticipatory research, and it is worth to develop further, especially because the academic literature pays just a limited attention on that, I agree with the authors. Potentially, think tanks can take a pioneering position in advancing research on future trends, as they should have less pain from normative restrictions the academic circles usually have. At the same time, there will more threats on strategically motivated prognosis, which may be related to strategic interests of their financiers - how independent they actually are? I see the book "Global perspectives on megatrends" correctly applies to five criteria that have an impact on the research conducted by think tanks - research, political attention, interest of investors, media coverage, social interest (p. 3), but I would like to see these criterias more in the analytical part. These impact factors if covered by case studies might structurally improve the further research on how to evaluate the impact of think tanks on megatrends analysis. At the moment, it remains a bit chaotic, broad and descriptive.

The choice of seven think-tanks with global outreach looks good and relevant, but I would recommend to elaborate a comparative analysis, to find out more clearly and systematically what are the advantages and shortages of each think tank. At the moment this part remains somehow on very general level, but might have a good perspective for future research.

All in all, if the purpose is just to introduce the world of think tanks to the wider audience or their book, which covers the issue probably more profoundly, this is a good and relevant research, but it offers actually more opportunities to conducting it in more comparative and systemic manner.