Managing Climate Risk: Precarious Decades Ahead

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Will we be able to avoid major climate change in our children's lifetimes? Can we ease our growing climate risk while we wait for carbon dioxide mitigation to become effective? Is there a safe passage through the precarious decades? Professor Kennel says engineering and climate science can draw a path that could possibly avoid "dangerous anthropogenic interference in the climate system"—the goal set by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1992. Will we be able to stay on the path? What should we do if all else fails? Kennel will conclude with a discussion of geo-engineering. Any prudent risk management strategy should have a back-up plan.

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