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“Experimenting with Cooperation and Climate Change”

Here I give an overview of game theoretical lab experiments done examining climate change dilemmas to date, including strengths, weaknesses, insights, and mundanity. I discuss my own experiments, addressing some questions about discounting and hyperbolic discounting in climate-related decisions. Finally, I’ll explain why I don’t plan to pursue further experiments in the immediate future, some academic failings in the social sciences when addressing the real world dilemma of climate change, as well as some possible/promising avenues of future research.

BIO

JENNIFER JACQUET is an assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Studies at NYU. She is a social scientist interested in large-scale, transboundary cooperation dilemmas, especially overfishing, climate change, and the Internet wildlife trade. She is the author of *IS SHAME NECESSARY?* (Pantheon, 2015) -- about the evolution, function, and future of the use of social disapproval. She is also the author of more than 30 scientific publications in places like *Biology Letters* and *Nature Climate Change*. Her research has been covered by CNN’s Fareed Zakaria, Morgan Freeman’s television series *Through the Wormhole*, *Nature News*, the *New York Times*, *The Independent*, *Discover*, *NewScientist*, and the *Washington Post*.

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