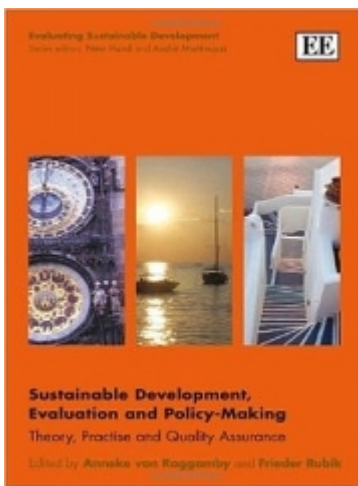


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The analysis clearly shows that several distinguished scientists pointed to the risks linked with the massive expansion of first generation biofuels production. However, one barrier to communication between science and policy proved to be the different ways of framing and interpreting uncertainty.

Furthermore, the case shows that the timing of scientific and policy agendas need to be more closely coordinated so that risks can be analysed and communicated in time - taking into account all relevant issues.

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