Ulrich Beck, German sociologist and professor at Munich University and London School of Economics analyzes the elitist discourse on the issue of climate politics. The category of "Environment" according to Mr. Beck should be integrated to social and human problems. The key question is: Why is there no storming of the Bastille because of the environmental destruction threatening mankind, why no Red October of ecology?

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The discourse on climate politics so far is an expert and elitist discourse in which peoples, societies, citizens, workers, voters and their interests, views and voices are very much neglected. So, in order to turn climate change politics from its head onto its feet you have to take sociology into account.

There is an important background assumption which shares in the general ignorance concerning environmental issues and, paradoxically, this is incorporated in the specialism of environmental sociology itself – this is the category of ‘the environment’. If ‘the environment' only includes everything which is not human, not social, then the concept is sociologically empty. If the concept includes human action and society, then it is scientifically mistaken and politically suicidal.

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