

Extreme Events in the Arctic & Science Policy

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Arctic scientists are increasingly finding their research the subject of political discussion, though few have sought the notoriety. Rather, the bright lights and microphones have been thrust upon them. In the meantime, the public is increasingly skeptical of science, and it is unclear what level of support—rhetorical or financial—will be forthcoming from the new administration in Washington.

The scientific community has adapted its research to meet the challenges of extreme events in the natural environment. Perhaps, parallel changes in approach are needed in response to extreme political events. I shall share observations of where Arctic science policy has been and might be going and explore the threats, opportunities, and responsibilities of researchers and educators.



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