

Interactive comment on “The Takeover of Science Communication – Science Lost its Leading Role in the Public Discourse of Carbon Capture and Storage Research in Daily Newspapers in Germany” by Simon Schneider

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Dear reviewer, thanks again for your comments on the article. Your remarks were very helpful to get some ideas and concepts clearer within the publication. Regarding your first comment, I have added a brief and attentive publication review of other studies about CCS in Germany to the article. This will help to understand the German CCS context in more detail.

The article invited to misinterpret the way scientific integrity might be related to CCS

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proponents. This has been formulated in an unfortunate way. Within the revised version of the article, I tried to re-formulate this issue, so that scientific integrity now is related to responsible and thorough scientific process regardless of the attitude and outcome (pro or con) towards CCS.

The decision by BGR not to publish the map (this has actually been a more detailed register) of potential CCS storage sites cannot be evaluated from my perspective, since I have no insights into BGR decision making routines of that time. You are right, that those decision routines and the BGR's internal context would help to understand why the register was not published. Nevertheless, in regard to the analysis of media coverage of CCS, the BGR's internal motives in this respect are of no greater importance. This study focused more on selection routines of journalists and which actors were chosen as competent voices within the CCS theme.

Finally, your remarks about the use of the concept of "emotions" are well taken. While there are numerous concepts and theories about the role of emotions in communication, this study looks at emotions in quite a simplistic way. Nevertheless, I used the concept of emotions used by other social and communication scholars (e.g. Ungerer, 1997 or Wierzbicka, 1995) before me. therefore, I have added some cross-references to studies, from which I have adopted the conceptualization of emotion.

Thanks again for your comments, that showed a great depth and understanding for the CCS theme and it's context in Germany.

Regards, Simon

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