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Racing for what? Acceleration and Competition in the Academic Sciences

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In this talk, I will discuss the impacts of what has been termed a growing culture of speed and hypercompetition in the academic sciences. Drawing on qualitative social sciences research in the life sciences, I will discuss how acceleration and hypercompetition impact epistemic diversity in science, i.e. the range of research topics researchers consider they can address, as well as human diversity, i.e. diversity related to gender, social class and other social factors. With the audience, I want to discuss these findings in relation to their own experiences of working in their fields of research as well as concurrent initiatives to address the negative impacts of acceleration and hypercompetition on individual, institutional and policy levels.

Speaker time zone

References

Significance

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