

Challenging climate change or its dominant framing ? Epistemic cultures in climate debates

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« Challenging ‘the climate consensus’.
Perspectives from the social sciences and humanities
to analyze ‘skepticism’ and ‘dissonant voices’ on mitigation and adaptation
in the public debate on climate change »

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- beyond denial, other disagreement and critics
- conflict of « epistemic cultures » ?

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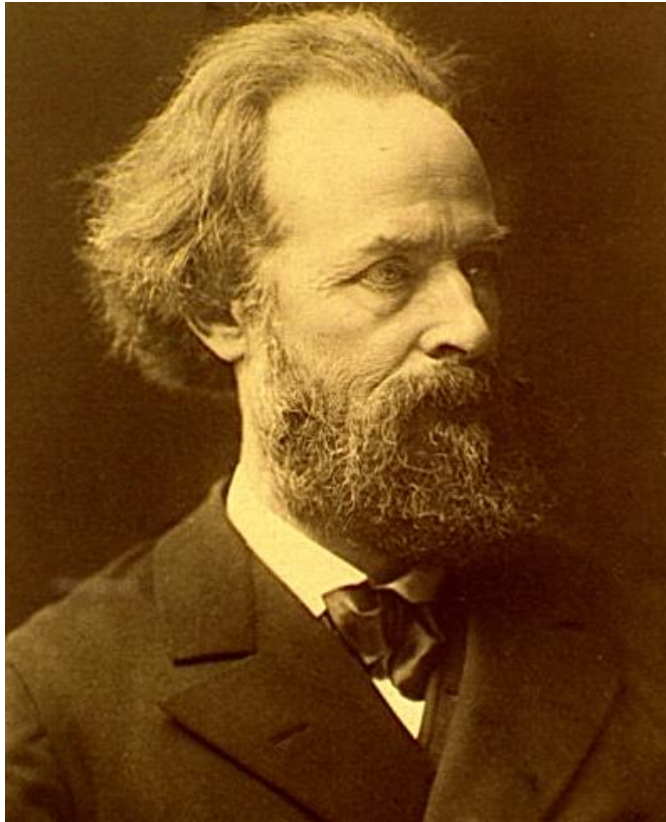
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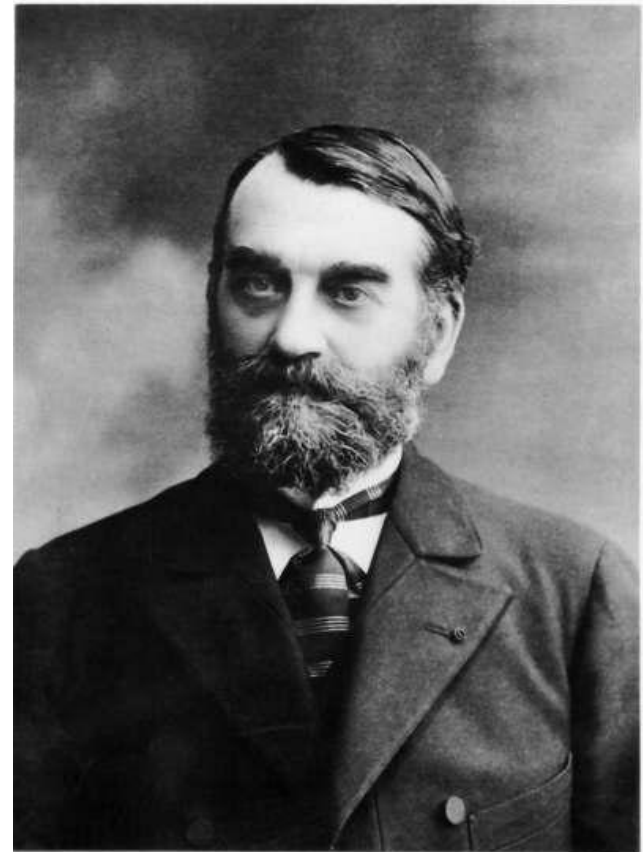
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**Elisée Reclus
(1830 – 1905)**

**Paul Vidal de la Blache
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- « Climate change knowledge and meaning travel uncomfortably across scales and need constant re-interpretation as it is applied in different spatial contexts. »
- « The essential loading of climate with culture – what climate means for people and places and the relationships between people and places over time - is lost through purifying practices. »
- « Geographers are well placed to do the imaginative yet meticulous work of revealing the local roots of climate meanings and in then finding ways of allowing climate to travel and cross scales without losing these essential anchors and narratives. »

Mike Hulme

« Geographical Work at the Boudaries of Climate Change »
Transaction of the Institute of British Geographers, 2008

Thank you for your attention !