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The role of Science in a fragile world

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Science and technology permeate more and more the human society.



Some scientists have pointed out that the development of science increases the fragility of our world. The most important, but not unique, reason is the strict connection between science and military establishment. Limiting and controlling scientific research is a difficult problem, but a democratic society must collectively take decisions on the development of science. Honest and clean science communication is extremely important to foster democratic decisions.

Vincenzo Balzani is Emeritus Professor at the University of Bologna. He has pointed out in several occasions (lectures, book prefaces, book reviews, TV interviews, press articles) that today there is a dangerous fracture between science and society. He believes that scientists have a great responsibility that comes from knowledge, so that it is their duty to find solution for mankind's problems, like the current energy and climate crisis. He is very proud of the title "Public Passion" used by Nature (503, 559, 2013) to comment on the delivery of the Award for Mentoring in Science to him in 2013.

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