Statement from SEI leadership

We have great respect for Frank Ackerman and his research, and regret that he decided to leave the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). He published many important and valuable studies while at SEI, including the peer-reviewed Ackerman-Munitz article which has come under relentless and undeserved attack from Richard Tol.

Professor Tol's repeated, groundless attacks on this article, and on SEI for its association with the article, have violated the norms of civility and scholarly debate. We urge Professor Tol to stop attacking the motivations and reputations of others, and to return to the academic community that accepts disagreement and engages in substantive debate.

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