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Abstract

Contemporary society for the paradoxes within the technical-scientific knowledge that unfolds in itself is properly defined as the "risk society", which implies ethical judgements that concern scientists, technologists, politicians, CTS and general public. The appropriate definition of the risk, to make its connections with other concepts, to make its classifications explicit, same as the tasks that make its analysis possible, and the significance of this concept, warrants the academic comprehensive review referred to it. These elements are revealed in this article together with two essential aspects: the technical, psychological, and sociological approaches of the risk and the risk relation, uncertainty, and science. The science of the "risk society", analyzed from the perspective of its practical and social function, allows us to conclude that before the paradoxes of the technical-scientific development, it is indispensable to situate the social responsibility, the values, and the ethics of the actors involved in this development.

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