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**Public Participation in Nanotechnology Risk Governance: Best Practices for Best Outcomes**

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Public participation in the governance of new technologies is a well recognized facet of analytic-deliberative approaches to risk governance, the standard since the mid-1990's in the US. Yet significant questions remain about the who, what, where, when, why, and how of public participation in new technology development for best outcomes, including what constitutes best outcomes. This talk discusses research findings from the NSEC: Center for Nanotechnology in Society at UC Santa Barbara (CNS-UCSB) and elsewhere in the NSF Nanotechnology in Society Network on modes of public engagement and participation in nanotechnology R&D, and challenges to translational science-society work for social science researchers in the nano-enterprise.