





# Actual discourse and narratives in Germany

An empirical-analytical view on the problem of ,winning' in the discourse

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#### Hypotheses

- Sustainability is established as meta-narrative.
- The old ,new social movements' have reached hegemony, fulfilled many of their programs and have lost momentum.
- They are critizised themselves (anti-hegemonial) and they have to deliver results!
- The window of opportunity for overcomming conflicts of the past is closing.
- New ,spontanious movements' (fff, #metoo, #blacklivesmatter) take over.

#### Usage of Terms

- Meta-narratives (Lyotard\*)
- Discourse (as set of interrelated texts)
  (Foucault\*, Gramsci\*) → consensus and force
- Narratives (as texts of the discourse)
- Frames (giving focus, combine elements, aspects of social reality)
  (Goffman\*)
- \*= all ,lite'. Thanks to Max Roßmann for clarifiing the terms together.

#### Situation in Germany

• Last NPPs will go offline in 2021/22

 StandAG → no affected people at the moment

 Discourse: hegemony of anti-nuclear positions

Last protests in 2011



## Survey conducted by regulator (BASE)

- 30% of population know about new search for final repository
- 6% know about possibilities for (further) participation

 ~ 11% think, that they are informed enough and the process is transparent

• 20% know the regulator BASE, 9% BGE, 3% NBG

# Das Ende der Atomkraft ist für uns der Anfang. Wir wollen kommende Generationen vor hochradioaktivem Abfall schützen. Deshalb suchen wir gemeinsam den sichersten Ort

The end of nuclear power is our beginning.

Deutschlands.

### The end of nuclear power is our beginning.

- Meta-narrative: sustainability (seen in persons involved)
- Hegemony in the discourse → leading and ruling;
  RE promoted and narrative, that nuclear technologies are not progressive
- Narratives
  - regulator (BASE) strenghtens the nuclear phase out
  - waste → writing last chapter
  - [renewable energies are the future]
- Re-framing radioactive waste
  - → from problem to solution



#### NGOs: lack of participation

#### Allgemeines Stufenmodell der Partizipation:



# Das letzte Kapitel schreiben wir gemeinsam

Die Suche nach einem dauerhaft sicheren Ort für die strahlenden Abfälle ist das letzte Kapitel der deutschen Atomkraftnutzung. Sie ist eines der größten Umweltprojekte unserer Zeit. Für die Glaubwürdigkeit und Transparenz des Verfahrens ist die Beteiligung der Öffentlichkeit eine der zentralen Voraussetzungen.

The last Chapter we are writing together.

# Nuclear Weapons as Issue?



# New Movements / Youth doesn't know (anymore)





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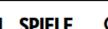
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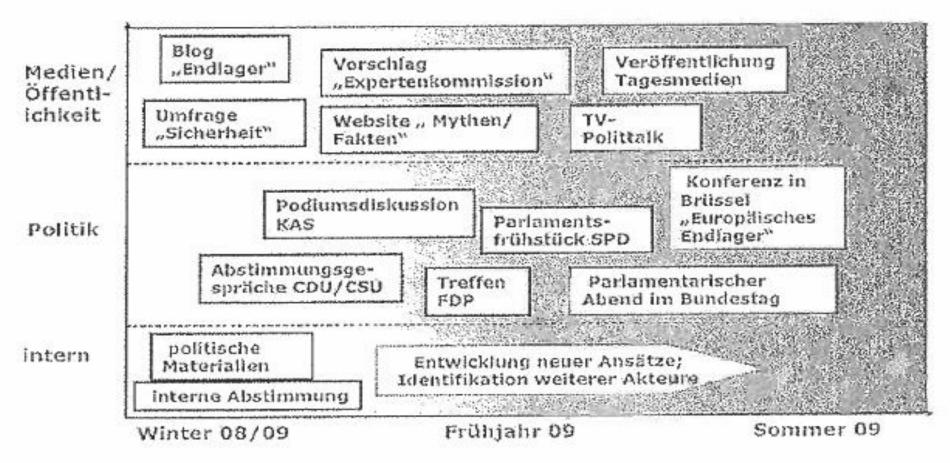
# Kommt Atomstrom zurück, um das Klima zu retten?

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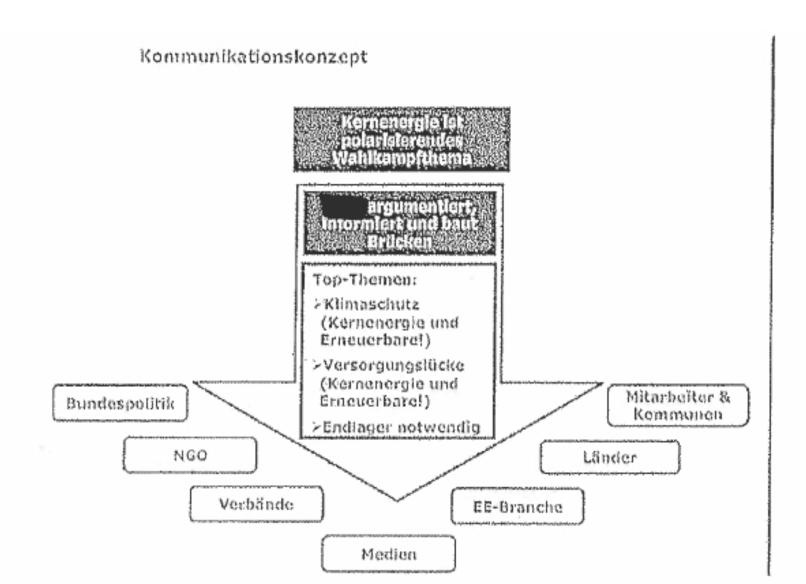
#### 2008/2009: Extension of Operation NPPs

8 Anhang

Maßnahmenbeispiel Endlager (exemplarisch)



## 2008/2009: Extension of Operation NPPs



#### Nuklearia

Für moderne und sichere Kernenergie



# Klimakrise? Kernkraft!







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#### **Pro-Nuclear Positions**

- Debate on Climate and NPPs; narrative could work
- →But hardly resonance from politics and operators (just saveger6.de, nuklearia.de)

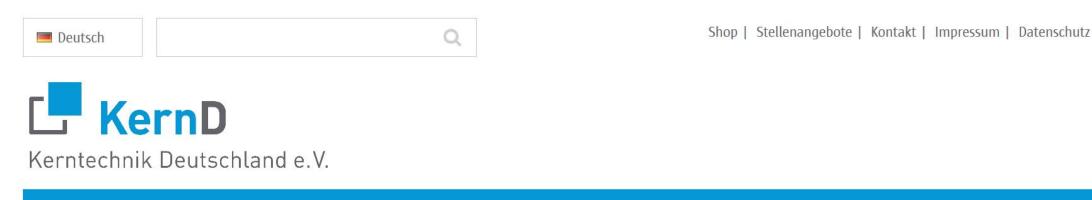
**But!** non-hegemonial positions:

- Partitioning & Transmutation (Jülich)
- Breeder technology
- SMR! → licence on european level?
- [Rosatom and Africa]





#### Atomforum doesn't exist anymore





#### Summary

- Intelligent re-framing strategy for RadWaste by regulator
- weak argumentation on the side of the NGOs
- → Only narrative is mistrust in the state
- → no concrete issues / narratives / affected people
- → capacity building in populace is necessary especially competences

Who has got the hegemony has to lead and govern = to deliver!







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