Salient Issues on the Global Health Agenda:
How Science/Policy Boundary-Work Builds Confidence in Global Governance. An in-depth study of UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee and the WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization

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Abstract

This study examines the science/policy interactions in global health science and technology governance. It focuses on the institutional design of organizations that sit at the interface of science and policy, conceptualizing them as Boundary Organizations (BOs). The analysis considers how the institutional design of BOs affect boundary-work. The study examines two case studies, UNESCO’s International Bioethics Committee and the WHO’s Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization. The study examines the ways in which boundary-work is carried out and finds that the concept of a BO demonstrates an institutionalization of science/policy interactions and the analysis of these two cases show that there are different ways that boundary-work is practiced as a function of the design of BOs.