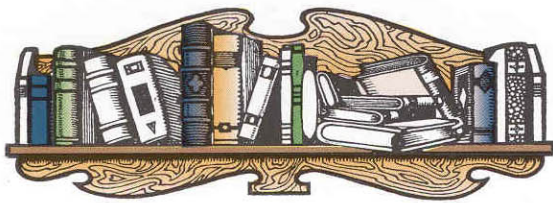


With the end of the Cold War, which had closely linked scientific R&D with national security and prestige, many countries are reexamining their national science funding policies and the way in which science can contribute to national needs. Similarly, although basic research does, somehow, contribute to national economic competitiveness, this process is no longer regarded as simple, direct or linear. Across the developed world, decision-makers are struggling with issues such as: What national science policies, strategies and enabling mechanisms would best meet the challenges of the present and the next century? What options exist? Which have been tried in other countries, and with what results? Which experiences are of general relevance? Which are of particular relevance to small, but highly developed, countries such as Israel?



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