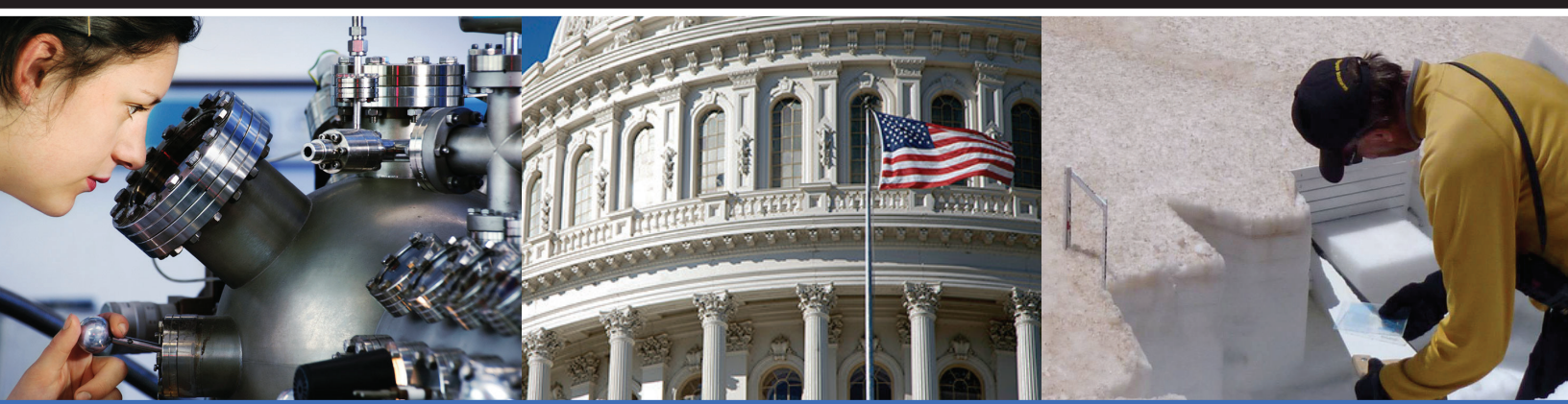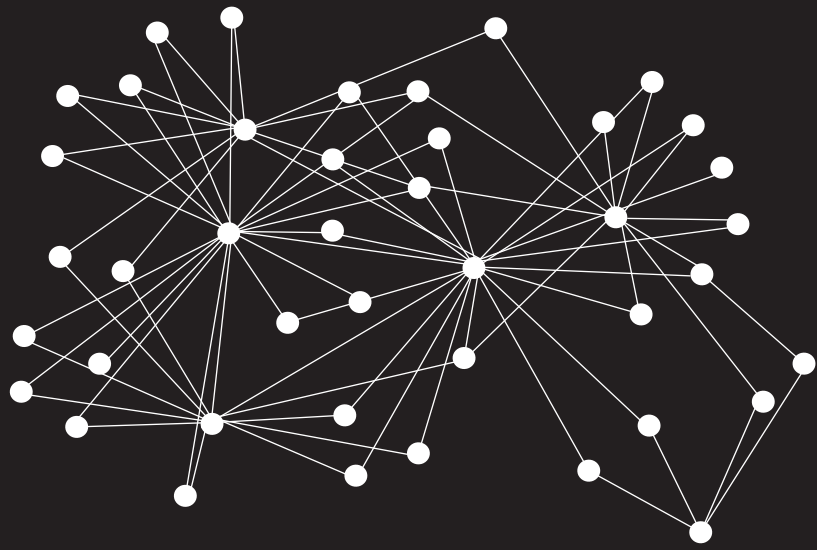# MAKING
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ENVS 5100-007

ENVS 5100-007: Making Usable Science For Policy
Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth McNie
Mondays 1:30 - 4:00 PM

This course will be held in the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research conference room at 1333 Grandview Avenue, Boulder

There are growing calls for the production of more useful scientific information - or "usable science" - to support decision-making related to a variety of social and environmental problems. Usable science expands policy alternatives, clarifies choices, and improves policy outcomes through a process of close engagement between researchers and intended users of the information. However, despite the increasing calls and support from funders and the public, why is there still such a disconnect between science and decision-making? *Why isn't more science "usable"?*

This course examines the growing field of "usable science", exploring what it is, how to do it, and its implications for science policy and research. This course, while focusing mainly on environmental issues, is suited for students across a variety of disciplines, particularly those that aim to inform solutions to problems through research.

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