

Surprise, memorable surprise.

2008 Nobel committee awarded the prize for peace both to UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and to former US VP Al Gore. One Stanford rep on IPCC has the name Heller.

"The combination of science and morality the committee's decision reflected was a lovely recognition of the complex dimensions of getting at this problem," said I at the time.

Before this, for many years memories of travel around the world for face-to-face negotiations with government representatives, as one source puts it, "cajoling countries to take concrete steps to mitigate the impacts of climate change. That's a people-to-people exercise in negotiating, dealmaking, and understanding."

Memory of starting work on the climate change issue without, as I later put it, "any sense of the importance it would have."

Still believe that "Climate is a derivative problem that results from energy use, transportation, and land use issues. These three industries are at the heart of economic development . . . We need to look at what people are trying to do with growth and see if we can get them to do it in a way that is less damaging to the environment."