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is refreshingly blunt she fears that:

*“future generations will be roasted,  
toasted, fried and grilled”.*

Yet, the narrative of climate change – is 'silence'. Not just that we don't talk about it, we also don't talk about why we don't talk about climate change. We place climate change outside our 'norms of attention', the “social rules that define what is or not acceptable to recognise or talk about.” “Knowing” or “not knowing”, is a political act.

For example: human rights groups have framed climate change as being outside their normal terms of reference for more than a decade. Only as the displacement of refugees from the 'oil wars' escalated, has the desire to discuss climate change increased. Framing climate change solely as an environment issue reveals the disconnect between the social, economic and human equality issues that are central to understanding and creating any meaningful action plan.