

Ms. Guzman,

The Darden hosted ACORE event was disappointing to the extent that it presented such a narrow and one-sided view of the success of "sustainable ways to community prosperity." This was a promotional event for ACORE, and was thus not unexpected. The experiences of the microcosm of two tiny villages in the small country of Denmark does not scale-up well for the U.S. Mr. Hermansen seemed to find the republican nature of our political system a hindrance to the imposition and smooth functioning of his utopian, island model in the U.S.

To the extent the university environment is still a place for competing views, a presentation encompassing a wider view of "sustainability success" might have included the following information. I did give a print-out of the following links to Ms. Kristan, who seemed surprised at these reports originating in her Germany.

http://www.eike-klima-energie.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/Bilder_Dateien/Keil_Energiewende_gescheitert/2012-EIKE_Germanys_green_energy_turnaround_V2.pdf
<http://www.thelocal.de/money/20120222-40893.html>
<http://www.spiegel.de/international/business/0,1518,821396,00.html>
<http://thegwpf.org/international-news/5169-back-to-black-dirty-coal-celebrates-comeback-in-germany.html>

It might be informative to your students to have the opportunity to have a wider view of the sustainability reality faced by the citizens of Germany.

Sincerely,
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