



UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN



## Copenhagen Sustainability Lecture

Per Pinstrup-Andersen & Finn Tarp:  
Sustainable Development in a Period of Climate  
Change

31st of January 2011



## Why Sustainability Science?

Universities and researchers have an important role in addressing and dealing with the enormous challenges the world and its societies are facing in order to ensure a sustainable development.

These challenges are among others:

- To ensure the availability of food, water and energy for the world's population,
- To ensure stability of the ecosystems which our livelihood depends upon,
- To ensure that biodiversity does not further decline,
- To reduce poverty and inequality.

If these challenges are to be addressed, collaboration across many disciplines is necessary in order to build knowledge and point to solutions.

And that is what sustainability science is all about.



“Research within climate and sustainability are areas the University of Copenhagen wishes to emphasize and make more visible. It is a task which the new Sustainability Science Center is to contribute to as the center is to stimulate climate and sustainability research at the university. Furthermore the Center is to coordinate some of the many activities that already take place at the faculties.”

## The Climate Strategy of Univ. of Copenhagen, 2010



## The tasks of the Sustainability Science Center

- To support interdisciplinary initiatives at the University of Copenhagen such as research applications, educations initiatives, dissemination activities such as conferences and publications, recruiting researchers and international outreach.
- To organize the lecture series “Copenhagen Sustainability Lectures” to create visibility and attention of the challenges of global sustainability
- To follow up on the Climate Strategy of the University of Copenhagen from 2010, including maintenance of the web platform [www.climate.ku.dk](http://www.climate.ku.dk) and responding to inquiries and applications concerned with sustainability issues.
- Follow up on the 52 projects supported by the previous thematic cluster 1
- Strengthen collaboration with the clean tech industries regarding the development of knowledge and technologies which can contribute to a sustainable development





## Sustainability Science Center

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## Planned Copenhagen Sustainability Lectures

Speakers	Place	Time
Per Pinstrup-Andersen and Finn Tarp	LIFE, Festauditoriet	31st of January 2011, at 15-16
Inger Andersen and panel	Festsalen, vor Frues Plads	7th of March 2011, at 14-16
Connie Hedegaard	Festsalen, vor Frues Plads	11th of March 2011, at 10-11
Stephen Toope	Faculty of Law, Alexandersalen	27th of June 2011, at 15 - 16
Wangari Maathai	Faculty of Law, Alexandersalen	Postponed due to illness
Lykke Friis and Katherine Richardson	Festsalen, vor Frues Plads	?



## Welcome to:

**Per Pinstup-Andersen** is professor at Cornell University, where he has made it his lifework to reduce inequality and hunger. In 2001 he received the World Food Prize for his work. First and only Honorary Alumnus at LIFE, Univ. of Copenhagen in 2008.

**Finn Tarp** is professor in development economics at University of Copenhagen and was in 2009 appointed director of UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research ([UNU-WIDER](#)) in Helsinki, which is ranked # 7 among International Development Think Tanks.

