

# Review of: "Climate Change and Sustainability: A Comparative Case Study"

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The paper addresses a major political topic: the transformation towards climate protection and sustainability. The comparison between Sweden and India promises to provide far-reaching input for policy advice and academic research.

However, I would recommend to consider the following points:

- a) climate protection is definitely a component of ecological sustainability, and an integral part of ecological as well as economic well-being. However, sustainability, includes more than ecological integrity, and also encompasses, economic, prosperity and social compatibility. This should be acknowledged in the introduction.
- b) The comparison between India and Sweden is based on the same major attributes. This facilitates the understanding of the paper, and provides a very good foundation for a comparative review. However, each attribute is explained in terms of a highly generalized understanding of the literature and a more judgemental approach to appraise the conditions in both countries. I would strongly recommend to add specific references to each attribute rather than having a bibliography at the end of the paper, without clear references to each of the statements in the main text.
- c) The paper does not include any data, statistical analysis, or precise sources for the claims that have been made in the text. I certainly agree with most of the conclusions, but they need to be substantiated by factual information. At this point, it is more an opinion paper relying on subjective judgment, but not a research paper based on evidence.
- d) I would recommend the authors to redesign the paper to match the requirements of a research paper. In particular, all the claims that were made need to be substantiated by references, data, input, or statistical analysis. I also believe that some of the statements are far too generalized and would need more differentiation. In the end, the conclusions should also articulate some suggestions of what India could learn from Sweden, and how the Swedish experience could inform the former sustainable development efforts in India, and beyond.