



Video: *Academic Seminar Blockade*

Filmed and Edited by
Chris High¹

Communication and Systems
Open University
Milton Keynes MK7 6AA, United Kingdom
c.high@open.ac.uk

This short documentary video presented here was filmed at the seminar in Copenhagen in 2009 where the papers in this special issue of *ACME* were presented as a protest. It shows something of how the action proceeded, intercut with reflective interview material from one of the lead organisers, Kelvin Mason. Standing in front of the gates of a power station, the presenters argue their point, declaim even, as they jiggle up and down to stay warm in the Danish winter. In a context where protesters are being summarily arrested and roughly handled by the police, the strength of the action is that it plays with the respectability of academia to transform the authority's response. The video concludes with a call for academics to work more closely with social movements to bring our ideas to life and to have those ideas critiqued in return. To view the video, click on the following link:

[*Academic Seminar Blockade*](#)



¹ Both the video and this introduction are published under the Creative Commons licence: Attribution-Noncommercial-No Derivative Works