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## Planetary Villagisation

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Solar Mamas at the Barefoot College, Tilonia, Rajasthan

Ben Stringer teaches architecture design, history and theory at the University of Westminster, London, where he leads the DS12 Masters design studio. He is also a trustee of the Oxford City Farm. He has recently edited the book 'Rurality Re-imagined', and guest edited a 'Villages and Globalization' issue of Architecture and Culture Journal. He was a principal organiser of the Re-Imagining Rurality conference and exhibition, held in London in 2015 and has lectured in the UK, Europe and Asia.

In this lecture, Ben Stringer will explore alternative readings of rurality and focus on the vital economic and environmental role of rural villages. He will set this theme in the context of a dominant narrative of global urbanisation which simultaneously portrays the rural village as outdated, whilst branding artificially created urban communities as 'villages'.