

# IMAGINING DEVELOPMENT FUTURES

**Global Dynamics Guest Lecture By Uma Kothari,  
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**International development policy and aid is founded upon an understanding that some societies are less developed than others.**

It is often assumed then, that certain people and places have been left behind and have to be brought into the present through development interventions.

In this context, this presentation is concerned with three issues:

**First, it highlights how** the idea that certain societies are left behind or are less developed is based on particular notions of the past, present and future that are ascribed to different societies in ways that reproduce global inequalities.

**Second, it challenges how**, given that development offers a framework to guide change, the future has become predetermined and foreclosed such that some places are represented as being of the traditional past while other, developed societies, are seen to represent their modern future.

**Third, it argues that** policy-driven crises discourses and the imperative for development policies to continuously change, be revised and react, detracts from a poverty that endures.

The lecture is **free and open for anyone** interested.

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**Roskilde University: Aquarium 25.1**

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