



## **Investigating the role of culture in the development of the urban built environment**

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*This lecture focuses on the cultural underpinning of urban change that is embedded in attitudes to 'order' and 'disorder' in urban planning but also in the way 'home spaces' are developed as the basis for the emerging cities of the South. Culture also underpins different attitudes to youth engagement in the urban environment and ways of regulating urban densification. It thus has both a planning and architecture component. One objective is to move from a short term normative focus on 'urban development' to engage with longer term understandings of urban change - and to do so in a way which is critical of embedded notions of 'development' and 'urban'. The lecture will thus seek to explore a more appropriate understanding of modernity, modernisation and modernism in expression. It will also address knowledge development in the South and challenges to Northern hegemony in research - and hence often policy agendas. Examples will be drawn from current projects in which Professor Jenkins is involved, especially Africa.*

*All welcome to attend*