

The background image is a photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a yellow shower facility with a yellow shower head and a green sign with a shower icon. A coiled yellow hose is attached to the pole. To the right, there is a grey electrical box with blue and black cables. The ground is gravel. In the middle ground, there is a yellow field, possibly rapeseed, and a brown field. In the background, there are trees and a small house under a cloudy sky.

# CONTEMPORARY RURALITIES // CHANGING GROUNDS

A SYMPOSIUM ON THE  
CHANGING CONCEPTS  
OF RURALITY.

THE DANISH ARCHITECTURE CENTRE  
JANUARY 24 - 25, 2020



## Contemporary Ruralities // Changing grounds Public symposium at the Danish Architecture Centre (DAC)

Date: January 24 - 25 2020

Public symposium at Danish Architecture Centre in connection with the exhibition 'Going Rural' by Rural Agentur.

In December 2018 the UN General Assembly adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People working in Rural Areas (UNDROP).

The Declaration can be seen as symptomatic for how "The rural" is witnessing radical transformations, conceptually as well as spatially. The status of rurality in a so-called urban age is increasingly subject to controversy as the physical imprint of urbanization seems to span the entire globe.

As we witness how spaces become destabilized both in their environmental, economic, political and cultural sense, "the rural" and "the urban" can no longer be seen as fixed spatial categories.

And yet we believe that there is an urgent need for addressing concepts of 'contemporary ruralities' from the perspective of what has been coined 'planetary urbanization'.

With this symposium we hold a two-fold ambition of, on the one hand, addressing alternative spatial framings of 'contemporary ruralities', and on the other hand, investigate ways of engaging in strategic actions and policies related hereto.

The symposium brings together architects, researchers, artists and practitioners from diverse backgrounds to convey the cracks and lines in approaching rurality today.

The symposium is organized by Rural Agentur in association with ARENA Architectural Research European Network Association and the Danish Architecture Centre, and takes place in relation to the exhibition 'Going Rural' (1.11.19 - 2.2.20) by Rural Agentur at the Danish Architecture Centre.

For more information and to sign up

> [ruralagentur.com/events](http://ruralagentur.com/events)

> [arena-architecture.eu](http://arena-architecture.eu)

> [dac.dk/en/exhibitions/dreyers-architecture-gallery-2019](http://dac.dk/en/exhibitions/dreyers-architecture-gallery-2019)

### Section 1: Friday 24.1.

13 - 13.30

Summary and panel discussion

9.30 - 11.30

Nikos Katsikis: "The Rural" under Planetary Urbanization:  
From Hinterlands to Operational Landscapes

Lunch break

Marten Kuijpers: Automated Landscapes, AI and rurality.

### Section 3:

14.30 - 17

Anna Sofie Hvid  
In the Agriculture State : Aesthetic mobilizations of rurality.

Round table on rural practice, work presentations by students of The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture and Rural Agentur.

### Section 2:

11.45 - 13

Christophe Golay: Rural transformations in light of UNDROP

### Section 4:

Saturday 25.1.

Pieter Versteegh : Rurality and perspectives for economic equity

Optional excursion, site walk and lunch at the office farm of Rural Agentur, Østagergård in Jystrup.

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