## 'Encountering Development' Revisited: In Search of Pluriversal Transitions

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Invited Speaker: Prof. A. Escobar (Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

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The modernist project of development after the Second World War imposed a one-sided view of the world, reducing diverse cultural realities to an abstract market principle and thus causing loss of cultural autonomy, environmental destruction, climate change and social exclusion. *Encountering Development* (1995), arguably Arturo Escobar's most influential book, provides systematic analysis of development discourses and governmentality in Latin America and explores a new era of 'post-development' that can be gleaned from pluriversal local practices.

25 years after its first appearance in English, the Japanese edition will finally be published thanks to Shu Kitano's translation. As the era of pandemic accelerates multiple socio-economic crises, this book opens up a space of critical reflections on modernity, development, and globalization.

This special talk session invites Dr. Arturo Escobar to present the main argument of the book. The session also discusses the meaning of life, development, and happiness in the time of the pandemic, reflecting the situations of Colombia, US, Europe or Japan.

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