

**School of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Seminars**  
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**Room 3.02, Agriculture Building**

## **Rural people, rural lives:** **A changed landscape**

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This seminar is about change in the county of Lincolnshire - change in the lives of rural people and the alteration of the rural, social and agricultural landscape, as seen through two collections of photographs. The first was captured on black and white film and shown in 1997 as the exhibition *Rural People Rural Lives*, and the second, a collection of digital images, was exhibited in 2016 in the exhibition *A Changed Landscape*.

Through the experience of gathering these two sets of images Rose Beddington charts her methodology which, owing to the extreme changes she encountered, needed a complete revision. She found it necessary to invent a new set of visual and analytical tools for herself in order to make sense of our modern rural and agricultural landscape. The aspects she tackles are:

- Connectivity - time and access.
- Identity of rurality - raising questions.
- Changing perceptions of space.
- Change of our sensory senses - phenomenology.

This is also a universal story of how our way of connecting with each other has changed and our relationship with the land has also altered. Both black and white and colour images from the two collections will be shown during the seminar.

Rose Beddington is a photojournalist who aims to tell stories in pictures. She grew up on a farm in Herefordshire and has also managed a hill farm in Derbyshire.