## Rethinking the Making of Creative Cities - Venu V. in conversation with Manish Sisodia

Since the 1980s, urban cultural policy the world over has positioned art and culture as a lure for consumption, property development, and knowledge industries. But gentrification, displacement, unemployment, and social/political exclusion do not address urban inequality, which in turn renders public policy on culture ineffective. In the context of Delhi and India, join policy makers Venu V. and Manish Sisodia, who will discuss what urban cultural policy is and should be, and how beyond economic agenda making, it can be truly community based and oriented to support the arts.

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