

Antonio Blanco Pastor

About

Spanish architect and tutor in the Master of Architecture + Urbanism at the Manchester School of Architecture. He is graduated from the European University of Madrid and Master in Urbanism from the University of Malaga. Although he started working as a freelance architect, shortly after an Asset Management company in Marbella hired him, where he is working in design, construction, refurbishment and urbanism. His interest in ruralism and history has led him to start a thesis on garden cities in British territory, which he combines there working as a tutor and remotely for the Spanish company. In his spare time, Antonio enjoys making sketches of streets, reading books on history, as well as attending the wide musical panorama offered in Manchester.

Jury Statement

I am currently researching on British garden cities, as case studies to revitalize villages and small towns in Spain, by tailoring the garden city model to preserve, regenerate and expand rural communities in decline towards becoming self-reliant and prosperous settlements once again. I greatly value, above all, that a proposal about rural development is underpinned by a clear, coherent and thorough strategy for improving the daily lives of rural population, no matter if it has striking images or not.