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‘On Cities’ Masterclasses

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norman foster explores the future of the urban context with his 'on cities' masterclass

In an exploration of the most pressing topics related to the contemporary urban context, the Norman Foster Foundation (NFF) presents its masterclass series 'on cities'. The series of thirty-minute-long masterclasses includes appearances by twenty leading experts in the fields of architecture, urbanism, economics and mobility, and supports the foundation's extensive educational program by promoting an exchange of knowledge across a range of geographic and disciplinary perspectives.

The best of natural stones from all over the world.

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The Norman Foster Foundation’s 'on cities' masterclass rounds up a comprehensive investigation into the advantages and disadvantages of the typical city. The foundation notes that while these contexts undoubtedly offer significant advantages in the realm of education, health care and social services, urbanization is widely regarded as one of the fundamental challenges for public health, social equity and environmental sustainability. Across the world, some instances of urbanization have made cities more spatially fragmented, less environmentally responsive, and more socially divided.

Addressing these challenges brought on by urbanism, speakers will explore solutions with the didactic video series. Solutions involve urban leadership, urban form and equity, urban informality, urban food systems, urban sustainability, urban materiality, urban mobility, working and well-being, urban economics and city behavior. As the inaugural series of the Norman Foster Foundation’s digital initiatives to come, the 'on cities' masterclass series will be soon followed by the release of the 'on archives' masterclass series. This next series will explore the topic of architectural archives and libraries around the world, and will include a 'future cities' conversation series, a virtual dialogue series in which Norman Foster will reflect on the future of cities alongside ten leading voices and visionaries.
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Norman Foster launches 'On Cities' masterclass series

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Titled "On Cities," a new series of twenty masterclasses was released by the Norman Foster Foundation this week. Each half-hour video features a leading expert in the fields of architecture, urbanism, economics, and mobility, aiming to promote cross-disciplinary and trans-geographic exchange.

"While cities undoubtedly offer significant advantages in the realm of education, health care and social services, urbanization is widely regarded as one of the fundamental challenges for public health, social equity and environmental sustainability," states the Foundation's announcement.
"In many parts of the world, urbanization has made cities more spatially fragmented, less environmentally responsive and more socially divided. To meet these challenges, speakers will touch on key themes such as urban leadership, urban form and equity, urban informality, urban food systems, urban sustainability, urban materiality, urban mobility, working and well-being, urban economics and city behavior, among other topics."

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- Vishaan Chakrabarti (William W. Wurster Dean, College of Environmental Design, University of California, Berkeley and Founder of PAU)
- Robin Chase (Co-founder, ZipCar)
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• Theresa Williamson (Founder and Director, Catalytic Communities).

The Foundation also announced the upcoming release of the subsequent “On Archives” masterclass series and the “Future Cities” series of virtual conversations between Norman Foster and ten prominent voices.

“On Cities” is available on YouTube here.
Norman Foster Foundation Presents "On Cities" Masterclass Series Exploring The Most Pressing Topics

The Norman Foster Foundation (NFF) has presented the "On Cities" Masterclass Series to discuss "the most pressing and compelling topics" related to contemporary cities and the future of urbanism.

The series, which is presented as thirty-minute-long masterclasses, present prominent speakers, including Kent Larson, Director, MIT City Science Research Group; Francesca Interisano, Founding Partner, Interisano, an award-winning Indian architect; Antonio Citterio, Principal, Cassina; and Norman Foster, President, Norman Foster Foundation, and more.

Watch Norman Foster's introduction below on the Future of Cities in Pandemics - "On Cities" Masterclass Series.

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"The Cities" Masterclass Series will host leading experts in the fields of architecture, urbanism, economics and mobility. "This video series supports the NFF’s extensive educational programme by promoting an exchange of knowledge across a range of geographic and disciplinary perspectives," stated the Norman Foster Foundation.

In the series, the speakers will talk about key themes such as urban leadership; urban form and equity; urban inequality; urban food systems, urban sustainability; urban materiality; urban mobility; working and well-being; urban economics and city behaviour among other topics.

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The Norman Foster Foundation, opened in 2011, the foundation promotes interdisciplinary thinking and research to help new generations anticipate the future.

The mission of the foundation is to promote "the importance of architects; infrastructure and utopian for the development of society," while the foundation also "encourages new thinking and research across traditional boundaries to help younger generations anticipate the challenges of future change."

Within the scope of research and independent projects, the foundation organizes fellowships, workshops, public debates, forums, thesis talks, exhibitions.
The "On Cities" Masterclass Series will kick off with an introductory masterclass by Norman Foster, President, Norman Foster Foundation, in which he considers the future of cities and the crises that they have overcome throughout their history.

The contributing speakers include the following experts:

Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr (Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone); Joseph G. Allen (Director of the Healthy Buildings Program, T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University); Deborah Berke (Dean, Yale School of Architecture); Luis Bettencourt (Inaugural Director, Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago); Richard Burdett (Director, LSE Cities); Vaishali Chakrabarti (William W. Harster Dean, College of Environmental Design, University of California, Berkeley); Robin Chase (Co-founder, ZipCar); Renarm Brown (Founding Director, Center on Global Justice, University of California, San Diego); Sôa Fujimoto (Founder, Sôa Fujimoto Architects); Eduard Glaser (Fiesc and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics, Harvard University); Dirk Hebel (Professor, Sustainable Construction, Karlsruhe Institute for Technology); Francis Kéré (Founder, Kéré Architecture and Kéré Foundation); Anupama Kundoo (Principal, Anupama Kundoo Architects); Kent Larson (Director, MIT City Science Research Group); Giuseppe Sala (Mayor of Milan, Italy); Carolyn Steel (Director, William Higginbotham Architects); Tim Shaw (Managing Director, Space Syntax); Belinda Lato (Co-founder and Co-director, Ecosistema Urbano) and Theo Williamson (Founder and Director, Catalytic Communities).
As the inaugural series of the NFF’s digital initiatives to come, the "On Cities" Masterclass Series will be soon followed by the release of the "On Archives" Masterclass Series, in which the most fundamental aspects related to architectural archives and libraries around the world will be considered, and the "Future Cities" Conversation Series, a virtual dialogue series in which Norman Foster will reflect on the future of cities, alongside leading voices and visionaries.

The "On Cities" Masterclass Series is currently available for viewing here.

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La Norman Foster Foundation presenta 'On Cities' Masterclass Series, una colección de clases magistrales sobre los problemas de las ciudades contemporáneas y sus posibles soluciones. Impartidas por varios reconocidos expertos en arquitectura, urbanismo, economía y movilidad, la serie busca promover el intercambio de conocimiento entre distintas disciplinas y perspectivas geográficas.
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A pesar de las oportunidades que nuestras ciudades nos ofrecen en materia de atención sanitaria y servicios sociales, la urbanización descontrolada se ha convertido en una de las mayores amenazas para temas fundamentales como la salud pública, la igualdad social y la sostenibilidad medioambiental. En la búsqueda de soluciones, los ponentes abordan cuestiones clave como el liderazgo urbano, el diseño equitativo, los asentamientos informales, los sistemas de abastecimiento alimenticio, el desarrollo sostenible, el futuro de la movilidad, el trabajo y el bienestar o la inmigración.

Además de una clase magistral introductoria impartida por Norman Foster (Presidente, Norman Foster Foundation), en la que analiza el futuro de las ciudades y las crisis que han superado a lo largo de su historia, se podrán encontrar clases de los siguientes expertos:

Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr (Alcaldesa de Freetown, Sierra Leona); Joseph G Allen (Director del Healthy Buildings Program, T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Universidad de Harvard); Deborah Berke (Decana de la Escuela de Arquitectura de Yale); Luis Bettencourt (Director Inaugural del Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, Universidad de Chicago); Richard Burdett (Director de LSE Cities, London School of Economics); Vishaal Chakrabarti (Decano William W. Wurster en College of Environmental Design, Universidad de California, Berkeley); Robin Chase (Cofundadora de ZipCar); Fonna Forman (Directora y Fundadora del Center on Global Justice, Universidad de California, San Diego); Sou Fujimoto (Fundador de Sou Fujimoto Architects); Edward Glaeser (Profesor de Economía Fred y Eleanor Gimp en la Universidad de Harvard); Dirk Hebel (Profesor de Construcción Sostenible en Karlsruhe Institute für Technologie); Francis Kéré (Fundador de Kéré Architecture y Kéré Foundation); Anupama Kundoo (Directora de Anupama Kundoo Architects); Kent Larson (Director, MIT City Science Research Group); Giuseppe Sala (Alcalde de Milán, Italia); Carolyn Steel (Directora de Kilburn Nightingale Architects); Tim Stoner (Director General de Space Syntax); Belinda Tato (Cofundadora y Codirectora de Ecosistema Urbano) y Theresa Williamson (Fundadora y Directora de Catalytic Communities).
'On Cities' es la primera de una serie de iniciativas digitales promovidas por la NFF a la que le seguirá 'On Archives', una serie de clases magistrales en la que se tratarán los aspectos más fundamentales relacionados con los archivos y bibliotecas de arquitectura de todo el mundo, y la serie de conversaciones ‘Future Cities’, una colección de diálogos en los que Norman Foster reflexionará sobre el futuro de las ciudades junto a diez expertos en distintos ámbitos.

Las clases magistrales incluidas en esta serie forman parte del Programa de Educación e Investigación de la Norman Foster Foundation y se han desarrollado gracias a las becas de investigación concedidas por BYD, Crankstart Foundation, David y Nina Fialkow, Ford Foundation, Lisa y Richard Cashin y Rolex Institute.
A series of thirty minutes long masterclasses on YouTube will deal with the most pressing and compelling topics that contemporary cities have to deal with.

After the introductory masterclass, given by Foundation president Norman Foster, experts from architecture, education, government and business will give their insights into the future of cities and the crisis that they will have to overcome.

“The City is probably the oldest most enduring invention of our civilization. The words are interchangeable, civilization, civil, civic, city. Cities evolve over time. They respond to crises. And historically they emerge from crisis, stronger then ever before. So what are the future trends for cities? And what are the lessons of history?”

Norman Foster, President of the Norman Foster Foundation

Notable contributions will come from Sou Fujimoto, Francis Kéré, Richard Burdett (Director, LSE Cities), Fonna Forman (Principal, Estudio Teddy Cruz + Fonna Forman), Belinda Tato (Cofounder and Codirector, Ecosistema Urbano) and Kent Larson (Director, MIT City Science Research Group).

The 'On Cities' Masterclass Series trailer:
In his masterclass, "Resilient Communities," Kent Larson considers the societal stresses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and those that the world will face in a post-pandemic and rapidly urbanizing world, arguing for the importance of resilient cities at the local and community level.
'On Cities' Masterclass Series

April 2021

The Norman Foster Foundation (NFF) presents the ‘On Cities’ Masterclass Series, a series of thirty-minute-long masterclasses which explores the most pressing and compelling topics related to contemporary cities. Given by twenty leading experts in the fields of architecture, urbanism, economics and mobility, this video series supports the NFF’s extensive educational programme by promoting an exchange of knowledge across a range of geographic and disciplinary perspectives.

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In his introductory masterclass to the series, Norman Foster (President, Norman Foster Foundation) considers the future of cities and the cities that cities have overcome throughout their history, arguing that the current pandemic has accelerated important trends already in motion, such as a return to green and open public space and compact urban areas that provide inhabitants with services and leisure within a walking distance.
In light of the finite nature of the world’s resources, Prof. Dirk E. Hebel (Professorship of Sustainable Construction, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) explores the ways in which materials can be reused through ‘urban mining’, referencing the research of new recycled and organic materials in his masterclass, titled ‘Sustainable Materials’.

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Watch the full ‘On Cities’ Masterclass Series on YouTube here.
Norman Foster Foundation presents On Cities Masterclass Series exploring the most pressing topics

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La Norman Foster Foundation (NFF) presenta ‘On Cities’ Masterclass Series, una selección de veinte casos magistrales de treinta minutos de duración que exploran sobre los problemas que afrontan la ciudad contemporánea y sus posibles soluciones. Impartida por veinte expertos reconocidos en arquitectura, urbanismo, economía y movilidad, la serie de videos repasa el amplio programa educativo de la NFF al proporcionar el intercambio de conocimientos entre distintas disciplinas y perspectivas geográficas.

A pesar de las oportunidades que nuestras ciudades nos ofrecen en materia de atención sanitaria y servicios sociales, la urbanización global descontrolada está haciendo peligrar aspectos fundamentales como la sostenibilidad, la igualdad social y la sostenibilidad medioambiental. En muchas partes del mundo, la urbanización ha hecho que las ciudades estén más fragmentadas, especialmente, sean menos resistentes al medioambiente y suelen ser más difusas socialmente. Para hacer frente a estos retos, los ponentes abordarán temas clave como el urbanismo urbano, la economía y movilidad urbana, los sistemas alimentarios y sus sostenibilidad urbana, la materialidad urbana, el trabajo y el bienestar, la arquitectura urbana y el comportamiento en la ciudad, entre otros temas.

Además de una clase magistral introductoria impartida por Norman Foster (Presidente, Norman Foster Foundation), en la que analiza el futuro de las ciudades y los problemas que han supuesto a lo largo de su historia, destacarán en orden de los siguientes expertos:

- Yosuke Arii Sawyer (Rhode Island School of Design, Serbia, Latinoamérica, Joseph G. Allen (Director del Programa de Diseño de la Universidad de Rice, Escuela de Cultura Pública, T.S. Obre, Universidad de Pennsylvania, Deborah Berke (Escuela de Arquitectura de Yale), Luis Bonet (Director del Instituto de Innovación Urbana, Universidad de Chicago), Richard Burdett (Directivo, LSE Chile, Vishnavi Chaturvedi (Escuela William W. Hunter, Facultad de Arquitectura, Universidad de California, Berkeley), Robin Chase (Johns Hopkins), Seara Forman (Directora Fundadora del Center on Global Justice, Universidad de California), Simon Pegg (Escuela de Design, Universidad de California, San Diego),凶 小 明 (Fundador de Xu Zijun Arquitectura, Edward Glazer (Catedrático de econoimia y Programa Glimp, Universidad de Harvard), Liz leaf (Facultad de arquitectura sostenible, Kühnheime für Technik, Frances Kohn (Fundador, Kohn Architects y Kohn Foundation), Anupama Kundoo (Directora, Anupama Kundoo Architects), Sam Lorton (Directivo, M.F. City, Ecocentro Research Group), Giuseppe Gallo (Ufficio San Milano, Yulio Cevey (Directora de la Universidad de Edimburgo, Arquitectos), Tim Monier (Director General de la Sociedad de Arquitectura Nova Zelanda, y Catedrático de diseño urbano y Theoraxalism, Fundador y Director de Catalytic Communities).

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Las sesiones magistrales incluirán la serie de conferencias del Programa de Educación e Investigación de la Norman Foster Foundation y se llevará a cabo gracias a las leyes de investigación concedidas por el Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología de España (MINECO) y el Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia de España.

Ricky Burdett featured in Norman Foster Foundation masterclass series 'On Cities'

LSE Cities’ Director Ricky Burdett has been named as one of twenty urban experts featured in a new masterclass series ‘On Cities’ launched by the Norman Foster Foundation.

Watch Ricky’s masterclass on Shaping Cities in an Urban Age here.

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Deborah Berke Participates in the Norman Foster Foundation’s ‘On Cities’ Masterclass Series

April 26, 2021

The Norman Foster Foundation invited Deborah Berke to participate in the ‘On Cities’ Masterclass Lecture series. Deborah spoke about their work in transforming old buildings for new futures, which, she argues, is a highly sustainable architectural strategy.

Watch the talk here. →