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THE NORMAN FOSTER FOUNDATION PRESENTS 'ON CLIMATE CRISIS' MASTERCLASS SERIES



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The Norman Foster Foundation (NFF) presents the 'On Climate Crisis' Masterclass Series, a collection of video presentations delivered by **ten outstanding experts** in the fields of architecture, urbanism, landscape architecture, urban law, politics, and environmental science. This initiative aims to support the NFF's extensive educational programme by fostering an exchange of knowledge and promoting a global conversation on the current climate crisis.

Climate change presents one of the most pressing challenges of our time, demanding collective action and innovative solutions from individuals, communities and nations. The 'On Climate Crisis' Masterclass Series brings together diverse perspectives to address the challenges posed by this urgent global issue. Through discussions on designing a resilient planet, life around water, energy efficiency, profitable climate solutions and climate emergency, expert speakers provide valuable insights and original solutions.

The masterclasses are presented by the following experts:

Jonathan Foley, Executive Director, Project Drawdown; Former Executive Director, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA, United States; **Sheila Foster**, The Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Urban Law and Policy; Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C, United States; **Mitchell Joachim**, Co-founder of Terreform ONE; Associate Professor of Practice, New York University (NYU), New York, NY, United States; **Lydia Kallipoliti**, Associate Professor, Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture, The Cooper Union, New York, NY, United States; **Rachel Kyte**, Dean, The Fletcher School, Tufts University Medford, Boston, MA, United States. Co-chair, Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMII), London, United Kingdom; **Amory Lovins**, Former Chairman, Rocky Mountain Institute, Basalt, CO, United States; **Peter B. de Menocal**, President and Director, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), Falmouth, MA, United States; **Henk Ovink**, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; **Kotchakorn Voraakhom**, Chairwoman, Climate Change Working Group, International Federation of Landscape Architects, IFLA. Founder and CEO, Landprocess; Founder and CEO, Porous City Network, Bangkok, Thailand; **Ken Yeang**, Executive Director, T.R. Hamzah & Yeang Sdn Bhd, Selangor, Malaysia.

The masterclasses included in this series are part of the NFF's Education and Research programme which is supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, GS Energy Group, The Rolex Institute and the American Friends of the Norman Foster Foundation.

The '**On Climate Crisis**' Masterclass Series is currently available for viewing [here](#).

Norman Foster Foundation

The Norman Foster Foundation promotes interdisciplinary thinking and research to help new generations anticipate the future. The first mission of the Norman Foster Foundation is to make visible the centrality of architecture, infrastructure, and urbanism for the betterment of society. To this end, the second mission is to encourage new thinking and research across traditional boundaries in order to help younger generations anticipate the challenges of future change. In particular, the foundation speaks to those professionals who are concerned with the environment: architects, engineers, designers, urbanists, civic leaders, planners, and artists. This is at the heart of the foundation's holistic approach to design and is ever more relevant as populations shift to cities. With the implications of climate change, robotics and artificial intelligence, sustainable design is not about fashion but about survival.

The foundation holds the Norman Foster Archive and Library, which provide a window into the larger narrative and history of our built environment through the work of Norman Foster. This is complemented and supported by drawings and models from other significant architects such as Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe, Charles and Ray Eames, Buckminster Fuller, Richard Rogers, Zaha Hadid and Tadao Ando. Through its research initiatives and programmes, the Norman Foster Foundation encourages the transfer of advanced knowledge in a wide range of design fields. The foundation's educational initiatives are structured around research, workshops, fellowships and forums, built around the foundation's core objectives.

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