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'HEALTH AND CITY' AT THE NORMAN FOSTER INSTITUTE



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As part of the collaboration between the Norman Foster Institute (NFI) and Bupa, the 'Health and City' module of the NFI Master's Programme on Sustainable Cities will be held from 20 to 22 May 2024.

The focus will be on fostering the development of healthy cities. This module will empower future urban planners, advance research on health, mobilise stakeholders and utilise cutting-edge technology to create data-driven indicators.

The NFI, which is committed to making cities healthier, includes in its Academic Body various professionals and practitioners whose expertise lies in this field, including **Joseph G. Allen**, Director, Healthy Buildings Program, T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, United States; **Kevin Austin**, Deputy Executive Director, C40 Cities, London, United Kingdom; **Beatriz Colomina**, Co-Director of the Media and Modernity Program; Howard Crosby Butler Professor of the History of Architecture, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, United States; **Kathryn Gustafson**, Founding Partner, Gustafson Porter + Bowman, United Kingdom; **Laila Iskandar**, Co-Founder, CID CONSULTING; Former Minister of State in the Government, Egypt; **Shweta Narayan**, Global Climate & Health Campaigner at Health Care Without Harm, London, United Kingdom; **Henk Ovink**, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; **Glyn Richards**, Group Sustainability Director, Bupa, London, United Kingdom; **Giselle Sebag**, Executive Director, International Society for Urban Health, New York, United States; **Susana Saíz Alcazar**, Director, Arup Spain; Director, Arup's Climate and Sustainability Services Portfolio within the Europe Region; Global Leader for the Human Health and Wellbeing Skills Network; Europe Leader of Climate and Sustainability, Arup, Madrid, Spain; and **Dr Arun Thiyagarajan**, Managing Director UK's Health Clinics, Bupa, London, United Kingdom.

To culminate this module, the 'Healthy Cities' Public Debates, organised by the Norman Foster Foundation and supported by Sanitas, will address the significant overlap between healthcare and urban living. It will begin with keynote presentations and a speaker's debate, highlighting the essential role of city leadership in adopting nature-centric and public health policies.

The 'Healthy Cities' Public Debates will be:

Welcomed by:

- **Catherine Mary Cummings**, Sustainability Director, Sanitas ELA, Bupa Group, Madrid, Spain

With keynotes and debate between the following experts:

- **Iñiqui Carnicero**, Secretary General for Urban Agenda, Housing and Architecture, Spain
- **Giselle Sebag**, Executive Director, International Society for Urban Health, United States
- **Mark J Nieuwenhuijsen**, Research Professor, Director of the Urban Planning, Environment and Health Initiative; Head of the Climate, Air Pollution, Nature and Urban Health Programme, Institute for Global Health, Barcelona, Spain
- **Kathryn Gustafson**, Founding Partner, Gustafson Porter + Bowman, United Kingdom

And with a conversation between:

- **Norman Foster**, President, Norman Foster Foundation
- **Yolanda Erburu Arbizu**, Chief Sustainability & Corporate Affairs Officer, Sanitas and Bupa ELA, Sanitas Foundation General Manager, Madrid, Spain

Date and time: Wednesday 22 May, 6:30 p.m.

Venue: Paseo del General Martínez Campos 14, Madrid, Spain

Limited spaces are reserved for press. If you are interested in attending the Public Debate, please contact us at press@normanfosterfoundation.org

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