

Wednesday 22 February 2012
CONFERENCE

BARCELONA PROJECT: LEADING THE WAY OUT OF CRISIS?

Programme

15.00-16.00 Workshop **THE RETURN OF THE CITY-STATE: THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY?**
Chair: **Professor Ian Gordon**, LSE London and Spatial Economics Research Centre
15.00-15.15 **Antoni Vives**, Barcelona's Deputy Mayor for Urban Habitat
15.15-16.00 Debate

Place: LSE, Portugal Street, Cowdray House, Cañada Blanch Room, 1st floor, COW 1.11

Cities are the real ecosystem regarding human development; they have been the cradle of culture and western democracy. The increasing social, cultural and economic complexity in the world has transformed the units of this system. Cities have become centres for hope but also for democratic struggle. They are nowadays the converging point of private and public competences where different debates emerge, from how our streets should be to how we believe we should educate our children. All this may sound as something new. . . or maybe not! The "polis" is back.



16.30-17.30 Workshop **URBANISM IS OVER, LONG LIVE THE CITY PROTOCOL**

Chair: **Professor Ricky Burdett**, Global Distinguished Professor, New York University, and Director, LSE Cities and Urban Age

16.30-16.45 **Vicente Guallart**, Barcelona's Chief Architect

16.45-17.30 Debate

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The old urbanism, all the knowledge put forward by someone like Idelfons Cerdà, offered new ways of configuring the city: the Industrial Revolution changed the way of designing public places and streets. Nowadays, the technological and information revolution has changed the channels we use to communicate, but not the shape of our cities. Barcelona presents the City Protocol as a step forward in order to work for the future of cities, from Barcelona to London, from Tokyo to Moscow.

18.00-19.30 Public lecture

LEADING THE WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS? THE BARCELONA SOLUTION?

Speakers: **Antoni Vives**, Barcelona's Deputy Mayor for Urban Habitat and **Vicente Guallart** Barcelona's Chief Architect

Chair: **Professor Paul Preston**, Chairman of the Catalan Observatory, LSE

Place: LSE, Lincoln's Inn Fields, New Academic Building, Wolfson Theatre, LG 0.1

Barcelona has established a Mayor's Deputy Office focused on Urban Habitat. This department is designing the future of the Catalan capital using revolutionary criteria in order to renovate the classical concept of the 'city'. The goal is to offer a sustainable and replicable road to solve the crisis that affects western countries.