

## **BUILDING INCLUSIVE CITIES: AGENDA FOR BARCELONA AND CHICAGO**

### Speaker and chair short biographies

<a href="#"><u>Alemany, Ramon</u></a>	Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Barcelona (UB) where since 2001 he is a Professor of the Department of Econometrics. He has also been Head of Studies of the Faculty of Economics and Business, Director General of the Life Long Learning Institute (IL3) at the UB as well as Vicerector of the University of Barcelona. He was also Visiting Professor of Applied Econometrics at the University of Paris II. His research focuses on risk quantification and statistics and is member of Riskcenter, research group on risk in insurance and finance.
<a href="#"><u>Phil Ashton</u></a>	Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Policy Department, University of Illinois at Chicago and vice-chair, Board of Directors of Mercy Housing (non-profit affordable housing organization). Phil has written extensively about the mortgage crisis as experienced in the US. He is an expert in housing finance and community development.
<a href="#"><u>Germà Bel i Queralt</u></a>	Professor, Department of Applied Economics at the University of Barcelona. He has been visiting professor at Cornell University, Harvard University, the Florence School of Regulation, and at Princeton University among others. His research interests are political economy, public-sector reform, privatization, regulation, transportation and infrastructures. He has received several awards for his scientific contributions such as the “William E. and Frederick Mosher Award” for the best 2009 academic article by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the best 2010 academic article, US Academy of Management (Public & Non-profit Division).
<a href="#"><u>Javier Burón Cuadrado</u></a>	Responsible for Housing in the Barcelona city government. He has previously been a consultant on public policy and housing market as well as on administration reform and new forms of public-private management. He was with the Barcelona law firm Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira working in the area of public law. He was Deputy Minister for Housing and Planning Director of the Basque Government. He has also been legal and economic councilor of a parliamentary group in the Spanish Parliament (Congress of Deputies) and in the Basque Parliament.
<b>Antoni Codina i Filbà</b>	Director General of the <a href="#"><u>Bureau of the Third-Sector Organizations of Catalonia</u></a> since November 2007. He trained in philosophy, political science and management and since 1991 has headed the NGO for international cooperation <a href="#"><u>SETEM</u></a> . He has held various management positions in Catalan and Spanish NGOs for development.
<b>Carles Conill Vergés</b>	Director of Sustainable Mobility Services of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) and Secretary of the AMB Mobility Council. During the last 16 years he was Director of the Department of the Environment in the Metropolitan administration which includes Barcelona and 35 adjacent municipalities, with a large experience in the fields of water and waste management, and in policies concerning environment sustainability and against climate change. He has also

	<p>been involved in public housing and urban planning. He is Chairman of the Environment Committee of the College of Civil Engineers of Catalonia. He holds a degree in civil engineering from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC) and an MBA from the School of Business Administration and Management of Barcelona (ESADE).</p>
<p><a href="#">Jaume Collboni</a></p>	<p>Deputy mayor of the City of Barcelona since July 2015. He is also director of the Department of Enterprise, Innovation and Culture as well as President of the Horta - Guinardó District and Vice President of Social and Economic Development of the Metropolitan Area Barcelona. As a legal professional he used to lead the Technical Office of the General Union of Workers of Catalonia (UGT), which advised the leadership of this union. From 2005 to 2010 he was coordinator of the Socialist Parliamentary Group. From 2010 onwards he was a Member of the Parliament of Catalonia until 2014, when he competed in the primaries of the Socialist Party of Catalonia for the post of mayor of Barcelona. Since June 2015 he holds the presidency of the Socialist Municipal Group in the Barcelona City Council.</p>
<p><a href="#">Jesus "Chuy" Garcia</a></p>	<p>Commissioner, Cook County (the regional governing body). Chuy is Mexican-American and got his start as an activist working with Chicago's first African American mayor, Harold Washington in the 1980s. He served on City Council and in the Illinois State Senate. He then founded a community organization in the immigrant neighborhood of Little Village. He ran for mayor in 2015, finishing second but forcing a head-to-head runoff vote between himself and current mayor Rahm Emanuel. He is the leading progressive voice in Chicago and is particularly committed to issues of juvenile justice, educational equity, and employment.</p>
<p><a href="#">Marisol García</a></p>	<p>Professor, Sociology Department, University of Barcelona. She has been Researcher in the Royal Institute of International Affairs (London) and visiting professor in the University of Oxford, the European University Institute (Florence), University of Illinois at Chicago among others. Her research interests include: urban transformations, citizenship and governance. She has written extensively about new social inequalities and social innovation.</p>
<p><a href="#">Ricard Gomà i Carmona</a></p>	<p>Professor of political science in the Department of Political Science and Public Law in the Autonomous University of Barcelona. He has taught extensively in postgraduate and doctoral programmes at several European and Latin American universities. He is a research fellow at the IGOP (Institute of Government and Public Policies), and is currently director of the IERMB (Institute of Regional and Metropolitan Studies). His main fields of research are social policies and welfare states; urban policies and local governance; and social movements, community action and citizen participation.</p>
<p><a href="#">Alejandra Ibañez</a></p>	<p>Lead Program Officer, The <a href="#">Woods Fund of Chicago</a> (a foundation that provides financial assistance to community organizations and progressive causes). Alé was a community organizer former activist in the non-profit sector community development world and was the director of an organization in the immigrant neighborhood of Pilsen, the <a href="#">Pilsen Alliance</a>, fighting for affordable housing and educational equity. She also worked in state politics, as the Chief of Staff to the first Latina, Mexican American woman to the Illinois General Assembly, Sonia Silva.</p>

<a href="#">Amadeu Iglesias Unzué</a>	Managing Director, since 1993, of IMPSOL (Metropolitan Institute for Land Promotion and Asset Management), a local business organization attached to the Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB). In the period 1981/86 he was Technical Director of development and renewal housing programs at PMH (Barcelona Municipality public housing Institute) in charge of urban settlements in the Ciutat Vella, Gràcia, Nou Barris, and Sant Andreu neighbourhoods. In 1986/88 he was involved in the implementation and foundation of Metropolitan Company for Urban planning, Housing and Renewal; REGESA. From 1988 to 92 he was Urban Plan Director at Hospitalet de Llobregat (257.055 inhabitants), a town adjacent to Barcelona.
<a href="#">Cristina López</a>	Professor, Sociology Department, University of Barcelona. Member of the Research Group on Territory, Population and Citizenship. Her main lines of research are population and demography; structure and demographic dynamics of households, and residential mobility. Associate editor of the Catalan Journal of Sociology ( <i>Revista Catalana de Sociologia</i> ) between 2011 and 2016. She has been actively engaged in many funded research projects.
<a href="#">Gerardo Pisarello</a>	First lieutenant of the Mayor of Barcelona and Councilor in charge of the area of Work, Economy and Planning after the municipal elections in June of 2015. He was second on the list of <i>Barcelona en Común</i> in those elections. He is professor at the University Of Barcelona, and author of the recent work <i>Un Largo Termidor. La Ofensiva Del Constitucionalismo Antidemocrático</i> . For more than ten years he has been Vice-President of the <a href="#">Observatorio DESC</a> and is a member of the <a href="#">Proceso Constituyente</a> in Catalonia.
<b>Santcovsky, Héctor</b>	Area Director of Social and Economic Development of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona since July 2015. He is a sociologist and political scientist specializing in local, municipal and metropolitan development. He has more than 26 years of experience in public management in various administrations. He used to work for the World Bank in the field of urban and regional development and in several cities of Latin America. He has also taught strategic public management in many institutions and master courses.
<b>Sebastià Sarasa</b>	Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Pompeu Fabra at Barcelona. He has been President of the Catalan Association of Sociology and a member of the Executive Committee of the Spanish Federation of Sociology. His main research interests and publications are on inequalities and comparative social policy; poverty and social exclusion, and intergenerational solidarity and elderly care.
<a href="#">Dick Simpson</a>	Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago. Dick is a scholar of urban politics elections and local government with experience as a Chicago alderman. He has also advised numerous politicians on election campaigns and on government policy. He has written handbooks on running for political office as well as academic texts on corruption, neighborhood politics, and voting patterns.
<a href="#">Nik Theodore</a>	Professor, Urban Planning and Policy Department, University of Illinois and former director of the Center for Urban Economic Development. Nik is one of the most well-known academic critics of urban neoliberalism. He has written extensively on the topic of state restructuring, policy mobilities, and low wage labor markets. He works closely with unions and community organizations on

	issues related to workplace violations and immigrant- serving employment institutions like worker centers.
<a href="#">Joan Trullén</a>	Professor in the Department of Applied Economics, Autonomous University of Barcelona. Previously Director of the Barcelona Institute of Regional and Metropolitan Studies (IERMB). He has been involved in many funded research projects (CICYT; CIRIT; Ministry of Economics and Treasury; Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade; Barcelona Municipality; Barcelona Provincial Council, ESPON). His fields of research are the knowledge-based city; industrial districts; design of urban economic policy.
<b>Manel Villalante Llauradó</b>	Deputy Director General, since 2012, at the Barcelona Regional Urban Development Agency and Director of the Department of Mobility and Transport Infrastructure. He is an industrial engineer with a PhD from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC). He has over 30 years of management experience in mobility, infrastructure and transport issues, both in government -nationally, regionally and locally - and in academia as a professor teaching at postgraduate level. Since 2012 he manages a postgraduate course in <i>Smart Mobility: Intelligent Transportation Systems</i> at UPC. He has published over 100 articles and two books.
<a href="#">Rachel Weber</a>	Professor, Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago. Rachel is an expert on public finance, economic development, and urban property markets. She regularly advises political candidates and community organizations. Her latest book on financialization and real estate, <i>From Boom to Bubble: How Finance Built the New Chicago</i> (2016), just won the Urban Affairs Association Best Book Award.