

Knowledge Exchange

Projects for the local community

1- Education

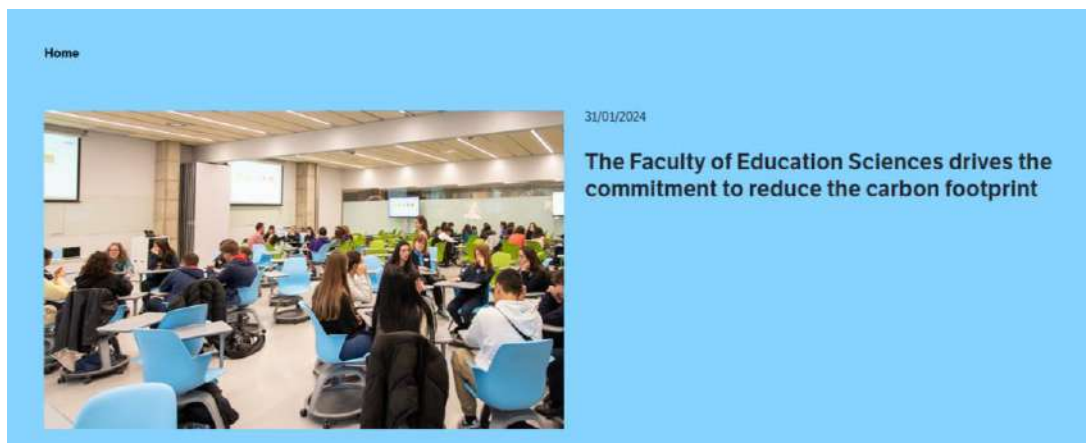
- 25/11/2023 Lecture: “Geopolitical consequences of the Paris Agreement” by Josep Garí, Senior Policy Adviser, UNDP - United Nations Development Programme.



The expert spoke on the importance of this treaty, which he highlighted as “the most important of this century,” both in terms of theme and the level of adherence, which is supported by 187 countries. “It is the treaty that will structure this century. The last century was marked by peace among peoples and now we focus on peace between humanity and the planet. A peace that is not going to be easy at all, but that is necessary,” Gari stated in front of the Aula Magna lecture theatre full of young students, professors and local community.

“We have a very diverse planetary crisis, but the climate crisis is the truly global one, so it is paradigmatic. Carbon is added as a new international metric, and that is why there is constant talk about decarbonization, which is part of the objectives of the main global companies,” the expert explained as he also congratulated UIC Barcelona for the initiative and all the students involved.

- 30/01/2024 The Faculty of Education Sciences drives the commitment to reduce the carbon footprint

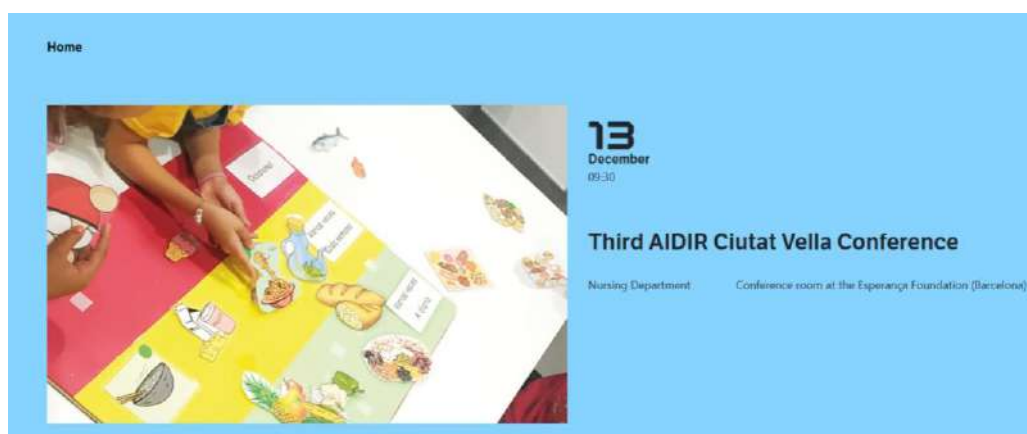


The first meeting took place on 26 January within the framework of the Empremta CO⁴ (eCO⁴) research project to discuss the concept of commitment. Different educational centres and young activists had the opportunity to explain the keys to putting the plan into action

The Empremta CO⁴ project seeks to promote a cooperative model of education to advance a comprehensive ecology and global justice. The aim is to generate an eCO⁴ footprint; awareness, coherence, commitment and consistency, in citizens and especially young people in youth centres and organisations.

2- Health

- 13/01/2024 Third AIDIR Ciutat Vella Conference | Universitat Internacional de Catalunya



The Department of Nursing, in collaboration with the Esperança Foundation, is organising the third edition of the Nursing Care, Teaching and Research Unit (AIDIR) Ciutat Vella Conference aimed at raising awareness of the teaching and social services carried out by the UIC Barcelona AIDIR Unit.

This conference will include Lorena Moya, lead nurse AIDIR Ciutat Vella; Eira Bejarano, lead nurse AIDIR Pere i Virgili; Berta Boadas, social care coordinator at Esperança Foundation; and Dr Albert Gallart, head of AIDIR Ciutat Vella and assistant director of the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the University.

- 21/09/2023 The University Institute for Patient Care and 'New Medical Economics' is supporting a Conference on the care model for patients with neurological diseases.

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A group of five people (three men and two women) standing in front of a presentation screen at a conference. The screen displays a presentation slide with the number '18' and some text. The date '21/09/2023' is visible in the top right corner of the image area.

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The [University Institute for Patient Care](#) at University, directed by Dr Boi Ruiz, and the leading reference journal [New Medical Economics](#) organised the conference titled "Care Pathway for Patients with Neurological Diseases." During the conference, the healthcare model aimed at these patients was discussed and worked on to better understand the unmet needs and define an action strategy from the current national and regional perspective.

Next, two working groups sessions and a panel discussion took place and were led by representatives of Catalan institutions in the health sector, as well as healthcare and hospital centres. The first session focused on the care pathways for patients with neurological diseases and the second session focused on care models aimed at these patients.

- 10/10/2023 First Conference on Grief, Emotional Well-being and Mental Health

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October October
09:30 14:00

**First Conference on Grief,
Emotional Well-being and Mental
Health**

Department of Basic Sciences, Psychology Area
Macaya (Barcelona)

Caixaforum

As part of World Mental Health Day, the Psychology Area under the Department of Basic Sciences and the Salud y Persona Foundation is organising the First Conference on Grief, Emotional Well-being and Mental Health.

This first edition will be held at the [CaixaForum Macaya](#) in Barcelona and will feature several sessions that will comprehensively address the mourning processes. Speakers will offer attendees valuable tools for dealing with losses in a healthy way.

[Check the full programme](#)

[Registration is free](#)

- 16/10/2023 Early grief therapy can help promote mental health



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- 18/10/2023 Lecture: Researcher Masahiko Hara , nanotechnology pioneer, addresses the origin of life at UIC Barcelona



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- 21/12/2023 “AIDIR Units have the will to transform and improve people’s lives”



Director Nuria Danés also stressed the importance of Nursing degree students doing work placements in the AIDIR Ciutat Vella Unit as it allows them to learn first-hand about the reality of people at risk of social exclusion in the district. She also noted the benefits of promoting healthy habits among this population.

The impact of the AIDIR Units was also evident during the conference in their role of empowering future nurses with fundamental competencies for the profession such as leadership, empathy, resilience, teamwork or compassion.

- 26/02/2024 Over 100 young people take part in the 11th Health Promotion Day



- 07/03/2024 The WeCare Chair highlights the importance of assessing the desire to hasten death to alleviate suffering



On the occasion of the 10th edition of the international workshop organised by the Chair, more than 130 health professionals gathered to discuss the importance of systematically assessing the needs of people who require palliative care, as well as support for professionals who must make ethical decisions in the face of suffering at the end of life.

- 30/03/2024 8th Edition - Resuscitation and First Aid Workshop. Nursing Department

Activity aimed at high school and vocational training students from schools throughout Catalonia.

Through practical and visual workshops, students will be placed in a hypothetical but realistic scenario where they will learn basic first aid CPR techniques. They will also learn how to handle the most common situations derived from the motto "What happens when you go too far?"

The activities will be taught by Nursing degree students. The following workshops will be held: an alcohol and drug workshop, a *bullying* and abuse workshop, a cardiopulmonary resuscitation workshop, a simulation workshop, and a first aid workshop.

- Displaced persons and refugees:

- Collaboration with the Invulnerables de Manresa programme, an initiative to combat child poverty, promoted by the La Caixa Foundation and Sister Lucía Caram. The Faculty of Dentistry renewed its collaboration agreement with this programme to deal with oral problems of children at risk of social exclusion.
Invulnerables programme

- Basic health services

Through two [Spanish Refugee Assistance Commission \(CEAR\)](#) and [SOS UKRAINE](#) foundations, dental students provide voluntary care for refugees and displaced persons. In addition, the Faculty of Dentistry is collaborating with the City of Sant Cugat to offer a service of oral review to users of municipal social services. The goal is to ensure that those with fewer resources have access to these basic health services.

3- Information services

-25/01/2024 UIC Barcelona School of Architecture launches the Foros 2024 conference series: "Landing", a look at the future of architecture. 6 Conferences.



Foros, the annual conference series organized by UIC Barcelona School of Architecture, has used this year's edition to reflect on and analyze proposals from architects who are defining the new architectural paradigm.

Foros has become a benchmark for the academic and professional architecture community. Through talks by prestigious invited speakers from both Spain and abroad, the conference series aims to address current issues and spark discussions on aspects that are vitally important for architects.

[“Understanding the architectural game of a skyscraper”. Torre Reforma.](#)

By Benjamín Romano, with Santi Mercadé

1 February 2024, 6.30 p.m.

IESE Business School - Barcelona Campus Norte - Aula Magna: C/ Arnús i Garí 7, 08034 Barcelona

Mexican architect Benjamín Romano ([LBR&A Arquitectos](#)) uncovers the secrets of [Torre Reforma](#), a skyscraper that has become an icon of the Mexico City skyline. The architect will explain the project from an architectural perspective, focusing on flow efficiency, human comfort, and the urban context. He will also discuss how the project departs from a generation of skyscrapers traditionally designed with glazed façades. Santi Mercadé, CEO of [Layetana Real Estate](#), will share his insights on the role of development and real estate in promoting architectural projects that transcend construction.

[“New times, new lives, new cities. Zero gravity urbanism and other \(not so\) revolutionary techniques”](#)

By Albert Civit and Pablo Molina

15 February 2024, 6.30 p.m.

IESE Business School - Barcelona Campus Norte - Aula Magna: C/ Arnús i Garí 7, 08034 Barcelona

Barcelona architect Albert Civit, former head of the Institut Català del Sòl, and Pablo Molina, legal expert in urban law and partner at [Garrigues](#), share their perspective on the design of future cities. [“Zero gravity urbanism”](#) is an approach that seeks solutions to social and environmental challenges, aiming to achieve a balance between nature, conservation, habitability, and sustainable human progress. New multidisciplinary methodologies are being employed to shape future cities. Unlike 20th-century urban development, this model addresses the world's most pressing environmental and urban challenges while accommodating a rapidly growing urban population.

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[“2226 and the future of architecture”](#)

By Dietmar Eberle and Hugo Herrera, with Ignacio Fernández Solla

29 February 2024, 6.30 p.m.

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Dietmar Eberle is the founder of [Baumschlager Eberle Architekten](#), a studio that has won over 150 international competitions and numerous awards. The studio's [2226 building](#) exemplifies a new approach to construction, where innovation and research leverage traditional design

principles to create energy-efficient buildings. Dietmar Eberle has spearheaded an industry that allows these systems to be implemented in new constructions. [Ignacio Fernández Solla](#) an engineer at ARUP consultancy, designs façades for architectural projects worldwide that integrate cutting-edge technology to achieve sustainability and efficiency.

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[“High-tech and low-tech solutions in architecture”](#)

By Stefan Behnisch and Ana Mercadé, with Lara Pellegrini

14 March 2024, 6.30 p.m.

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[Behnisch Architekten](#) is a firm with offices in a number of cities in Germany and the United States that has worked on projects worldwide. Stefan Behnisch and Ana Mercadé will present the [Science and Engineering Complex at Harvard University](#), one of their most iconic projects. This research facility is designed to inspire learning and scientific discovery while prioritizing sustainability. It applies engineering principles to tackle global challenges. [Lara Pellegrini](#), general director of Cities, Building, Energy and Environment at SOCOTEC consultancy, is an expert in structural calculations and a prominent voice in architectural engineering.

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[“Rethinking the limits of architecture”. Fundación Ría](#)

By David Chipperfield and Manuel Rodríguez, with Josep Bohigas

18 April 2024, 6.30 p.m.

UIC Barcelona Aula Magna. C/ de la Immaculada, 22, 08017 Barcelona

David Chipperfield, winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023, and Manuel Rodríguez, director of [Fundación RIA](#), discuss the foundation's impact as an independent think tank focused on analysis, reflection, and strategic territorial planning. Adopting a bottom-up approach that closely engages with local communities and social entities, Fundación RIA establishes links between public and private stakeholders. The foundation advocates for decentralized urbanism aligned with environmental, economic, and social sustainability. Architect Josep Bohigas was director of the public urban development agency [Barcelona Regional](#) between 2016 and 2023. The agency led transformative projects in the Barcelona metropolitan area, integrating urban planning, infrastructure, and environmental strategies.

“Within nature”

By Kengo Kuma and Jordi Viñals, with Lorenzo Chelleri

17 May 2024, 6.00 p.m.

UIC Barcelona Aula Magna. C/ de la Immaculada, 22, 08017 Barcelona

[Kengo Kuma & Associates](#) (KKAA) is an internationally renowned architecture firm with offices in Tokyo, Paris, Beijing, and Shanghai. Its founder, Kengo Kuma, is recognized for his philosophy, which seeks to revive traditional Japanese architecture while reinterpreting it for the 21st century. The firm's projects integrate natural materials, respect the environment, and blend seamlessly with the landscape. Lorenzo Chelleri, a researcher at UIC Barcelona and director of the [international master's degree in City Resilience Design and Management](#), is also the president of the Urban Resilience Research Network (URNet).

- 06/05/2024 Around 400 people from around the world take part in the 2nd Conference on Family Support organised by the IESF



Neuropsychiatrist Mariolina Ceriotti in her speech on Saturday, titled ‘The Challenge of Forever Love’, stressed the importance of a love for life if you want a rich and deep life: “In *forever love* and there is no “right” person, only the person you “choose.” You can learn to choose it again, day after day, because the “forever” is in the present. The bad days end and tomorrow will always be a new day that depends on us.”

Ceriotti also participated in the congress on Friday 3 May with a presentation on personal identity and emotional maturity. The expert reviewed the life stages and said that “it is not a contradiction to have a *strong sense of self* and be capable of being humble, going against the current and being open to others”.

- 28/05/2024 DAILY Coffee | Digital harmony: exploring the future of sound with Artificial Intelligence, with Carolina Estrada

4- Reading



UIC Barcelona has a reading project to help the university and local communities learn to communicate, support their opinions, improve their memory, stimulate their imagination, and much more.

The reading group organises literary meetings, a space to discuss and delve deeper into the topics discussed in the chosen works.

Sessions:

- September/October (an information session and several sessions were held during the month, but then it was changed to a monthly meeting): Book *White as Milk, Red as Blood* by Alessandro D'Avenia
 - November 29: *Reunion* by Fred Uhlman
 - February 28: *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy

 - March 27: *The Nativity* by Alexéi Varlámov
 - April 24: *Lo que no se ve* by Jesús Montiel.
- Campaign of reading recommendations *50 books to delve into the pleasure of reading*. Throughout the course, 50 titles recommended by the university's PDI, the Library Service and the Garbí bookstore were exhibited on both campuses. In addition, the following document [50 recommended titles](#) was shared in the Reading Group section of the website.

- 27/05/2024 UIC Barcelona hosts the presentation in Barcelona of the book written by palliative physician Enric Benito



5- Community engagement

- 5/10/2023 Conference: Carlota Pi, teaches the inaugural lesson at the course opening ceremony, entitled "The Roof Revolution".

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A photograph of Carlota Pi, co-founder of Holaluz, speaking at a podium. She is wearing a white blouse and a brown skirt. Behind her is a screen displaying a presentation with a house icon and the text 'Living and with very little'.

Entrepreneur Carlota Pi, co-founder of Holaluz, gives inaugural address of the opening ceremony for the academic year

Lecture: "La revolución de los tejados [The Rooftop Revolution]" by Carlota PI captivated the audience and explained how only thirteen years ago she started the company and currently provides electricity service to more than 325,000 customers and manages more than 12,500 photovoltaic installations. Through Holaluz, the entrepreneur has revolutionised the Spanish energy sector by proposing a structural change for the entire system: transforming square footage of rooftops into producers of green energy for everyone and connecting people to renewable energy. She pointed out that solar energy must be a key catalyst to drive the energy transition in Spain and Europe as a solution to the current climate crisis.

- 04/04/2024 UIC Barcelona students present public space designs for those affected in La Palma



The students of the Master in International Cooperation in Sustainable Emergency Architecture (MICSEA) worked on the design of public spaces in collaboration with those affected in La Palma, who currently live in 60 m² metal containers after being displaced by the Cumbre Viejo volcano.

The students developed three proposals for public spaces together with the island's residents to ensure that the designs reflect their culture, identity, and traditions. A participatory methodology was used, beginning with an initial diagnosis of the area, followed by joint activities with displaced residents to understand their needs and desires. Discussion groups, interviews, and site visits helped inform the final designs, ensuring they align with the affected community's cultural identity.

The UIC Barcelona initiative empowers the displaced community by allowing them to actively participate in shaping their future.

- 06/03/2024 Cultural Evenings | New series



PROGRAMME

"Israel-Gaza Conflict. Historical reasons to understand the present", Dr Xavier Baró.
 6 March - 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
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"Feminism and environmentalism", Dr Albert Moya.
 20 March - 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
[Registration](#) [Session](#) [2](#)

"The Completion of the Sagrada Família", Dr Judith Urbano.
 3 April - 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
[Registration](#) [Session](#) [3](#)

"Eureka! Dalí and science", Anna Pou.
 17 April - 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
[Registration](#) [Session](#) [4](#)

"Will AI be our new friend? The positive and negative aspects of social robotics", Dr Gabriel Fernández.
 8 May - 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
[Registration](#) [Session](#) [5](#)

"The photographic archives of the Amatller Institute, from analogue to digital", Santiago Alcolea.
 22 May - 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
[Registration](#) [Session 6](#)

- 8/11/2023 Conference: 21st Century Cities: Biophilia and Sustainability with Cases Singulars

- Issues in Christian anthropology

16 monthly training sessions in Christian anthropology for employees on each of the two campuses.

6- Alumni breakfast

20/10/2023 Eduardo Conde, partner at Seeliger y Conde, executive recruitment firm, opened the Alumni Breakfast Club for the academic year, organised by Alumni, with his presentation on “How to successfully manage your career as a manager”

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Eduardo Conde “They hire you for what you know, and they fire you for what you are”