

THE BARCELONA FIELD SCHOOL

May 26th - 31st 2024

Barcelona has been at the **forefront of transformative urban planning** for the last three decades. The Mediterranean city was discovered as an **architectural gem** and **tourist destination** following the 1992 Olympic games. Since then, city planners in Barcelona have undertaken **transformative interventions** that have created highly **attractive, vibrant and walkable streets, plazas and public spaces**. Initiatives in Barcelona such as the **Superblocks, School Streets and Bike Bus** have received international acclaim and praise for pushing the boundaries of **best practice**, prioritizing **people over cars**, and creating new public spaces with **tactical and structural designs**. Together, these projects have firmly established Barcelona as one of the most exciting cities in **urban planning and design**.

The **Barcelona Field School** is a one-week program designed for **experienced planning professionals, architects, and designers** interested in discovering Barcelona and learning how the city has succeeded in creating **high-quality public spaces**. You will engage with **senior planning officials** who have led this transformation. Together, we will walk through the streets of Barcelona to see how they have radically restructured **urban land uses and streetscapes** to improve residents' health and quality of life. We will examine **lessons learned and best practices** in this **beautiful people-centered city**. Participants will **immerse themselves** in the life of the city through site visit and conversations with **city leaders, advocates, and academics**, in order to understand the **rich history** of the city, its relationship to **local culture, social conditions, and politics**.

Inside View

The **Barcelona Field School** provides professional planners with a unique opportunity to gain an insider's view into how this European city is building a **climate resilient city**. We will also discuss the global pressures that are typical of highly attractive global cities, including **gentrification, tourism** and the **conquest of public space**.

Pre-Registration & Enrollment

A limited number of participants will be invited to join the Barcelona Field School in May 2024. Certified planning professionals (**AICP, CIP**) will be prioritized for enrolment; however this course is open to all professionals in the fields of urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, and urban policy. Submit an [expression of interest](#) to learn more about the program.

Accommodations

Tuition will include accommodations at a centrally located hotel in Barcelona.

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Highlights

- Take a stroll in Barcelona's **Superblocks** with the **urban planners** who envisioned, designed and implemented the world's most ambitious city model to re-prioritize streets for people instead of cars
- Trace the origins of Barcelona's founding as a **Roman colony** along the Mediterranean
- Discover medieval Barcelona and stroll along **Las Ramblas**, one of the world's most renowned pedestrian promenades
- Ride in Barcelona's **Bike Bus** and meet with **civic activists** working to advance **active travel for kids**.
- Be inspired by watching children play in the new **School Streets**.
- Meet with high level city planning officials in Barcelona, **City Council members** (current and former) to discuss current challenges
- Visit Antoni Gaudí's architectural masterpiece, **la Sagrada Família**, as well as Gaudí's great work of landscape architecture, **el Park Güell**.

The Barcelona Field School Includes

- **6 nights accommodation** at a historic and centrally located hotel
- All breakfasts and three group meals
- **Walking tours and site visits**
- **Meetings** with key officials and city planners who have led the transformation of Barcelona
- **Bike rentals**
- A '**Planner's Guide to Visiting Barcelona**' that highlights special sites for planners and urban designers
- Audio support for walking tours

Participants must cover

- **Travel expenses** to and from Barcelona
- Meals outside of the scheduled group-meals

Tuition

\$2,950 USD

Early Bird Tuition

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Sunday May 26	
evening	Reception & Welcome Dinner
Monday May 27	
morning	Old City Walking Tour
afternoon	Museu d'Historia de la Ciutat de Barcelona (MUHBA)
evening	Free Time
Tuesday May 28	
morning	Transforming Barcelona 22@ District Glòries Meridiana Fòrum Olympic Renovation
lunch	Group Lunch @ La Mar Salada or Museu d'Historia de Catalunya
afternoon	Free Time
Wednesday May 29	
morning	Superblock Barcelona: Poblenou, Sant Antoni – Consell de Cent
lunch	TBD
afternoon	Conversation with Xavier Matilla, former Chief Architect & Planner

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Thursday May 30	
morning	School Streets Program
afternoon	Sagrada Familia
evening	Social Hour with Placemaking Barcelona
Friday May 31	
morning	Bike Bus & Meeting with Barcelona Cycling Activists
afternoon	Park Güell
evening	Group Dinner
June 1	
morning	Hotel check-out
Dates & Deadlines	
November 2023	Pre-registration Begins
March 2024	Registration & Deposit Due
10 May 2024	Tuition Due
26 May 2024	Course Begins

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Learn more about the experts

Jordi Honey-Rosés is a **research professor in urban planning** at the Institute for Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB) at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona where he leads the research group City Lab Barcelona. His research examines the impact of urban programs and policies with a focus on urban experimentation. Prior to joining ICTA-UAB, Dr. Honey-Rosés was a planning professor at the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia (2013-2021). While at the University of British Columbia he received the prestigious **Killam Teaching Award**. A California native, with Catalan roots, Dr. Honey-Rosés has walked the streets of Barcelona since his childhood and is passionate about urban history.

Alba Hurtado is a fourth-year architecture student at the Escola Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona and will be supporting the Barcelona Field School so that everyone can make the most of their stay. In addition to her academic pursuits, she has a keen interest in sustainable architecture and urbanism and has participated in projects such as the initiative "Protegem les Escoles."

Travelling with Family

We anticipate that spouses, partners and family will want to join the enrolled participant in Barcelona. Please let us know in advance if family members will be joining you. Let us know in advance if they will be joining us in the group meals. Any adult planning on joining us for the site visits should enrol in the program.

Meet the Planning Professionals in Barcelona and Special Guests

We will meet with current and former City Councillors and high-level planners of the City of Barcelona, as well as key figures from civic groups who have played instrumental roles in transforming the city. The invited guests will join us based on their availability.

Contact Us

To join us in Barcelona, please fill out the pre-registration form:
<https://forms.gle/T8ZuWMrmLE1fSHUs8>

For questions or inquiries: info@citylabbcn.org