

## JOAN BUSQUETS

Joan Busquets is the first Martin Bucksbaum Professor in Practice of Urban Planning and Design at the GSD. Prior to joining the GSD faculty, Busquets was Professor of Town Planning in the School of Architecture at the Polytechnic University of Barcelona from 1979 until 2002.

A world-renowned urban planner, urban designer, and architect, Busquets served as Head of Urban Planning for the Barcelona City Council during the formative years, from 1983 to 1989, and in the preparations for the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, including the New Downtowns for the City program and the improvement process for existing neighborhoods. In 1969 he was a founding member of the Laboratorio de Urbanismo in Barcelona and undertook a long-term study of squatter settlements in Barcelona and other Southern European cities, for which he received the Spanish National Award for Town Planning in 1981, winning the award again in 1985 for his masterplan for Lerida's old town. Busquets has participated in strategic urban planning and design for the cities of Den Haag, Lisbon, Marseille, Rotterdam, Singapore, and Sao Paulo—most involving public-private partnerships—having also completed projects for the modern center of Trento, Italy; Villanova, Spain; and for housing in the Maquinista development of Barcelona. In 2002 his team won the International Competition for La Lanterna in Trieste, and the City Center for Nesselande in The Netherlands. His urban rehabilitation strategy for Toledo, Spain in 2000, and the publication [\*Toledo y su futuro\*](#) was awarded a national prize and the Premio Europeo Gubbio 2000, and he is presently at work on a similar rehabilitation strategy for the Cuitat Vella (Old Town) in Barcelona. Busquets has published many articles and books, including [\*Barcelona: Evolución urbanística de una capital compacta\*](#) (1992 and 1994), [\*La urbanización marginal\*](#) (1999), [\*The Old Town of Barcelona: a past with a future\*](#) (2003), [\*Bringing the Harvard Yards to the River\*](#) (2004), [\*Aleppo: Rehabilitation of the Old City\*](#) (2005), [\*Barcelona: the Urban Evolution of a Compact City\*](#) (2005), [\*New Orleans: Strategies for a City in Soft Land\*](#) (2005), [\*A Coruña: A Maritime City in the Port\*](#) (2006), [\*Cities X Lines: A New Lens for the Urbanistic Project\*](#) (2007), [\*Cidade Antiga e Novo Projecto Urbano/Old City and a New Urban Artifact \(2007\)\*](#). He has participated as a visiting professor in London, Urbino, Rotterdam, Rome, Lausanne, Geneva, and at the GSD, as well as on numerous juries for international competitions.

Professionally based in Barcelona since the 1970s, Busquets received his degree in architecture (1969) and his doctoral degree (1975) from the University of Barcelona.