



**BARCELONA  
DEDICATES A  
SPACE IN THE  
CITY TO THE  
ARCHITECT  
ROSA BARBA**

**Imatge:**

Rosa Barba Casanovas

**Organitzing Entity :**

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**Place :** Pantà de  
Vallvidrera. Camí del  
Pantà s/n (FGC  
Baixador de  
Vallvidrera)

**Regional branch :**  
COAC

**Start date :** Sunday,  
26 March, 2023

**Time :** 12 h

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The city of Barcelona has decided to dedicate a corner of Collserola Park to the memory of the architect **Rosa Barba Casanovas** (Barcelona, 1948-2000). This change was led by the Architects' Association of Catalonia, at the request of the International Biennial of Landscape Architecture, of which Barba was promoter and which grants, in her honour, the Rosa Barba International Landscape Award.

The chosen corner is the **walkway that crosses the dike of the Vallvidrera reservoir**, in the Sarrià-Sant Gervasi district. The factory and the mine that takes the water to Sarrià is the work of architect Elies Rogent. The project was inaugurated in 1864 and was intended to supply Sarrià with drinking water through the Grott mine. Putting Rosa Barba's name on this structure is a way of inviting us to conquer this park and make it our own.

### **Institutional event**

The event to institutionalise the name will be held on Sunday, **26 March, at 12 noon**, with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque. Attending the event, which is open to the public, will be **Guillem Costa Calsamiglia**, dean of the COAC; **Janet Sanz**, second deputy mayor and director of the Department of Ecology, Urban Planning, Infrastructure and Mobility; **Albert Batlle**, councillor for the Sarrià-Sant Gervasi district, and Rosa Barba's son, **Marcel Pié Barba**.

### **Rosa Barba**

She studied Architecture at the ETSAB, graduating in 1971 and obtaining her PhD in 1987. In 1971, together with the architect Ricard Pié, she founded Rosa Barba & Ricard Pié, Arquitectes, which later became Equip BCpN with the incorporation of Josep Maria Vilanova. Barba combined her professional activity with teaching at the ETSAB, where she directed the master's degree programme in Landscape Architecture and promoted the creation of the bachelor's degree in the same field. She was the driving force behind the Barcelona International Biennial of Landscape Architecture which, since the architect's death, has awarded the Rosa Barba Award in her honour.

### **Barcelona adds 16 women's names to places in the city**

The City Council has proposed adding as many women's names as possible to new spaces in the city, to compensate for the historical omission of women from the city map. Only 8.3% of the streets are named after women, while 35% are named after men. Thus, coinciding with International Women's Day, this March the different districts will hold events to unveil the new names of streets, gardens, squares and block interiors.





## Conference of Xevi Bayona

### Image:

'Habitare' or the Home without a Home. Xevi Bayona, architect. © Pep Sau

### Organizing Entity :

Centre Obert  
d'Arquitectura, COAC

**Place :** Assembly hall  
of the Tarragona  
Region of the College  
of Architects of  
Catalonia

### Regional branch :

Tarragona

### Start date :

Thursday, 23 March,  
2023

**Time :** 7:30 p.m

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A face-to-face conference where we will have the opportunity to listen to the architect Xevi

Bayona, who will talk to us about the studio's trajectory and its most relevant projects.

Bayona Studio is a workshop and studio in the center of the city of Olot, where we work with experimentation and essay as a method, criticism as learning, emotions as a tool, the interpretation and respect of social, physical and cultural environment, enthusiasm and intense research as fuel. All straddling architecture, urban planning, art, landscape, ephemeral installations and light sculptures, a mix of disciplines that feed back and complement each other.

Xevi Bayona studied from an early age at the School of Fine Arts in Olot and studied architecture in Barcelona and in Portugal, at the FAUP, Faculty of Architecture of the University of Porto. Architect for the Barcelona Technical School of Architecture (ETSAB) with the PFC Biblioteca-Ludoteca in Espinho, Portugal. Post Graduate Degree in Landscaping at ETSAB and Master in Theory and Practice of Architectural Design at ETSAB with the thesis "La Girona dels Carrers-Escala". Since 2008, professor at the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Girona. Since 2018, professor at Elisava's international master's in ephemeral architecture. Winner of several awards, including three FAD awards, several finalist and selected projects, winner of architectural awards and mentions from the Regions of Girona and winner of the Changing Tracks competition, a European project to create 3 installations, in Catalonia, England and Ireland. Since 2017 he collaborates and realizes projects together with Àlex Posada, MID Studio. He has carried out civil works such as the Rehabilitation of the Tortosa State Bridge over the Ebro River, the rehabilitation of the Sant Jaume de Llierca sports area or the Olot Fair, as well as housing architecture works. He has given conferences, workshops and made ephemeral interventions in several European cities.

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## **LACOL Arquitectura Cooperativa**

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La Borda housing cooperative. LACOL Arquitectura Cooperativa. © Àlvaro

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**Regional branch :**  
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**Start date :**  
Thursday, 1  
December, 2022

**Time :** 19:30 h

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**On Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., we will have the opportunity to listen to the  
LACOL Arquitectura Cooperativa**

**conference**, where architect Ari Artigas will talk about the history of the cooperative and its most relevant projects. A face-to-face conference offered by the Tarragona Region of the College of Architects of Catalonia.

Lacol is a cooperative of architects that works from the Sants neighborhood of Barcelona. They work to generate community infrastructures for the sustainability of life, as a key tool for the ecosocial transition, through architecture, cooperativism and participation. They work with architecture for social transformation, as a tool to critically intervene in the immediate environment. Always in parallel with society, acting in a fair and supportive manner starting with a horizontal work system.

They believe that the way to transform the city is based on the active participation of the people who live there and proactive action. They work on the interests related to the quality of life of all the people who share the city. The contribution of the architect is made at the heart of the urban movement, as another part of this movement, helping to translate citizen concerns and embody them on paper, providing criteria for the definition of objectives and strategies, as well as tools to define and communicate ideas through drawing, graphic representation, etc.

They encourage debate and discussion on the uses of public spaces and the management of urban spaces, city models, participation and heritage recovery, among others.

The work built by LACOL Arquitectura Cooperativa includes, the housing cooperative La Borda (2014-2018), Comunal Espai Cooperatiu (2016-2020), housing cooperative La Balma (2017-2021), Coopolis Bcn Phase 0. (2016), reform works and other multi-family housing projects that are in process.

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**[In]TESIS | "Vías y  
entrevías.  
Atributos y  
compromisos del  
distrito industrial  
de Tarragona"**

**Imatge:**

"Vías y entrevías. Atributos y compromisos del distrito industrial de Tarragona". Juan Manuel Zaguirre Fernández

**Organitizing Entity :**

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**Place :** Assembly

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Tarragona  
Demarcation of the  
College of Architects  
of Catalonia

**Regional branch :**

Tarragona

**Start date :**

Thursday, 17  
November, 2022

**Time :** At 7:30 p.m.

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On Thursday, November 17, 2022 we continue with a new conference of the inTESIS cycle. This time Dr. architect **Juan Manuel Zaguirre Fernández** will talk to us about "Vías y entrevías. Atributos y compromisos del distrito industrial de Tarragona", a thesis that has been directed by the professor of urban planning Josep Parcerisa Bundó of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC).

Analysis of the form and structures in interest to understanding foundational logics, assessing urban events impacts and phenomena, revealing Tarragona industrial districts attributes. Recognize the *duality* that has been caused between a periphery marked by infrastructures determination and their marginal condition, and a city that, traditionally deals with your center rationalization. Transformation of a territory that has achieved its occupation supporting itself

on the strength of unrelated layouts and which would have procured urban exclusion in the space created, analyses how urban possibilities are taking root amidst these conflicts. Examines the initiatives of urban planning as a reflection of the social and technological changes, boosted by the expansion and development policies that marked this period. Concludes from the perspective regarding the recognition of how socioeconomic structures have been deployed in this territory, vindicating the Tarragona urban project has pending regarding its periphery.

At the end of the event there will be a **dinner-discussion** with the speaker at the Barhaus restaurant. If you are interested in attending, you can contact [tarragona@coac.cat](mailto:tarragona@coac.cat).

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