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# NORMAN FOSTER FOUNDATION ENERGY WORKSHOP 20 - 24 FEBRUARY 2023

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The Norman Foster Foundation presents the second edition of its Energy Workshop that will take place from 20-24 February 2023 in Madrid, Spain with the support of the GS Energy Corporation. The workshop will bring together international experts and students to explore sustainable solutions for overarching topics such as climate change, the use of energy and resources and their local and global implications.

Energy problems are multidisciplinary in nature, spanning science, engineering, design and the social sciences. The aim of the Workshop will be to rethink, from an energy and environmental point of view, the recovery of land invaded by the lava flow caused by the explosion of the Cumbre Vieja volcano on the island of La Palma—an event that has affected the territories of three municipalities: Los Llanos de Aridane, El Paso and Tazacorte.

Mentors of the Workshop Iñaki Ábalos and Renata Sentkiewicz, Co-founders and Co-directors, Ábalos+Sentkiewicz, stated that the main objective is to bring together the energetic, social, economic, ecological, and environmental aspects in a positive way by means of an approach based on specific proposals, composing an ecosystem whose objective will be both to restore vitality to the municipalities and promote new resources and effective self-sufficiency.

The Norman Foster Foundation has awarded ten scholarships to students from diverse backgrounds in architecture, urbanism, design, arts and humanities, social sciences, engineering, and environmental studies. Scholars will engage with an interdisciplinary Academic Body formed by mentors ranging from industry professionals to academics.

The Workshop's Academic Body brings together a wide range of academics, researchers and practitioners from different fields related to energy. The Academic Body includes: Iñaki Ábalos and Renata Sentkiewicz, Co-founders and Co-directors, Ábalos+Sentkiewicz, Madrid, Spain; Salmaan Craig, Assistant Professor of Energy and Materials, Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture, McGill University, Motreal, QC, Canada; Joshua S. Goldstein, Professor Emeritus of International Relations, American University; Research Scholar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, United States; Marja Lundgren, Environmental Specialist & Development Manager, White Arkitekter, Stockholm, Sweder; Ali Malkawi, Founding Director and Professor of Architectural Technology, Center for Green Buildings and Cities, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, United States; Lluís Ortega, Professor of Architectural Projects, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya (UPC), Barcelona, Spain; Christoph Reinhart, Director, Building Technology Program, Massachusets Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, United States; Hashim Sarkis, Dean, School of Architecture and Planning, Massachusets Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, United States and Victor Viña, Associate Professor of Communications Design, School of Design, Pratt Institute, New York, NY, United States.

After reviewing hundreds of applications submitted by candidates from around the world, the selection committee awarded ten scholarships to students from the following universities and institutions: University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom; University of Porto, Porto, Portugal; Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, United States; Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia (IAAC), Barcelona, Spain; Graduate School of Design (GSD), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, United States; Tongji University, Shanghai, China; Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Karlsruhe, Germany; Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London (UCL), London, United Kingdom.

### Nuclear Now!, Directed by Oliver Stone. Documentary Screening

Date and time: Tuesday, 21 February 2023. 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.. Venue: Cine Doré, Calle de Santa Isabel, 3, 28012, Madrid, Spain

The screening will be followed by a conversation between:

- Norman Foster, President, Norman Foster Foundation.
- Joshua Goldstein, Co-Writer of Nuclear Now!

Limited spaces are reserved for press. If you are interested in attending the Public Debate, please contact us at press@normanfosterfoundation.org

### Norman Foster Foundation

The Norman Foster Foundation promotes interdisciplinary thinking and research to help new generations anticipate the future. The first mission of the Norman Foster Foundation is to make visible the centrality of architecture, infrastructure and urbanism for the betterment of society. To this end, the second mission is to encourage new thinking and research across traditional boundaries in order to help younger generations anticipate the challenges of future change. In particular, the foundation speaks to those professionals who are concerned with the environment– architects, engineers, designers, urbanists, civic leaders, planners and artists. This is at the heart of the foundation's holistic approach to design and is ever more relevant as populations shift to cities. With the implications of climate change, robotics and artificial intelligence, sustainable design is not about fashion but about survival. The Foundation holds the Norman Foster Archive and Library, which provide a window into the larger narrative and history of our built environment through the work of Norman Foster. This is complemented and supported by drawings and models from other significant architects such as Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe, Charles and Ray Eames, Buckminster Fuller, Richard Rogers, Zaha Hadid and Tadao Ando. Through its research initiatives and programmes, the Norman Foster Foundation encourages the transfer of advanced knowledge in a wide range of design fields. The Foundation's core objectives. The Norman Foster Foundation is based in Madrid and operates globally.

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### **GS** Energy

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The second mission is to lead change of the energy paradigm towards a sustainable future for the next generations. To this end, GS Energy actively seeks to secure diversified and cleaner energy portfolios, provide smart energy solutions and build the resource recirculation system. Furthermore, the company explores opportunities to invest into new and clean energy technologies through its venture capital investment pipeline in Korea, the United States and Europe–all of which can lead to a net-zero and carbon-free future. This includes investments in renewable energies, such as solar and wind power generation, hydrogen energies, small modular nuclear reactor technology, electric vehicle charging, battery recycling and virtual power plant businesses. GS Energy aspires to conduct its business in a socially responsible and ethical manner, protecting people and the environment, and benefitting the planet-wide communities to which we belong. Additionally, consistent with its strong belief in the power of collective intelligence and collaborative work for better solutions, GS Energy consistently sponsors energy workshops, forums and policy initiatives.

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