

World Cities Summit Knowledge Council



Lily Kong

Designation President, Singapore Management University

Geography (Based in) Singapore

Expertise Urban transformations, particularly social and cultural change, in Asian cities



Description

Professor Lily Kong has been President of Singapore Management University (SMU) since 2019. She is the fifth President and the first Singaporean to lead the 24-year old university. She is also the first Singaporean woman to serve as President of a university in Singapore. She was previously Provost of SMU (2015-2018). Before joining SMU, she was a faculty member at the National University of Singapore's Department of Geography for nearly 25 years, where she held various senior management roles.

An award-winning researcher and teacher, Professor Kong has received five international fellowship awards including the Commonwealth Fellowship Award and the Fulbright Fellowship Award. She has also won the Robert Stoddard Award from the Association of American Geographers for her contributions to the study of religion. Professor Kong was conferred the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 2006 and Public Service Star (Bintang Bakti Masyarakat) award in 2020 as part of Singapore's National Day Awards. She was recognised in Forbes Asia's Power Businesswomen list (2020), Forbes inaugural 50 over 50 (Asia 2022) and Tatler's Asia's Most Influential (2022). Professor Kong was inducted into the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame in 2022.

Widely known for her research on urban transformations, and social and cultural change in Asia, Professor Kong has published a large body of work on inter-communal religions and social cohesion, national identity, cultural policy and cultural industries, creative cities and creative economy, urban heritage and conservation, smart cities, migration and education. In a global study by Stanford University (2020), Professor Kong was identified as among the world's top 1% of scientists in the field of Geography.

She has co/authored 11 books, co/edited 12 books, published nearly 120 refereed journal articles, and contributed over 70 book chapters.

Angelene Chan

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| Designation | Chairman, DP Architects Pte Ltd |
| Geography (Based in) | Singapore |
| Expertise | Human-centric design and architecture, climate-responsive architecture, sustainable development |



Description

Ar. Angelene Chan is the chairman of DP Architects and its group of companies (DP); an influential multi-disciplinary practice with 8 architecture-related specialist firms and 17 offices worldwide. She has steered and continues to oversee the practice's strategic growth towards greater international presence, and higher design and service delivery benchmarks through increased specialization in architecture-related disciplines and use of technology.

An award-winning architect, she is recognized for her human-centric designs and collaborative approach across project scales and types. She was named one of Singapore's 20 leading architects under the age of 45 by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) in 2010 and accorded P*DA (President*s Design Award) Designer of the Year, Singapore's highest design accolade, in 2018.

Barbara Norman

Designation Emeritus Professor, Design and Built Environment, University of Canberra
Honorary Professor, ANU Institute of Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions, Canberra

Geography (Based in) Australia

Expertise Urban and regional planning, sustainable cities and regions, coastal planning, climate change adaptation



Description

Professor Barbara Norman is Emeritus Professor of Urban & Regional Planning at the University of Canberra and an Honorary Professor at the Australian National University, Australia. She is Chair of the Urban Policy Forum advising the Australian Government and National Chair of the Australian Coastal Society. Barbara is also Director of the Urban Climate Change Research Network Oceania Hub (Columbia University, USA) and co-chair of Planners for Climate Action (UN Habitat). Professor Norman is a global expert in sustainable cities and regions, smart infrastructure, coastal planning, climate change adaptation and urban governance. Professor Norman has a combined professional and academic background, having worked at all levels of government and run her own practice. She is a former national president of the Planning Institute of Australia, and an honorary member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (UK). Recent international research includes Sustainable Pathways for our Cities and Regions: planning within planetary boundaries (Routledge, 2018); Are autonomous cities our urban future? Comment in Nature Communications (Nature Communications, 2018) and Apocalypse Now: Australian Bushfires and the future of Urban Settlements (Nature Urban Sustainability). Professor Norman's recent book is Urban Planning for Climate Change (Routledge, October 2022).

Bree Trevena

Designation

Australasia Foresight Leader and Associate Principal, Arup

Geography (Based in)

Australia

Expertise

Urban Technologies and Data-Informed Design; Human-Centered Design in Urban Planning, Futures.



Description

Dr Bree Trevena works at the edge of critical futures and built environment practice.

An impassioned urban designer, dedicated social researcher and leader of Arup Foresight in Australasia, Bree has spent twenty years in public and private sector roles bringing a future-focused lens to place-based policy and strategic design, creative industries, R&D commercialisation and infrastructure delivery.

Across a career traversing multiple sectors, Bree's consistent purpose remains finding new ways to envisage, plan and realise more inclusive, equitable and regenerative futures.

She holds a PhD from the University of Melbourne focused on emergence and complex adaptive systems in precinct governance, design and operations.

Clarence E. Anthony

Designation CEO and Executive
Director of the National
League of Cities (NLC)

**Geography
(Based in)** United States

Expertise Public health and safety,
economic development and
sustainability



Description

Clarence E. Anthony is CEO and Executive Director of the National League of Cities (NLC), the largest and oldest organization representing America's cities, towns and villages and their leaders. Under his leadership, NLC delivered billions of dollars in direct, flexible federal relief through the CARES Act and historic American Rescue Plan Act to help support local governments respond, recover and rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Anthony is a member of the Council on Underserved Communities, appointed by U.S. Small Business Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman and tasked along with his fellow committee members with developing supportive policy recommendations for underserved small business owners. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Urban Forum and is a member of the Board of Destination DC. In 2020, Mr. Anthony received the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) Marks of Excellence Award.

Most recently, Mr. Anthony has focused his efforts on helping local leaders combat the rising tide of partisanship at the local level. He authored a report in 2021 titled, "On the Frontlines of Today's Cities: Trauma, Challenges, and Solutions," which focused on the decline of civility and democratic institutions at the local level.

Cristina Gamboa

Designation Chief Executive (CEO)
World Green Building Council
(WorldGBC)

**Geography
(Based in)** United Kingdom



Expertise Sustainable development, responsible business, global advocacy for enabling policy environments to progress on SDGs and meeting the Paris Agreement through the sustainable transformation of the built environment, just transition, social value in the built environment, green Finance.

Description

As the CEO of the World Green Building Council, Cristina Gamboa leads the world's largest and most influential local-regional-global action network, spearheading the sustainable transformation to decarbonised and resilient built environments for everyone, everywhere.

As a leading voice within the #BuildingToCOP Coalition, Cristina continues to play a pivotal role in championing globally the built environment as not only a priority climate change solution, but key to driving resilient, regenerative and equitable spaces to thrive.

As an economist with a leadership record in sustainability, policy and multi-stakeholder partnerships, Cristina has been a trusted convener and advocate for sustainable development at international platforms such as the UN COP Summits, WEF and IEA.

Cristina is from Colombia and resides in London, UK.

Dan Hill

Designation Director of Melbourne School of Design, University of Melbourne

Geography (Based in) Australia

Expertise Urban strategy, urban design, urban technology, social infrastructures



Description

Dan Hill is Director of Melbourne School of Design, the graduate school in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne. A designer and urbanist, Dan's previous leadership roles include the Swedish government's innovation agency Vinnova in Stockholm, Arup in London and Sydney. Fabrica in Treviso, the Finnish Innovation Fund SITRA in Helsinki, and the UK government's Future Cities Catapult and the BBC in London. Dan is also a Visiting Professor of Practice at UCL's Institute for Innovation and Public Practice and a founder member of the Council on Urban Initiatives.

M. Jae Moon

Designation Underwood Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Management; Director of Institute for Future Government, Yonsei University

Geography (Based in) South Korea

Expertise Digital government, Public sector innovation, futures



Description

M. Jae Moon is currently Underwood Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Management and Director of the Institute for Future Government at Yonsei University. He is currently a member of the Presidential Committee on Digital Platform Government and also chairs the Digital Government Document Innovation Forum as well as a member of External Advisory Group for Digital Technology for Development for the Asian Development Bank. He also cochairs the Organizing Committee for Seoul Smart City Prize which is conferred by the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO). He is an elected Fellow of National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) and was selected as one of world's 100 most influential people in Digital Government 2018 and 2019 consecutively by *Apolitical*. He received Order of Service Merit-Red Stripe from the Government of the Republic of Korea for his contribution to the public sector innovations.

Mark Watts

Designation Executive Director, C40

**Geography
(Based in)** United Kingdom

Expertise Inclusive urban climate action,
green jobs in cities,
fossil fuel phase out



Description

Mark Watts has served as Executive Director of C40 since December 2013. The organisation has grown rapidly in scope and ambition under Mark's tenure and its 400+ global staff now support nearly 100 of the world's leading cities, representing around 700 million residents and 25% of global gross domestic product. Mark has been a thought leader and doer on climate matters for years, working in both the private sector and city government prior to joining C40. Mark was previously director at the pioneering consultancy firm Arup's energy and climate team, and before that was the climate and sustainable transport adviser to the Mayor of London Ken Livingstone, where he helped establish C40 and was described by the London Evening Standard newspaper as "the intellectual force behind Ken Livingstone's drive to make London a leading light of the battle against global warming." Under Mark's leadership, C40 was instrumental in pushing for the climate movement to adopt 1.5C as the global temperature rise limit, and today continues to focus on aligning climate action with what the science demands, inspiring transformational change that centres equity. In 2023 Mark was listed as a TIME100 climate defender.

Rahul Mehrotra

Designation Professor of Urban Design and Planning
John T. Dunlop Professor in Housing and Urbanization
Graduate School of Design, Harvard University;
Founder Principal of RMA Architects

Geography (Based in) India/United States

Expertise Architecture and urban design



Description

Rahul Mehrotra is a Professor of Urban Design and Planning and the John T. Dunlop Professor in Housing and Urbanization at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. and the Founder Principal of RMA Architects, which was founded in 1990 and has designed and executed projects for government and private institutions, corporate workplaces, private homes, and unsolicited projects driven by the firm's commitment to advocacy in the city of Mumbai.

Richard K. Green

Designation

Professor, Price School of Public Policy
Marshall School of Business;
Professor, Department of Economics;
Director and Chair, Lusk Center for Real Estate;
Chair, Smith Department of Real Estate Development;
University of Southern California

Geography (Based in)

United States

Expertise

Housing economics, real estate
economics, urban economics,
public economics, demography



Description

Richard K. Green holds the Lusk Chair in Real Estate and is Professor in the Sol Price School of Public Policy and the Marshall School of Business. He is Chair of Wilbur H. Smith III Department of Real Estate Development. He served a year as Senior Advisor for Housing Finance at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is a Trustee of the Urban Land Institute. He consults for the World Bank. Dr. Green earned his Ph.D. and M.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned his A.B. in economics from Harvard University.

Rohit T. Aggarwala

Designation Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection;
New York City Chief Climate Officer

Geography (Based in) United States

Expertise Urban sustainability, climate change, urban technology & innovation, history



Description

Rohit T. “Rit” Aggarwala is Commissioner of Environmental Protection and Chief Climate Officer for the City of New York. Previously, he was a founding executive at Sidewalk Labs, Alphabet’s urban tech startup. Before that, he started Bloomberg Philanthropies’ Environmental Grantmaking program; led the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group under Mayor Bloomberg’s chairmanship; and navigated Mayor Bloomberg’s appointment as a UN Special Envoy; and led the development and implementation of PlaNYC, NYC’s sustainability plan. He started his career at McKinsey & Company. Aggarwala holds a PhD, MBA, and BA from Columbia University and an MA from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.

Xue Lan

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| Designation | Professor and Dean, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University |
| Geography (Based in) | China |
| Expertise | STI policy, crisis management, and global governance |



Description

Xue Lan is a Distinguished Chair Professor and Dean at Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University. He also serves as Co-Director of the Global Institute for SDGs. He holds adjunct positions at Carnegie Mellon University and the Brookings Institution. Dr. Xue advises the State Council, chairs China's National Expert Committee on Next Generation AI governance, and is a member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese Association of Science and Technology. He also serves on the board of UN Sustainable Development Solution Network, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, and Internet Governance Forum Leadership Panel. He earned his PhD in Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University.