

# Ciudad histórica, ciudad activa **A City with a History, A City with a Life: Urban Solutions for Historic Centers**



## Ponentes **Speakers**

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**Josep María Montaner**  
**Rene Luis Mata**  
**Paulo Alcazaren**

## Coloquio | **Round Table Discussion**

**Miércoles, 9 de julio de 2008** Wednesday July 9, 2008 6:00 pm

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Four experts from the Philippines and Spain talk about how the conservation of historical urban centers intersects with contemporary life.

Cities are the product of changing times – the superimposition of different architectural styles of different ages. Many Spanish cities in the last decades have undergone rehabilitation and are given innovations that improve and update their current state, but still keeping their historical value.

Dos expertos filipinos y dos españoles conversan sobre cómo se puede conjugar la conservación de los cascos urbanos históricos con la vida contemporánea. La historia nos muestra que las ciudades se han formado siempre por la superposición de construcciones de diferentes épocas que dialogan entre sí. En este sentido, muchos planes de rehabilitación de centros históricos que se han llevado a cabo en ciudades españolas en las últimas décadas han intentado preservar lo histórico, dotándolo de usos y edificaciones contemporáneas que los han mantenido vivos y los han alejado del estado de degradación en el que muchos se encontraban.

**Pedro Ortiz**, deputy director of the Council of Architects of Madrid, Spain, is also a member of the expert committee of the Madrid Nuevo Siglo Foundation, which is involved in the planning of the Madrid Olympic bid.

**Josep Maria Montaner** is an architect, an author, and a critic. He is known for his work on Barcelona's Olympic Village and the Museo Industrial del Ter en Manlleu. He is also a published author, whose books focus on the architecture of the 20th century.

**Rene Luis Mata**, a member of the Heritage Conservation Society, has a masters degree in Conservation of Historical Structure from the University of Alcalá. He specializes in historic preservation and architectural history.

**Paulo Alcazaren**, M.A. in Urban Design from the National University of Singapore, is a landscape architect, urban historian and a newspaper columnist on Manila urbanism.

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