

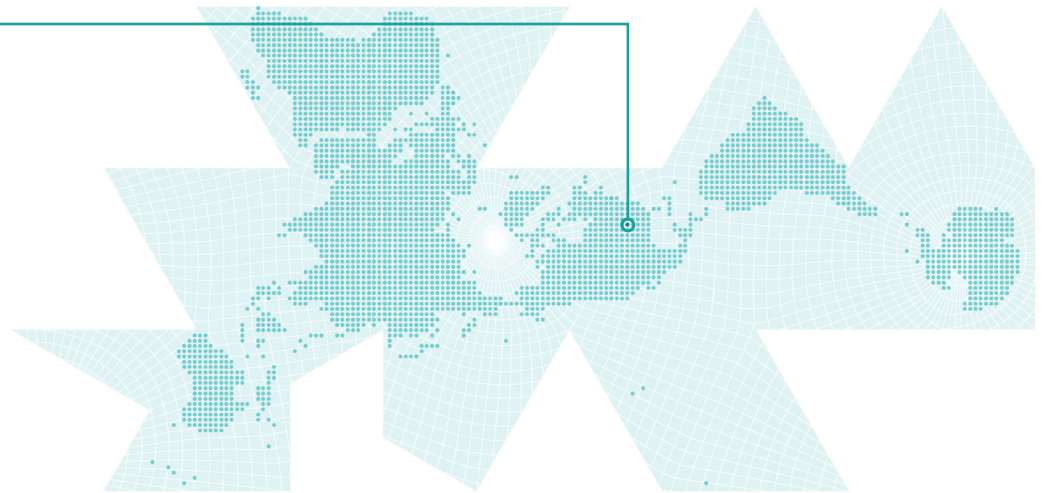
Conference on Landscape Architecture  
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# Promoting Climate Leadership

## by Exploring Alternative Models of Collaboration

**SUN-A09**

Sunday, November 21, 2021  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



### SESSION OVERVIEW

Drawing on the landscape architecture profession's aspiration to claim greater agency in the climate discourse, there is an urgency to strengthen our leadership role we, in collaboration with allied professionals, should take on. External voices from media and government explore narratives beyond traditional scopes and reveal opportunistic models of collaboration. Discuss the impacts of climate migration and explore how their associated challenges and opportunities reshape our future.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Reflect on our collective professional aspirations in the face of climate change, based on a pro-practice survey emphasizing the gaps between our position, aspiration and professional realities.
2. Learn how design thinking played a key role in developing Mexico City's resilience strategy and discuss opportunities to foster new public policies and climate initiatives through the political process.
3. Examine the social, political and economic impact of today's climate narratives and learn why the reframing of these narratives is an important process in both anticipating future needs and climate leadership.
4. Discuss the impacts of climate migration and explore how their associated challenges and opportunities reshape our future.

## SPEAKERS



### Adriana Chavez

Co-Founder at the Office for Urban Resilience (ORU), Adjunct Assistant Professor in Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University.

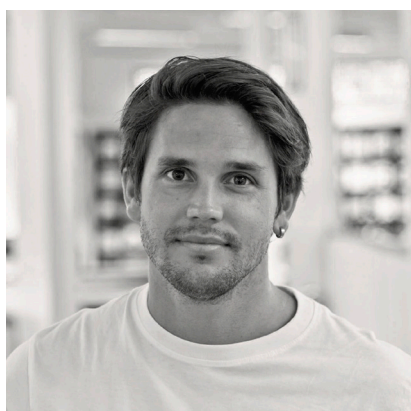
Adriana's experience ranges within the public, private and development banks sectors. She has been a consultant for the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) at the Urban Development and Housing (HUD) within the Emergent and Sustainable Cities Program in Mexico. She has also worked as an urban resilience advisor for Mexico City's Resilience Office within the initiative 100 Resilient Cities pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. She collaborated closely with the CDMX Chief Resilience Officer Arnoldo Matus, participating in the creation of Mexico City's Resilience Strategy, leading urban planning and mobility areas. Within the resilience office, she contributed largely to build the urban resilience agenda in the city, contributing in projects such as "Towards a Water Sensitive Mexico City" in collaboration with CDMX Public Space Authority, De Urbanisten and Deltares. Adriana has also been an advisor for the Santiago Regional Government carrying out the Santiago's Resilience Strategy.



### Abraham Lustgarten

Senior environmental reporter and author at ProPublica.

Abraham Lustgarten is a senior environmental reporter focused on climate change. He writes for the investigative news outlet ProPublica, and works with the New York Times Magazine, The Atlantic, and PBS Frontline, among others. His current work focuses on climate migration, one of climate change's biggest looming threats. In 2017, his investigation into the Defense Department's legacy of toxic pollution on U.S. lands, "Bombs in Your Backyard," received the Nina Mason Pulliam Award from the Society of Environmental Journalists, and his 2015 series about water scarcity in the American West, "Killing the Colorado," was a finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize. Lustgarten also co-produced the 2016 Discovery Channel film "Killing the Colorado," and has previously worked as a correspondent and reporter with PBS Frontline, including on the 2010 Emmy-nominated documentary "The Spill," about how BP's corporate culture of recklessness and profiteering led to the Deepwater Horizon tragedy.



### Thomas Nideroest, ASLA, BSLA

Founding Member ILC, Associate at Sasaki

Thomas has over 10 years of professional experience in the practice of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design. He is a founding member of the International Landscape Collaborative (ILC), a think tank exploring landscape-based planning strategies that shape social and ecological processes into multifunctional urban spaces. At Sasaki Associates, Thomas's stewardship in landscape promotes interdisciplinary thinking across different scales, addressing urban design issues at the intersection of the territory and the built environment. Thomas received his Master's in Landscape Architecture from the Graduate School of Design and his research is published in 'LAF-Global Vision and Local Practice', 'From the South', and 'Fresh Water: Design Research for Inland Water Territories'.

# What role should we play in addressing climate change?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My field <b>should play a leading role</b> in addressing climate change.	81%	15%	4%	1%	0%
My field <b>currently plays a leading role</b> in addressing climate change.	17%	44%	15%	23%	1%
<b>Society sees my field as playing a leading role</b> in addressing climate change.	15%	36%	26%	21%	12%

*\*Initial Results from the Testing Phase at Sasaki*

## RESOURCES

- **Preliminary Results:** Reflections on our Collective Professional Aspirations in the Face of Climate Change, International Landscape Collaborative (ILC), 2020.  
<http://landscape-collaborative.org/design-climate-survey.html>
- Secretaría de Gestión Integral de Riesgos y Protección Civil, Oficina de Resiliencia Urbana, 2021. Ciudad Resiliente. Prospectiva y proyección de una ciudad (in)vulnerable.  
<https://www.proteccioncivil.cdmx.gob.mx/storage/app/uploads/public/601/b5b/6ea/601b5b6eafd5a157875160.pdf>
- ProPublica, Killing the Colorado - The Water Crisis in the West.  
<https://www.propublica.org/series/killing-the-colorado>
- The New York Times Magazine, 2020, The Great Climate Migration Has Begun,  
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/07/23/magazine/climate-migration.html>