

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona (and Joan, Bart, Xavier<sup>2</sup>): An overview of Barcelona and its public health issues**

**Co-chairs:**

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**Aims and short description:** The film “Vicky, Cristina, Barcelona” by Woody Allen gave a very particular view of life in Barcelona but captured nicely some of the issues in the daily lives of Barcelona inhabitants. In the symposium we will discuss some of the role that public health has played in the modern development of the city, the impact of major environmental exposures on health, and potential solutions. Although the presentations will be focused on the environment in Barcelona, the issues discussed pertain to most large cities in industrialised countries

**Presentations:**

1. The Role of Public Health in the Development of Barcelona  
**Speaker:** Joan R Villalbi, Public Health Agency of Barcelona
2. Air Quality Problems and Solutions in Barcelona.  
**Speaker:** Xavier Querol, Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research, Spanish Research Council, Barcelona
3. The Effect of Particulate Matter Sources on Mortality in Barcelona.  
**Speaker:** Bart Ostro, CREAL, Barcelona
4. Water Quality in Barcelona: cancer, asthma and reproductive outcomes  
**Speaker:** Cristina Villanueva, CREAL, Barcelona
5. Heat and Mortality in Barcelona  
**Speaker:** Xavier Basagaña, CREAL, Barcelona
6. Discussion.  
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