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DAY 2: SMART CITIES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Smart Cities: myths and realities. Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal, UB Smart City Chair, Barcelona Institute of Economics - Universitat de Barcelona (IEB-UB).



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My research interests include urban economics, economic geography and public economics.

Current research topics include: agglomeration economies and the location of firms; the impact of infrastructures on city growth and suburbanization; urban congestion and pollution, the effectiveness of city development policies, land use regulation and city growth and the political economy of coastal destruction.