



CHICAGO FUTURES

THE DATA-DRIVEN CITY

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 4:10-5:30 PM (CST) | CHICAGOSTUDIES.UCHICAGO.EDU/FUTURES



Chicago and other cities around the world have faced many of the challenges of the past year armed principally with data. The COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, introduced many more people to the power -- and the necessity -- of “big data” to guide urban health policy, but this isn’t new! The extension of data-driven approaches to all forms of urban planning and development has been going on for decades, with dramatic implications for how cities understand themselves, their residents, and the challenges they confront.

Join Chicago Studies and Professor Luis Bettencourt for our final Chicago Futures conversation, in which he will reflect on the implications (and the power) of data science for helping us craft a better, more sustainable future for Chicago and other cities around the world. Luis Bettencourt is the inaugural director of the **Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation** and Professor of Ecology and Evolution at the University of Chicago, as well as an External Professor of Complex Systems at the Santa Fe Institute. Trained as a theoretical physicist, he has worked extensively on complex systems theory and on cities and urbanization, in particular.

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The Future of Chicago Music

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 12:30-1:30 PM



What happens to Chicago’s once-thriving live music scene now? Our last live podcast recording of the Chicago Futures series.

Chicago Research Colloquium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 12:30-3:30 PM



Presentations of the best undergraduate research on the city from 2021, and the awarding of our annual research prize.