

Friday, November 21, 2025 – Valencia, Spain

**Lessons from Vancouver:
The global economy and the impacts of being an attractive and livable world city**

This gathering features three focused events on Friday, November 21st, along with additional networking and city touring opportunities over the weekend. This panel will explore the risks and opportunities associated with Valencia's recognition as one of the world's most attractive and livable cities for expatriates. Each speaker will share insights from their area of expertise, including government, business, real estate, and global investment perspectives. Presentations will be in both English and Spanish, and live translation will be available.

Welcome: Jose Nievas Vaquero, LAI Madrid Chapter President

Moderator: Marina A. Olmos, Secretary of LAI Madrid Chapter

Speakers:

- Paula Llobet Vilarrasa, Councilor for Tourism, Innovation, and Investment Promotion, Valencia City Council (or member of her team) – Government Perspective
- Stephanie Siu-Wai Kirtley, Co-Founder, Encantada – Migration Demand Issues
- Simon Harvey, Arbutus Real Estate – Vancouver, Canadian Data, Expat Perspective
- Javier Reina Segura, CEO, Custom Suits – Global Investor Perspective

Schedule & Locations (note: all 3 Friday events are within short walk in the Cabanyal area of Valencia, by the beach):

- **9:00 – 10:00 AM:** Lanzadera Tour – **Marina de Empresas, Calle Eduardo Primo Yúfera**
 - Visit includes EDEM (business school), Lanzadera (startup accelerator), Angels (investment vehicle)
- **11:00 AM – 1:00 PM:** Panel Discussion – **Wayco Cabanyal, Carrer del Doctor Lluch**
 - Panel discussion and light refreshments **generously sponsored by Encantada.**
 - Mobile phones must be turned off at all times.
- **2:00 – 5:00 PM:** Networking Luncheon – traditional paella lunch by the beach – **La Mar by Portolito, Passeig de Neptú, 36**
- Additionally: Several informal gatherings are scheduled for the group over the weekend (see attached).

LAI member..... 75,00 €/person

Guest/Non-member of LAI 95,00 €/person

Registration must be complete no later than October 31, 2025

To secure your spot, payment must be confirmed to LAI Madrid: ES52 0081 0309 7200 0175 9982

Registration:

LAI Member

Name:

Org.:

Title:

Tel.:

E-Mail:

Guests

01.Name:

Org:

Title:

E-mail:

02.Name:

Org:

PAYMENT TO BE MADE:

_____ member x 75 € + _____ Guest x 95 € = _____ €

By submitting this document, I fully commit to paying, under the conditions specified above, for both my seat and those of my guests. **Send registration to: Marina A. Olmos. e-mail: secretario@laimadrid.org**

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A Note from the Event Organizer



It is my sincere pleasure to warmly welcome you to join us for this special weekend gathering in Valencia.

We have the privilege of convening a select group of thought leaders in real estate from cities including Vancouver, London, Madrid, Barcelona, Lisbon, and other major global centers. The weekend promises to offer exceptional networking opportunities, with lively and engaging conversations, and the chance to forge meaningful connections within our international community.

We look forward to sharing this unique experience with you.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at tsmith@channelconsulting.ca.

—Tegan Smith, member of LAI Vancouver and Madrid Chapters

About Our Sponsor



On behalf of our colleagues from LAI, we are very grateful that the Friday panel event and refreshments are generously sponsored by Encantada.

Encantada is a family-run relocation company helping individuals and families move to Valencia and the Costa Blanca with ease. Led by an English expat and a Spanish lawyer, they combine personal relocation experience with legal and practical expertise to provide a white-glove, bespoke service that consistently goes above and beyond — something their clients' testimonials highlight. We are proud to have Encantada sponsor this event, as it aligns perfectly with their mission of fostering successful, sustainable integration for expats and supporting Valencia as a welcoming global city.

Hotel Options

- Hotel Dimar
- NH Ciudad de Valencia
- To be well-located for the weekend, suggest to stay in the City Centre and Uber (10 €) to the beach for Friday's events.

Weekend Program

Saturday, November 22nd

11 am Walk the Jardin del Turia – Meet out front of Llit de Turia restaurant - Pg. de l'Albereda, 30, El Pla del Real
 4 pm – Drink and meet up – Cool Bar- C. del Poeta Querol
 5 pm – Visit to National Museum of Ceramics
 6 pm – Visit to Centre del Carme Cultural Centre (CCCC)
 7 pm – Tapas – Mientras Tanto - C/ dels Cordellats, 6, bajo izquierda

*Meals are not scheduled

*Suggest to visit restaurants at Mercado de Colón and experience the foods and architecture of Mercado Centrale



Sunday, November 23rd

- Rent-Your-Own-Bicycle opens at 8:30 am – you must rent a bike before joining the tour
- Bike Tour – 10 to 12:15 pm - Bike tour with Eduardo – meet near Serranos Towers at Crida square (pay by donation)

Events on Saturday and Sunday are optional and self-paid