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### Mr. Brian Yang

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## Profile

Brian Yang joined BIG in 2007 and has worked closely with Bjarke Ingels across a wide range of projects and programs such as an energy efficient skyscraper completed in 2017 in Shenzhen, the 8 House - a new typology of residential building completed in 2010 in Copenhagen, and the concept design for a contemporary art museum in Norway that bridges across a river, completed in 2019. He has been the Project Leader on a number of competition winning proposals, including a the Waste-to-Energy plant in Copenhagen that doubles as a ski slope, the LEGO House experience and play center in Denmark that opened in Fall 2017. Most recently, he has been the partner-in-charge for a 280m tall mixed-use tower in the heart of Singapore that broke ground in 2018. With a background in energy efficiency research as well as undergraduate studies in economics, Brian brings additional focus on environmental and economic sustainability into all of his projects. Prior to joining BIG, Brian worked at a number of practices internationally, and while at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, led a project team for a pavilion exhibited at the 2009 Gwangju Design Biennale in South Korea.

## Topic Title

**BIG at All Scales: Social Infrastructure for Sustainable Cities**

## Topic Abstract

Between political upheaval, climate change and a global pandemic, 2020 has been a difficult year across the spectrum of human experience. While architecture alone cannot solve all of the challenges we collectively face, this presentation will show BIG projects built, in-progress and proposed as examples of how as architects we have the agency to rethink how our cities can be designed as ecosystems at multiple scales that are ecologically, economically and socially profitable – and where the outcome doesn't force people to alter their lifestyle solely for the sake of a better conscience but because it actually also increases our quality of life.

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