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Ricky Burdett is Professor of Urban Studies and leads LSE Cities, a global centre of research and teaching, at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He established the Urban Age programme in partnership with the Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft and now co-runs the Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative.

Following his role as adviser to the Mayor of London from 2001, Burdett was appointed Chief Adviser to the UK Government on Architecture and Urbanism for the London 2012 Olympics and its legacy which has contributed to the transformation of East London. As an adviser, he has brought this experience to other cities including Milan (for the 2015 Expo), Rome, Athens, Barcelona, Bogotá and Santiago del Chile.

Burdett was Director of the Venice International Architecture Biennale and Curator of the Global Cities Exhibition in the Turbine Hall of Tate Modern in London, and chair of the European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture and Mies Crown Hall Americas Prize juries.

He is member of the 2024-2026 Nominating Committee of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize, adviser to NUS Cities at the National University of Singapore and Distinguished Fellow and Visiting Professor, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities in Singapore. He is curator of the 'Rome in the World' exhibition at the MAXXI Museum of 21st Art and Architecture in Rome.

Burdett was appointed a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) for services to urban planning and design in the 2017 New Year's Honours List and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Royal College of Art in 2019.