

## **PRESS RELEASE**

In light of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the reconstruction of the Barcelona Pavilion  
**THE MIES VAN DER ROHE FOUNDATION IS CALLING THE  
COMPETITION  
'FEAR OF COLUMNS'**

**The competition purpose is the temporary recreation of the eight columns and two pedestals that presided over the Pavilion in 1929, in the framework of the 30-year anniversary since the reconstruction of this iconic work by the German architect.**

**Open to all interested parties, participants must develop projects to recreate the columns on a temporary basis.**

**Barcelona, 25 January 2016.** The Mies van der Rohe Foundation has called the competition *Fear of Columns*, an event whose inception has the purpose of publicising the oeuvre of the world renowned German architect to all citizens and reflecting on the impact that the Ionic columns by Puig i Cadafalch had on this German architect's work.

Participants' proposals must be executable within a specific period of time and with a specific budget. The winner will see his/her work constructed temporarily for the celebration of the 30-year anniversary since the reconstruction of the Pavilion.

### **Competition: *Fear of Columns***

The competition is open to everyone. To participate, proposals must be submitted before 29 February 2016. A jury panel will study the proposals and evaluate and rate their coherence with the competition's purposes; the quality of the design solution; originality and technical possibility of constructing them; and shall then select a winner that will be notified on 10 March. On 1 June 2016, the 30-year anniversary of the Pavilion's reconstruction, the recreation will be launched in a public ceremony. The maximum period that the recreated columns will be physically present is planned for five months.

### **The Mies van der Rohe Foundation**

Created to reconstruct the Barcelona Pavilion that Ludwig Mies van der Rohe constructed in 1929, the Foundation has been developed as an active platform for exchanging ideas, where debates are organised and questions are posed with the aim of defining the contribution of architecture in the 21st century. **Mies van der Rohe Foundation** <http://www.miesbcn.com/>

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