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From Water to Air; Scientific Pathways towards a Clearer, Cleaner Future.

David Edwards is a scientist and inventor. Long-standing professor of the practice of bioengineering at Harvard University, David is founder of FEND, and of the new food concept *Senses* near MIT.



Talk Title — Airway Hydration as the Next Human Hygiene

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"We are in a sensory disequilibrium with an altered environment. Basic processes of living – breathing, eating, sleeping – increasingly hurt us. Helping our bodies adapt in the near term is as critical as cleaning planetary air and water for generations to come."

David Edwards

David explores new ways of improving human health and wellbeing through the air we breathe and the food we eat. His scientific and translational work principally focus today on the pioneering respiratory droplet dynamics and the new field of airway hygiene. David was Professor of the Practice of Bioengineering at Harvard University in the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences from 2001 to 2019, and transitioned to Associate in 2019 to lead the startup of FEND, a first airway hygiene product. David has received many international honors and awards, is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, in the USA and in France, a member of the National Institute of Inventors, and a Chevalier of the Arts & Letters by the French Ministry of Culture. His recent book Creating Things That Matter (Holt 2018) won a 2018 Nautilus Book of the Year Award.

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