

# The role and future of social housing in Europe, Amsterdam, June 16 and 17

OTB - Research for the Built Environment, in close cooperation with the European Network for Housing Research, is organising a two-day workshop on the future of social housing in Europe.



The workshop is part of the [International Social Housing Festival \(ISHF\)](#), a multi-day event on collective housing strategies jointly organized by AEDES - the national network of Dutch housing associations, the Amsterdam Federation of Housing Associations (AFWC), Housing Europe and Museum Het Schip, with support from the municipality of Amsterdam. The Delft University of Technology, the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR), the International New Town Institute and others are involved as program partners.

The ISHF will take place from Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday June 23<sup>th</sup>, mostly in and around the iconic residential block Het Schip (pictured above), in the Amsterdam Spaarndammerbuurt. The main question addressed by the ISHF is: *how can social housing around the world help provide an open, undivided and inclusive society at a time of emerging migration, growing socio-spatial segregation and diversification of tenant profiles?* Participants in the OTB/ENHR workshop can take part in the many events and activities on offer during the Festival. There will also be a close connection between the workshop and the field trip organised by Housing Europe. This is a great opportunity for researchers and practitioners to get together and discuss emerging housing issues in a unique and historically rich setting. After the workshop, organisers will also explore opportunities for a special issue in a housing journal and/or a book.

The OTB/ENHR workshop on the future of social housing is open to all housing scholars who want to present a paper or poster about the role and future of public, social and affordable housing in Europe or beyond. We welcome submissions that connect with ISHF themes, including:

- Strategies for integrating newcomers, both temporarily and permanently, in a time of migration and displacement
- Strategies for financing, designing and providing social housing to help local communities counter socio-spatial segregation and displacement amidst uneven real-estate development and investment
- Strategies for meeting the diversifying needs of diverse tenants, relating to age, ethnic background, health, lifestyle, community participation, or other factors, including the need to self-organise and collaborate within housing provision
- Other aspects of future public, social or affordable housing provision in Europe, or beyond

The workshop will be divided into four parts:

At the opening, the Amsterdam Federation of Housing Associations will deliver a presentation on the history of social housing in Amsterdam.

Housing scholars can then present their papers in a series of 20 minute timeslots. Poster presentations are also welcome during this part of the workshop.

Organised by Housing Europe, a field trip will explore the Spaarndammerbuurt, one of the most famous social housing areas in the world. This neighbourhood on the western side of Amsterdam is filled with beautiful and distinctive architecture that reflects the expressionist Amsterdam School movement and its vision of socially inclusive development and high quality workers' housing.

The 2-day workshop will come to a close with a discussion on the central theme of the ISHF: social housing's role in providing an open, undivided and inclusive society at a time of emerging migration, growing socio-spatial segregation and diversification of tenant needs and profiles. The conclusions will then be fed into the closing session of the festival on Friday the 23<sup>th</sup>.

The costs for the workshop amount to 75 euro: this includes two lunches, a workshop dinner and a fieldtrip. Accommodation is to be organised by the participants themselves. While this is easy to do in Amsterdam, it is best to book ahead to maximise choice. Only participants who are willing to present a paper or a poster are eligible for the workshop. The maximum amount of participants is 30, and the organisers will make a selection on the basis of the paper/poster abstracts submitted.

Abstracts for this workshop can be sent to [e.m.vogels@tudelft.nl](mailto:e.m.vogels@tudelft.nl) by May 15. Soon after this date, the organisation committee will let the proposers know whether their abstract has been selected. On the basis of this selection, a definite workshop program will be distributed to the participants.

The conference organisers:

- Peter Boelhouwer, Chair of ENHR, Delft University of Technology, OTB – Research for the Built Environment
- Darinka Czischke, coordinator of ENHR working group on Collaborative Housing, Delft University of Technology
- Anita Blessing, coordinator of ENHR working group on Social Housing Institutions, Organisations and Governance, University of Birmingham
- David Mullins, coordinator of ENHR working group on Social Housing Institutions, Organisations and Governance, University of Birmingham
- Eveline Vogels, conference organiser, Delft University of Technology, OTB – Research for the Built Environment