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Role of Private Renting in Europe after the GFC

Analysis of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) in terms of housing policy in Europe has tended to focus on the negative impacts of reckless mortgage lending practices and house price volatility on both economies and householders, and on the measures needed to remedy them (for example, tighter regulation of banks, common mortgage lending standards, mortgage arrears resolution processes). This is understandable as effective housing policy in countries hardest hit – Spain, Ireland and Portugal - was seriously undermined by banking, regulatory and Governmental failures. In these countries, the private rented sector (PRS) has taken on a more important housing role for those most affected by these failures. The rising numbers of renters in Europe since 2008 is not only linked to the effects of the GFC, but to other factors such as the affordability of homeownership, increased labour force mobility, and later family formation.

The European Commission, OECD and others have emphasised that a reasonably large rental sector can play an important role in promoting macroeconomic and housing-market stability (Cuerpo *et al.*, 2014). However, the private rented sector in many European countries is relatively underdeveloped and issues of security of tenure, rent regulation, affordable supply, tenants' rights and distressed loans related to rental property have undermined the ability of the PRS to play this 'buffer' role. Countries with stronger and more mature rental sectors such as France, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden - that have faced relatively less severe economic fallout as a result of the GFC - have also faced challenges, especially related to affordable supply. This has led to a renewed interest in the role and structure of the PRS. Policy options are now being considered to strengthen security and stability within the PRS that would not have been considered politically feasible before the GFC (for example, rent stability measures in the UK and Ireland). There is also a growing awareness that while the sector plays a critical role in housing vulnerable households, insecure occupancy in the PRS is a leading cause of homelessness.

The ENHR, and its Private Rented Markets Working Group in particular, has an important part to play in ensuring that such discussions are well-informed and take account of best practice and successful innovations across the continent. However, there are many methodological challenges in undertaking cross-country comparisons (De Boer *et al.*, 2014) such as reaching agreement on definitions relating to key aspects of the PRS and collecting comparable statistics. It is also important to place any successful policy changes within the historical and social context of a particular jurisdiction. Recent European-wide studies, involving ENHR colleagues, have been innovative in grappling with these comparative challenges, with respect to the regulation of the PRS (Whitehead *et al.*, 2012), tenancy law (www.tenlaw.uni-bremen.de) and evictions (Kenna, 2015).

The world economic future continues to look uncertain and growth at European level has been sluggish. Major challenges remain for European housing policies in the face of this. Undoubtedly if the PRS is to play a role in macroeconomic stability on the one hand, and provide secure homes for low income households on the other, it will receive increased attention from governments and EU agencies. Housing research is vital in supporting policy design and outcomes and this will require more well-funded European-wide projects centred on the PRS.

Aideen Hayden & Bob Jordan Co-ordinators of ENHR Working Group on Private Rented Markets

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NEWS FROM THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Call for Nominations to the ENHR Coordination Committee

2016 Elections

The ENHR Election Committee and the ENHR Office invite you to nominate candidates for the ENHR Coordination Committee (CC). The purpose of this call for nomination is to identify candidates who will stand for election for the ENHR Coordination Committee. Ten seats are up for the 2016 election.

According to the ENHR Charter (http://www.enhr.net/documents/ENHR_Charter.pdf) there should be between 13 and 15 members on the Coordination Committee. Five of the current CC-members will remain on the CC until 2018. Their profiles are summarised as follows:

Name	Discipline	Gender	Country	Elected until
Jürgen Friedrichs	Sociology	Male	Germany	2018
Stefan Kofner	Economics	Male	Germany	2018
Sergio Nasarre-Aznar	Law	Male	Spain	2018
Kathleen Scanlon	Economics/planning	Female	United Kingdom	2018
Iván Tosics	Sociology	Male	Hungary	2018

The aim is to achieve a balanced composition, enabling diversity in terms of discipline, country and gender. The final elections will take place during the General Assembly at the conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on 29 June 2016.

There are a number of important things to consider when nominating a candidate to the Coordination Committee.

- It is important to have as many candidates as possible to ensure a fair and representative election. You are therefore urged to consider standing for the election. If so, please find an ENHR-member who will nominate you. You are also urged to think about nominating another ENHR member. If so, please contact that ENHR-member to find out whether (s)he would be willing to be a candidate.
- It is important to remember that members of the Coordination Committee are expected to attend, at their own expense, a number of meetings during the year and to be active at ENHR conferences.

How to nominate

ENHR members can nominate a candidate or be nominated as a candidate provided that they have paid their membership fee for 2016. Members from associate institutional members are excluded.

Please fill in the nomination form on the ENHR website (www.enhr.net/elections.php) with the names of nominee and nominator and send the form together with a short biographical sketch (± 200 words) and a photo to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). If you are nominating someone else, make sure that they send in a biographical sketch and photo.

When composing the sketch, it is helpful to mention the candidate's academic position, their activities in the Network, a maximum of three key publications, and any issues that he or she feels are important for the future of the Network.

The deadline for receipt of nominations (including the biographical sketch and photo) is **31 March 2016**, **24.00 CET**.

Voting

The nominees will be introduced to all ENHR members by e-mail and on the ENHR website shortly after **31 March 2016**. All ENHR members except for associate Institutional Members are allowed to vote, provided they have paid their membership fee for 2016. We will inform you about how to vote in a later stage.

Election Committee

If you have any questions about these elections please contact the ENHR Election Committee. The members are:

- Marietta Haffner (m.e.a.haffner@tudelft.nl)
 Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment,
 OTB Research for the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS.
- Gerard van Bortel (<u>G.A.vanBortel@tudelft.nl</u>)

 Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment,

 Management in the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS.
- Chris Watson (c.j.watson@bham.ac.uk)
 Birmingham University, Birmingham, UK.

Or contact the ENHR Office at ENHR@tudelft.nl.

PROPOSALS WELCOME FOR ENHR CONFERENCE CITY 2018 & 2019

The ENHR Coordination Committee (CC) would now like to begin discussions with research institutes or research centres which would be interested in organising an ENHR conference somewhere in Europe in 2018 or 2019.

Please express your interest **as soon as possible** by stating your preference of year and whether you would be able to organize the conference in either year.

A formal hard copy proposal for the year 2018 or 2019 should be submitted by March 1st, 2016 to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). In the CC-meeting in the spring of 2016 (1 and 2 April in Athens, Greece) candidates will be asked to present their proposal. The Coordination Committee will make a final decision after the presentation(s).

Guidelines for ENHR conferences are available on the ENHR website (www.enhr.net/guidelines conferences.php (for members only)) or can be requested at the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). These guidelines include a description of how such conferences are generally organised and what an application to host an ENHR conference should contain.

Application should contain information about:

- the date of the conference
- the profile of the organising institute and its reasons for hosting the conference
- a proposed conference theme
- a statement on academic quality
- former experiences in hosting conferences
- a budget which clarifies how to ensure the viability
- accessibility and affordability and hotel capacity of the location
- attractiveness of the location for housing researchers (what is there to be seen, esp. regarding to housing issues)
- the ability to attract an audience usually of 300-600 people. If a smaller conference is envisaged, a clear statement of the planned scale should be presented
- the availability of enough assistants (as students or junior researchers) during the conference
- the creation of a well organised conference webpage, which is maintained and updated on a regular basis
- the establishment of a Local Organising Committee (LOC).

Applications will be evaluated by the Coordination Committee based on these criteria. Affordability of the conference to the participants will be an important criterion.

Participants from all parts of Europe should be able to participate in the conference. Therefore, while setting the fees the organisers should take the affordability of the conference (travel costs, hotel accommodation and fees) into account.

Ideally some conferences should have lower fees and fees should preferably not exceed the fee of former conferences, as shown in the table below.

		Member		Non member		From	Accomp-
Year	Location	Early	Regular	Early	Regular	selected countries	anying persons
2006	Ljubljana, SLO	390 €	440 €	450 €	500 €	-	90 €
2007	Rotterdam, NL	435 €	485 €	495 €	545 €	-	100 €
		450 €		510 €		420 /	
2008	Dublin, IE		520 €		570 €	470 €	130 €
2009	Prague, CZ	-	450 €	-	520 €	100 €	110 €
2010	Istanbul, TR	400 €	450 €	450 €	510 €	100 €	120 €
2011	Toulouse, FR	-	280 €	-	330 €	230 €	100 €
2012	Lillehammer, NO	± 400 €	± 475 €	± 475 €	± 550 €	± 375 €	± 350 €
2013	Tarragona, ES	300 €	400 €	400 €	500 €	-	150 €
2014	Edinburgh, UK	± 365 €	± 455 €	± 450 €	± 560 €	± 275 /	± 145 /
	= '					± 340 €	180 €
2015	Lisbon, PT	150/25*€	200/35* €	200/35* €	250/50* €	-	120 €

^{*} Access to conference only (excluding meals, excursions, etc.)

Research institutes or research centres which are interested in organising a conference in 2018 or 2019 are encouraged to contact the ENHR Chairman Peter Boelhouwer (p.j.boelhouwer@tudelft.nl).

BENGT TURNER AWARD 2016

Call for papers

Aim



The aim of the Bengt Turner Award is to encourage new researchers to write research papers on housing and urban issues linked to the topics of the ENHR Working Groups, to increase awareness of ENHR, and to keep alive the memory of Bengt Turner.

The 2016 Bengt Turner Award will be a **best conference paper** award for those colleagues who are eligible.

Eligibility

Papers should

- be linked to ENHR Working Group topics
- · contain original research not more than three years old
- be on a suitable academic/professional level
- add a new perspective to their topic, containing original ideas
- be written in English
- normally not exceed 8,000 words including all text, figures and tables. Diagrams
 and tables usually occupy the equivalent of 300 words each, and you should allow
 for this in your total. Legal-related papers are excepted from this limit.

Authors should

- indicate that the paper has been written by him/her alone and potential supervision did not go beyond giving advice.
- be less than 36 years old, OR have received a PhD in the preceding three years
- be based in an European country, or have carried out their research in Europe
- be registered for the annual ENHR Conference.

Time-table of the BTA process

- Paper submission in due course via conference website: www.enhr2016.com.
- The deadline will be June 3^{rd,} 2016
- The winner of the BTA will be announced in a formal ceremony at the ENHR conference.

The content of the Bengt Turner Award

The winner of the Bengt Turner Award will receive:

- a waiver of next year's conference fee by the conference organizer
- advice from senior researchers about submitting the paper for publication in the International Journal of Housing Policy or any other journal which is relevant
- a special certificate in a decorative frame
- a one-year membership subscription to ENHR and
- a report about the winner in the ENHR Newsletter.



ENHR WORKING GROUPS

Basic information concerning the aims, activities and membership of the various Working Groups is available on the ENHR website at www.enhr.net. In this section the Working Groups report on recent activities such as seminars (to be) held, books to be published, etc. The names and addresses of the coordinators are given at the end of the Newsletter in the Who is Who? section. Members of ENHR are encouraged to contact these persons in order to join a particular Working Group or to obtain further information about its activities.

News from Working Groups

PRIVATE RENTED MARKETS

Bob Jordan and Aideen Hayden (coordinators)

You are now invited to register for the ENHR (European Network for Housing Research) Private Rented Markets Working Group seminar on 'Security and Stability in the Private Rented Sector' which will take place on 17-18 March in Amsterdam. We are most grateful to Professor Richard Ronald and Christian Lennartz at the Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam, for kindly hosting this seminar.

As with previous seminars, we have sought to keep the cost as low as possible. The registration fee of 75 euro covers the cost of conference dinner/refreshments, lunches x 2 and tea/coffee breaks. Accompanying persons are welcome to attend the dinner and the additional fee is 50 euro.

Please REGISTER for the seminar here: http://ow.ly/WLy0e PAYMENT to the Centre for Urban Studies may then be made here: https://www.aanmelder.nl/86674/subscribe

The deadline for registration/paper abstracts (250 words) is 1st February and final papers (3,000-5,000 words) are to be submitted by 11th March. The seminar will commence at 11.00am on 17th March and finish at 3.30pm on 18th March at the Universiteits Bibliotheek (http://ow.ly/WAisY) in the old city.

We look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam! If you have any queries, please get in touch.

SOCIAL HOUSING: INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Anita Blessing, Gerard van Bortel, David Mullins and Nicky Morrison (coordinators)

Call for Papers ENHR Conference, Belfast, 28 June – 1 July 2016

The European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) is holding its annual International Research Conference from 28 June to 1 July 2016 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Plenary conference themes will focus on: housing and divided society; housing, neighbourhood and communities; and regeneration and social cohesion.

The working group **Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance** is organising a full workgroup programme in Belfast. The overall objective of the working group is to explore and develop concepts for analysing institutional and organisational change and dynamics in social housing provision.

Government policies, management reforms and rapidly changing social and economic contexts have placed new expectations on social and public landlords. Policies encouraging partnering with the private sector and/or direct private market provision have blurred the lines between public and private housing activities. The processes and outcomes relating to these changes are an important focus this working group. Connecting to the plenary themes of the ENHR 2016 conference, we welcome contributions that address the connection between organisational, institutional and governance dynamics in social housing and the impact on neighbourhoods, communities, and social cohesion. We are especially interested in papers on who is involved in the governance of social and affordable housing and how is corporate and network governance changing in response to hybrid—market-, state and community—drivers of change and with what consequences.

We use the term 'social housing' in a broad, and relaxed, sense to include the many variants of rental housing that aim to achieve housing outcomes such as quality, tenure security and affordability that may not be provided by commercial markets alone. Parallel to 'social housing', the term 'affordable housing' is heard more and more often; 'affordability' describes the ease with which a household can pay the rent, whilst still meeting other basic living costs on a sustainable basis. In a number of national settings, both within and beyond Europe, the term 'affordable housing' is used by policymakers to describe new types of state-supported rental housing, often at submarket rents, that may lack some of the features of traditional social or public housing. Our working group is interested in papers that explore the implications of this development—in different national contexts— for tenants, providers and investors.

We welcome papers that connect the social housing organizations, institutions and governance domain with other housing themes, for example papers that explore the relation between housing provision and social inclusion, the impact of new funding models on social housing institutions and governance, and the relationship between research and housing policies.

More information

- Visit the conference website for more information, deadlines and for the submission of your abstracts and papers: www.enhr2016.com.
- More information on the Working Group Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance can be found on the ENHR website: http://www.enhr.net.
- For more information on our workshop sessions during the ENHR 2016 conference organized by WG Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance please contact:
 - Gerard van Bortel, Delft University of Technology: g.a.vanbortel@tudelft.nl
 - Nicky Morrison, University of Cambridge: nm10001@cam.ac.uk

News from Working Groups in preparation

COLLABORATIVE HOUSING

Claire Carriou and Darinka Czischke (coordinators)

Last November the ENHR coordination committee approved the creation of a new working group, entitled "Collaborative Housing". The coordinators of this working group are Dr Darinka Czischke (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands) and Dr Claire Carriou (University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, France).

The working group is structured around five central themes, namely:

- 1. Wider social, economic and technological trends underpinning contemporary collaborative housing initiatives;
- 2. Organisational dynamics of collaborative housing: management, stakeholders and networks:
- 3. Links between collaborative housing initiatives and wider policy and institutional frameworks:
- 4. Collaborative housing, urban planning and neighbourhood dynamics; and
- 5. Epistemological frameworks, methods and ethics in collaborative housing research.

The working group has issued a **first call for papers for the ENHR 2016 conference** (<u>click here</u>) to be held in Belfast. For more information about the background, themes, plans and activities of this working group, see: <u>www.enhr.net/collaborative.php</u>

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN HOUSING

Sandra Marques Pereira, Elena Bargelli and Thorsten Heitkamp (coordinators)

The Southern European Housing Working Group (SEH WG) calls for the submission of abstracts for the ENHR 2016 Conference in Belfast, which takes place from June 28 to July 1, 2016. For the second edition of the SEH Working Group no specific topic is provided, the main objective being the further consolidation of housing research in and on Southern European countries, which is under-represented internationally without question.

Of course, highly topical issues such as the economic crisis as well as the recent political changes in Greece, Portugal and Spain are of particular interest for the WG. Furthermore, comparative studies are welcome.

The deadline for abstracts is March 5, 2016.

For more information on the abstract submission process, please visit the conference website (www.enhr2016.com).

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

So far, ENHR has 92 Institutional Members. The current address (including contact persons) for each ENHR Institutional Member is printed at the end of this Newsletter in the Who is who? section. There is, however, room for more. Visit our website (www.enhr.net) or contact the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl) for information about ENHR membership.

News from Institutional Members



Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research University of Cambridge Cambridge, UK

New research published

- Evaluation of the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy
 Research commissioned by government following cuts to housing benefit for social
 tenants who underoccupy their homes found an increase in downsizing, but found
 the areas hardest hit by reform were those least equipped with appropriate housing
 stock.
- The poverty impact of the new Right to Buy for housing association tenants in England

The new analysis published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation looked at the impact of the proposed Right to Buy for housing association tenants and forced sale of council homes in England. It found that replacing homes sold under the new Right to Buy scheme with those for sale could drive up costs for low-income tenants and the taxpayer.

- Introduction to time banking and time credits
 - The first working paper of the evaluation of the public health outcomes of the Cambridgeshire Time Credits project in Wisbech provides an overview of time banking and time credits.
- Research on the effect of rent stabilisation measures in London
 The London Assembly's Housing Committee commissioned this study as part of an investigation into the likely impact of a range of rent stabilisation measures on London's housing market.
- How do landlords address poverty?
 - Rising rents, more low-income households in private renting, reduced funding for house building and welfare reforms present major challenges for landlords and local authorities in England. This research explores how landlords are responding, what can be learnt from their written strategies and plans, and what happens in practice.
- The effects of rent controls on supply and markets
 The project, commissioned by Shelter, explored the possible effects of six different rent control options, proposing different limits to rents and changes to security of tenure.

Estimating the scale of youth homelessness in the UK
 Centrepoint commissioned us to carry out this research to produce an up-to-date estimate of the number of young people aged 16 to 24 experiencing homelessness during the course of a year.

New research projects

away from particular locations.

- Poverty, evictions and forced moves
 This project was awarded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in order to understand the causes of landlord evictions and of forced moves, where tenants feel compelled to move home for reasons such as affordability, security or to move
- Using household income data at micro-level to aid social housing providers'
 decisions on affordable rents levels, 'pay-to-stay' and other market-based policies
 This project aims to increase the usage of our recent research to develop an
 optimal method to estimate household income distributions at the very local level.
- Downsizing and moving in later life new build housing or existing stock?
 This research explores why older households move in later life and why they choose either new build housing or existing stock. It considers what the house building sector can learn from their experience.
- Identifying housing need in the horseracing industry
 In order to inform its investment plans and future housing strategy Racing Homes wishes to ascertain the level of housing need currently experienced within the horse racing industry and, in particular, where they have existing housing stock.
- Multi generational living: potential opportunities for the house building sector?
 The aim of this research is to analyse the scale and nature of multi generational living in England and to explore the opportunities this presents to the house building sector.
- What is wrong with the recent release of the ONS 'Travel-To-Work Areas?' A
 solution for improving local housing needs analysis and planning in the Cambridge
 area, and beyond
 - This project objective is to refine the Travel-To-Work Areas for Cambridge recently published by the Office of National Statistics.



Centre for Comparative Housing Research De Montfort University Leicester. UK

Peter King's new book *The Principles of Housing* was published by Routledge in November 2015. Instead of focusing on specific policies and issues the book argues that the fundamental concepts of what we call housing are relatively stable and unchanging. By focusing on universal principles, the book provides an introduction to housing that can be used by students and researchers worldwide. The book consists of a series of short chapters relating to the key issues of housing, such as borrowing, choice, finance, government, need, reform and welfare. Each chapter is designed to be a starting point for a wider conversation, with discussion questions and a number of think pieces and international case studies to help students connect these general principles to their own surroundings. See also page 20, New Books section.

ENHR members can use the flyer at http://www.enhr.net/documents/PoH.pdf to obtain a 20% discount on the book.

There is also a Principles of Housing website at: http://principlesofhousing.our.dmu.ac.uk/

Jo Richardson is working on a number of research projects, including one for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation which uses co-production methods to examine negotiation and conflict resolution approaches in Gypsy and Traveller site management and delivery. The research will be completed later in 2016. Jo is also undertaking two evaluation projects, one for a back to work scheme in the East Midlands, and the other for an asset based community development project in Leeds.



OTB - Research for the Built Environment Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment Delft University of Technology

Evert Meijers new board member Urban Studies Foundation



Evert Meijers was elected board member ('Trustee') of the Urban Studies Foundation (USF)

<u>USF's</u> main objective is to advance postgraduate education and research in the field of urban studies and to promote and support institutions engaged in these activities. The USF achieves this by funding a variety of projects, including PhD Studentships, post-doctoral research, international fellowships and seminar series competition.

Next to a number of administrative and legal duties in the general management and control of USF affairs, this board position also

demands to provide intellectual and creative leadership in assisting USF to achieve its objectives. This also includes seeking opportunities for promoting awareness of USF's activities and for enhancing its profile within the academic community. The appointment is for a fixed period of 4 years. Urban Studies is a discipline many members of the faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment are involved in, and this position enhances TU Delft's visibility in the field.

More information: Personal page Evert Meijers

H2020 grant for UrBAN-WASTE



The H2020 project UrBAN-WASTE involving Dominic Stead and Arie Romein from OTB has been given the go-ahead! Europe's cities are some of the world's most important tourist destinations. The socio-economic impact of tourism is huge but it also gives rise to some serious environmental problems, such as

high levels of resource use and waste production. For tourist cities, dealing with resource use and waste efficiently is crucial for maintaining their appeal.

The EU UrBAN-WASTE project focuses on minimising and managing waste in tourist cities as sustainably as possible. In this project, strategies for reducing, re-using and recycling different types of waste (e.g. water, energy, food, packaging) will be developed and trialled in pilot cities across Europe, including Copenhagen, Florence and Lisbon. In one part of the research project, a mobile app that rewards tourists for low-waste behaviour will be developed and tested.

The project involves a range of stakeholders and scientific experts in the areas of urban planning and waste management. Within the UrBAN-WASTE project, researchers from TU Delft will play a key role in developing the methodology for the research process.

More information: Dominic Stead

Geodesign Summit Europe returns to TU Delft



At Geodesign Summit Europe, hosted by the TU Delft, you'll learn how to solve today's complex problems using integrative design techniques that look at the whole picture. Collaborate with architects, planners, geographers, and landscape architects, and help advance the science of geodesign.

The summit will take place at the TU Delft on November 1-2, 2016. More information available soon at www.geodesignsummit.com/europe

JPI Urban Europe grant for OTB researcher Kleinhans



On the 16th of December 2015 the project Advanced decision support for Smart Governance (SmartGov) was accepted as part of the call 'ERA-NET COFUND Smart Cities and Communities' (ENSCC).

'Smart Cities' provide new ways of designing and managing public services, infrastructure, sustainable mobility, economic development and social inclusion. However, two-way communication between citizens and urban policymakers is lacking strongly. This is partly the result of underutilization of citizens' Social Media feeds and useful Open Data sets. The

SmartGov project aims to create new support tools that effectively incorporate Linked Open Data and Social Media into Fuzzy Cognitive Maps (FCMs). FCMs are a useful modelling and visualization tool for discussing policy scenarios between citizens and governments. The developed tools will be tested and implemented in four European cities.

OTB researcher Reinout Kleinhans collaborates with researchers from Austria, Spain and Cyprus. The consortium will contribute to smarter, cleaner and more vital urban regions. Het project is financed by the programme Smart Urban Regions of the Future (SURF).

More information: Profile Reinout Kleinhans

Summer school Sustainable Housing from a European Perspective

Housing is of key importance for societies. It drives the economy and is a key issue for sustainable urban and regional development in growing as well as declining areas. This course focuses on sustainable housing development and deals with environmental as well as economic and social sustainability.

Final year of bachelor students, Master Students and PhD Students with background knowledge and research interests on sustainable housing and the built environment are invited to join.

More information can be found in the forthcoming events section on page 22 or at www.bk.tudelft.nl/summerschools

Collaboration for highly energy-efficient renovation, a video-summary



COHERENO – a European project coordinated by TU Delft - has developed new collaborative business models for high-efficiency refurbishment of single-family owner-occupied houses to nearly zero-energy levels.

Check out the <u>video-summary and full video</u> of the final conference with contributions from TU-Delft colleagues Ad Straub and Erwin Mlecnik.

For more information check out www.cohereno.eu.



University of Birmingham Housing and Communities Research Group Birmingham, United Kingdom

http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/index.aspx

The Housing and Communities Research Group led by <u>Professor David Mullins</u>, is part of the <u>School of Social Policy</u> and Social Work at the University of Birmingham. It comprises a core team of six research staff including two Marie Curie fellows, seven honorary fellows and four PhD candidates.

http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/housing-communities/staff/index.aspx



Our current research agenda is focused around the rapidly changing social and affordable housing sector in England and Europe. Our ten current research projects include work on the future of social housing in England, collaborative and cooperative housing in Austria and England, institutional investment in affordable housing in New York, Amsterdam and London, social lettings agencies in the English Midlands, social mix in new

housing association development in London, 'self-help housing and empty homes in England and resident involvement in housing governance in Northern Ireland and in retirement housing. We place a high value on research partnerships and impact, and see our close relationships with practice partners as central to our broader research agenda. Current partners include Housing Europe, BSHF, Bromsgrove Community Housing Trust, ESRC, HC21, L&Q, Nationwide Foundation, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Self-Help Housing.Org, St Basils, Tudor Trust, Webb Memorial Trust, West Midlands Regional Housing Officers Group.

http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/housing-communities/research/index.aspx



Read more about 'self-help housing' and empty homes in WP2 and WP3.

Our Working Paper series includes three recent papers on community-led housing and an Evidence Review paper on Extra Care Housing. We also have a quarterly newsletter with updates and articles based on recent research.

http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/housing-communities/publications/index.aspx

On June 6, 2016 we are holding a **Conference on the Future of Social Housing** at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham, Key themes include: Combining social and commercial logics? 'Social Housing On the critical list?' Better Housing options for older people? Where next for social mix 'Private rented sector: The new social housing? 'Innovative community based alternatives'. Speakers include

Suzannne Fitzpatrick, Rose Gilroy, Rudy de Jong, Bob Jordan, Richard Ronald, Ben Pattison, Jeremy Porteus, Anita Blessing, James Gregory and Richard Lang.

http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/housing-communities/events/index.aspx

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http://housing.urv.cat/en/cover/

19th Covered Bonds Conference



22 AND 23 OCTOBER 2015 TARRAGONA, SPAIN



The 19th Central European Covered Bond Conference was held in Tarragona on 22nd and 23rd October 2015, organized by the Housing Chair (http://housing.urv.cat/en/cover/) of the University Rovira i Virgili and the College of Notaries and under the auspices of the prestigious Association of German Mortgage Banks (VdP). During those two days, more than 80 experts from around Europe shared opinions about mortgage regulations and covered bonds' financial and harmonisation aspects, with the aim to promote a technical knowledge transfer.

4th International Workshop on Housing: Spain - Poland - Israel

Between October 2015 and January 2016 Dr Katarzyna Królikowska, from the Constitutional Court of Poland, visited the Housing Chair (http://housing.urv.cat/en/cover/) of the University Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain). Her aim was to study the new Catalan housing intermediate tenures and consider their importation into her home country. Her stay partially coincided with Ms. Dorit Garfunkel's visit. Ms. Garfunkel is a PhD student at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Their simultaneous visit lead to the organization of the "4th International Workshop on Housing: Spain - Poland - Israel", during which these two experts, together with the Housing Chair team, compared different situations of housing in the three countries involved, covering access to housing and condominiums.

Dr Nasarre Aznar, invited to the Covered Bonds Conference by the European Commission



On February 1st, Dr Sergio Nasarre, Director of the Housing Chair (http://housing.urv.cat/en/cover/) of the University Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain) travelled to Brussels to participate on the Covered Bonds Conference, invited by the Directorate general for Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission. His

presentation focused on the harmonization of covered bonds in Europe.

New Individual Members

The past few months ENHR welcomed the following members:

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Igor Costarelli	University of Milano- Bicocca, Department of Sociology and Social Research	Italy	
Besnike Kocani	UN-Habitat	Kosovo	Spatial/urban planning, housing, civil society development.
Fani Kostourou	University College London, Bartlett School of Architecture	United Kingdom	Spatial analysis, space syntax, architecture, urban design, morphology
Ulrich Kraus	NRW.BANK, Department of Housing	Germany	Social housing, market data/monitoring, German housing market
Paul Landy	University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	
Risto Väntsi	University of Tampere	Finland	Rental housing; risk management in marketing
Eniko Vincze	Babes-Bolyai University	Romania	Housing exclusion and injustice, housing policies
Christoph Zangger	University of Bern, Sociology of Education	Switzerland	Neighborhood effects

OTHER NEWS

ENHR Membership fee 2016 (and 2017 & 2018)

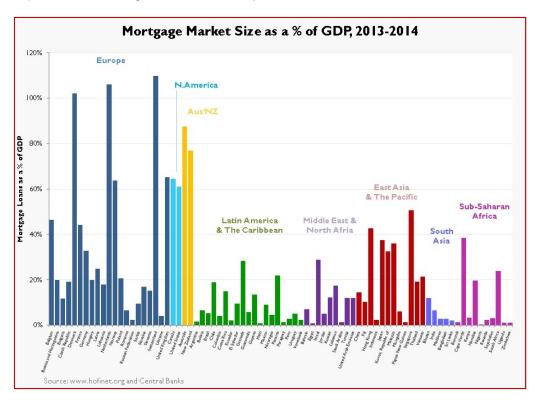


A few days ago we have sent all ENHR members a reminder with instructions on how to pay the fee for 2016 (and 2017 and 2018). Unfortunately we have not received all fee payments yet. We kindly ask you to pay your membership fee as soon as possible. Please contact the ENHR Office if you did not receive this e-mail.

Please note that in order to be nominated or to be able to nominate someone for the Coordination Committee elections and to be able to vote, your fee must be paid. See page 5 and 6 for further information on the elections.

HOFINET: Expanded data coverage

HOFINET now has data from more than 140 countries updated to 2014, with the latest overview graphs on global and regional housing finance information on the web for easy use and download. If you want to provide or improve data for your country, or write a page on a specific housing finance topic, please contact HOFINET. http://www.hofinet.org/countries/index.aspx



NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

LE DICTIONNAIRE D'INITIATION AU LOGEMENT SOCIAL

(Available in French only)

This is a professional book drafted based on surveys and numerous exchanges with HLM (social housing) organizations.

A finding on which everyone agrees is that the sector suffers of a plethora of laws and regulations producing complexity! A newcomer must know and understand them quickly.

The Dictionary of Social Housing was designed to meet this need of clarification. It defines the terms and abbreviations which are current or still frequently used in social housing.

Written in plain and accessible language, its objective is to facilitate understanding and in doing, enable better adaptation of the newcomer. It also aims to foster communication with associations, territorial authorities, administrations, etc., which are in contact with the HLM sector.

2016, 600 p., Les Éditions de l'Habitat, ISBN 979-10-94118-01-6 http://www.editionshabitat.com/produit/le-dictionnaire-dinitiation-aulogement-social/



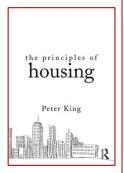
THE PRINCIPALS OF HOUSING

By Peter King

The Principles of Housing is an engaging and discursive introduction to the key topics within housing studies. Whereas many books get bogged down in country-specific policy or small innovations, this book argues that the fundamental concepts of what we call housing are relatively stable and unchangeable. By focusing on universal principles, the book provides an introduction to housing that can be used by students world-wide.

The book consists of a series of short chapters relating to the key issues of housing, such as borrowing, choice, finance, government, need, reform and welfare. Each chapter is designed to be a starting point for a wider conversation, with discussion questions and a number of think pieces and international case studies to help students connect these general principles to their own surroundings. Written by renowned housing expert Peter King, *The Principles of Housing* succeeds in being accessible and engaging without shying away from the complexities of housing issues. The book will be invaluable to students on housing-related courses across finance, real estate, planning, development, politics and sociology subjects. The book would also be useful to housing professionals and policy makers aiming to expand their understanding of housing issues.

2016, 190 p., Routledge, ISBN 9781138939424 https://www.routledge.com/products/9781138939424



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ENHR and other newly announced conferences are presented in this section. A complete list of conferences follows in the "Calendar" section.

46th Annual Conference Urban Affairs Association Social Justice in the Global City? Contested Views on Social Control, Borders, and Equity

16-19 March, San Diego, USA

The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) is an international professional association for urban scholars, researchers and public service professionals. Their annual conference brings together over 900 participants to discuss issues impacting urban people and places. UAA conference participants come from a wide range of disciplines and institutions in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. More information can be found at urbanaffairsassociation.org/conferences

Get a discount for the annual Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) offers ENHR members a discount on the fee of their annual conference which will take place from 16 - 19 March in San Diego, USA. If you register before January 22, the fee will be 430 USD. After that date it will be 470 USD.

If you already are registered for the conference then please send an e-mail to reg@uaamail.org to organise a refund for the difference.

New Housing Researchers Colloquium (ENHR Conference 2016) Governance, Territory and Housing 27 June 2016, Dublin, Ireland

The New Housing Researchers Colloquium will be held on Monday 27th June 2016 at Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), Bolton Street, Dublin 2, which is conveniently located in Dublin city centre.

As the main ENHR conference will take place in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the hosting of the NHR conference in Dublin will enable delegates to learn about the two housing jurisdictions on the island of Ireland and the relationship between them ('North-South' dimension).

The New Housing Researchers Colloquium provides an opportunity for postgraduate (PhD, Masters) students and early housing career delegates to benefit from a supportive environment to present full papers or work in progress and receive constructive feedback. Each delegate will be allocated their own mentor from a list of experts in international housing research.

Delegates will have 15 minutes to present their paper with 5 minutes for questions. A call for abstracts/papers and registration will be issued on the main conference website in early 2016.

It is anticipated that there will be three workshop sessions that can run concurrently as parallel sessions if necessary. Papers will be organised by themes and assigned to workshops based on the criteria established under each theme.

More information: http://www.enhr2016.com/new-housing-researchers-colloquium/

ENHR Conference 2016 Governance, Territory and Housing 28 June-1 July 2016, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Call for papers



Abstract submissions are welcome for consideration for The European Network for Housing Research Conference which will be held in Belfast on the

28th June – 1st July 2016. This meeting represents an excellent opportunity to present original research, unique reports as well as quality improvement projects.

For further information on how to submit your paper and to download template documents please click here .

Important Dates:

Deadline for Abstract Submission: March 15th 2016 Notification of Abstract Acceptance: April 6th 2016 Deadline to submit a full paper: June 3rd 2016

Don't forget to register!

To get an impression of relevant issues in Northern Ireland, please read this issue of the <u>magazine View</u>. Paddy Gray, organiser of the 2016 ENHR Conference, was the guest editor of this issue.

Summer school Delft University of Technology Sustainable Housing from a European Perspective 4-8 July 2016, Delft, Netherlands

Housing is of key importance for societies. It drives the economy and is a key issue for sustainable urban and regional development in growing as well as declining areas. This course focuses on sustainable housing development and deals with environmental as well as economic and social sustainability. How do housing markets work and how do governments intervene? How can the quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock be improved? The course will give insight in the European perspective on the development of a sustainable housing stock by presenting European and national goals, policies, regulations, assessment tools, process innovations and management approaches.

Eligibility: The applicants should have a background knowledge in the field of sustainable housing and the built environment. We welcome final year bachelor students, master students and all PhD students.

Application: Your application should include a convincing motivation letter, a short CV (2 pages maximum) and a summary of research interests (1 page maximum). Please submit your application by 31 March 2016 to dr. Queena Qian (email: K.Qian@tudelft.nl). You'll receive notification of acceptance by April 2016. There are 25 places available. Participants who join the whole course, will receive a certificate of participation.

Venue: Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft University of Technology, Delft, the Netherlands

More information:

- For further questions, please contact Dr. Queena Qian (K.Qian@tudelft.nl).
- More information, also on fee: www.bk.tudelft.nl/summerschools

ESPAnet Conference Housing and the Welfare State after the Global Financial Crisis 1-3 September, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Housing has played an important role in both the origins and the aftermath of the global financial crisis. The securitization and onward sale of mortgage and credit card debt – including unsustainable loans to 'sub-prime' borrowers - facilitated the growth of 'privatized Keynesianism' and helped fuel the upward spiral of consumer lending by banks. When boom turned to bust in 2007/08, thereby sparking of the global financial crisis, the fall-out for ordinary people - and especially for low-income households - has been far reaching. The growth in unemployment and under-employment, combined with cuts in the social safety-net due to fiscal retrenchment, have led to increased rent and mortgage arrears, evictions and homelessness across Europe and especially in the Mediterranean welfare regime which has been most affected by the Eurozone. Meanwhile, funding for social housing has been reduced and housing benefit rates have been cut in some countries. Alongside this retrenchment, homeownership has fallen, and private renting has increased, especially among young people, thereby highlighting the limits of 'asset-based welfare' strategies.

This stream will examine the new housing crisis with particular emphasis on its implications for the welfare state in the new era of fiscal austerity. Papers will address one or more of the following themes:

- Housing: the wobbly pillar in the welfare state?
- Homeownership and the limits of 'asset-based welfare'
- The new housing crisis
- Housing poverty and inequality
- Theorizing and researching housing welfare regimes

Abstracts will be invited for papers that seek to address one or more of these themes both theoretically and empirically. They may draw on research that employs qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods. Preference will be given to papers that are cross-national in perspective.

Full details about the conference can be found at http://espanetrotterdam2016.eu/home

CALENDAR

Information about interesting events can be sent to ENHR@tudelft.nl

CALENDAR 2016

26 February, Coimbra, Portugal

2nd Annual Housing Law Symposium organised by ENHR WG Housing Law

Human Rights, Housing and Dispute Resolution

Contact: Julian Sidoli del Ceno or Michel Vols

www.enhr.net/housinglaw.php

17-18 March, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Seminar organized by ENHR WG Private Rented Markets

Security and Stability in the Private Rented Sector

Contact: <u>Bob Jordan</u> <u>www.enhr.net/private.php</u>

16-19 March, San Diego, USA

46th Annual Conference Urban Affairs Association

Social Justice in the Global City? Contested Views on Social Control, Borders, and Equity

urbanaffairsassociation.org/conferences/

30 March - 2 April, Freiburg, Germany

Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society

EPCS 2016

www.eucken.de/veranstaltungen/epcs-2016.html

1-2 April, Athens, Greece

Spring meeting ENHR Coordination Committee

6-8 April, York, Heslington United Kingdom

HSA Conference 2016

Housing at the extremes: austerity, prosperity and systems change

housing-studies-association.org/event/hsa-conference-2016-housing-at-the-extremes-austerity-prosperity-and-systems-change/

7-8 April, Aberystwyth, Wales, UK

Workshop ENHR Working Group Housing Economics

Housing Economics

www.enhr.net/housingecon.php

11-12 April, Venice, Italy

ICHUE 2016: 18th International Conference on Housing and Urban

Environments

www.waset.org/conference/2016/04/venice/ICHUE

12-15 April, Montreal, Canada

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association

National Congress on Housing and Homelessness

chra-achru.ca/en/index.php/congress/home

25-26 May, Amsterdam, Netherland

Conference: Housing Wealth and Welfare

Deadline abstract submission = 20 February 2016 (EXTENDED DEADLINE!)

www.aissr.uva.nl/housing-wealth-welfare

6 June, Birmingham, UK

Conference on The Future of Social Housing

www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/housing-

communities/events/index.aspx

8-11 June, Regensburg, Germany

ERES Conference 2016

http://s521390598.online.de/conference/eres2016/

9-11 June, Brussels, Belgium

FEANTSA Policy Conference 2016 & Housing First in Europe Preconference

Winning the fight against homelessness

Full programme and registration coming end of February 2016

www.feantsa.org

www.housingfirstbelgium.be

27 June, Dublin, Ireland ENHR Conference 2016

New Housing Researchers Colloquium

www.enhr2016.com/new-housing-researchers-colloquium/

28 June - 1 July, Belfast, Northern Ireland

ENHR Conference 2016

Governance, Territory and Housing

Deadline abstract submission = 1 March 2016

www.enhr2016.com

29 June - 1 July, Krakow, Poland

European Sociological Association Research Network 37 - Urban Sociology - Midterm

Conference

Moving Cities: Contested Views on Urban Life

Click here for the call for papers

esarn37.hypotheses.org/

13-15 juli, Bengaluru, India

2016 Asian Real Estate Society's (AsRES) Conference

Deadline abstract submission = 29 February

For more information click here

1-3 September, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Housing and the Welfare State after the Global Financial Crisis

ESPAnet conference

Deadline abstract submission = 18 March

espanetrotterdam2016.eu/

23 September, Manchester, UK

3rd Oikonet Conference

Global Dwelling: Sustainability - Design - Participation

www.uclan.ac.uk/conference_events/global-dwelling-conference.php

23 September, Copenhagen, Denmark

11th Annual Research Conference

Homelessness and Social Work in Europe

Deadline abstract submission = 28 March

www.feantsaresearch.org/IMG/pdf/callforpapers copenhagen thirddraft.pdf

14-16 October, Glasgow, Scotland IUT Annual Conference & 90th anniversary Regulating rents, why and how www.iut.nu/conferences.htm

17-20 October, Quito, Ecuador United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development Habitat III www.habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/about

10-11 November, Rotterdam, The Netherlands **IFHP Summit 2016** www.ifhp.org/event/ifhp-summit-2016

CALENDAR 2017

19-22 April, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA **47th Urban Association Conference** urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference-2/conference2017/

28 June - 1 July, Delft, The Netherlands ERES Conference 2017 eres.org/index.php/annual-congress

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