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*Cover photo by Risto Väntsi: senior homes in Northern Ireland (Derry), host area of ENHR's annual conference in 2016.*

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## EDITORIAL

### **Affordable Housing for All! Redefining the roles of Public and Private Sectors**

**Tirana, 4-6 September, 2017**

This September Tirana (Tiranë) will host up to 350 participants from all over Europe and beyond in one of the biggest events on housing – the European Network for Housing Research Conference. During these three days 23 workshops will take place, 7 plenary sessions with a wide range of topics and 6 field trips in the most critical residential areas from housing, urban planning and sociological points of view. Undoubtedly, these in combination with new research outcomes will give rise to fascinating discussions among participants.

Why Tirana for the 2017 ENHR Conference? Tirana is a city in constant transformation since 1990. Even after two Censuses that took place after the collapse of the centralized regime, we still are not sure about the number of people living in Tirana. This is due to the social dynamics that on the one hand tend to flow towards Tirana from other regions and those that tend to leave the city and the country. Unclear de-facto boundaries of the city until 2015, when the territorial and administrative reform in the country reduced the number of local administrations from 370 to 63, made counting more difficult. However, according to the Municipality of Tirana's website the population of the city on the 1st of January of 2015 amounted to approximately 800,000 inhabitants, which encompass almost 30% of the country's population.

Rapid urbanization, which in the last decade of the last century reached a rhythm of as high as 6% yearly, accelerated the metamorphosis of the city. Due to such rapid urbanization rates the country's urban population exceeded the rural population by 2011. This change has challenged the sustainability of the Albanian cities' development in all its facets, including its territory, economy, environment, housing and people. The country has undertaken significant reforms to formalize the economy and encourage business activities. The GDP growth rate has recovered in 2016 reaching 3.2%. However, poor property/ownership systems, high poverty and corruption do not attract significant domestic and foreign investments and the benefits of development are not felt by lower-income groups of the society.

In early March of 2017 the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, Ms. Leilani Fahra noted that housing has lost its "social function", it has become, for investors, "a means of accumulating wealth"<sup>1</sup> rather than a place to live in dignity, to raise a family and thrive within a community. She indicated that the connection between real estate wealth and the political elite is the most alarming practice that is leaving the vulnerable powerless to influence decisions or to claim their rights<sup>2</sup>.

Adequate housing in Tirana is not affordable for vulnerable and low-income families. These families cannot afford housing under private market conditions and according to the legislation they are eligible for state assistance, mainly through social housing. The questions that often arise are: Can a low GDP country (although by international organizations Albania now is classified as middle income) afford social welfare policies, including housing? Can social housing be an affordable housing solution for low-income families? And for the general public? What policies should be applied to extend the benefits of



globalization in the less-developed countries and for the less-advantaged groups of society? Should we rely only on the economic development and wait until everyone in the society can afford to house him/herself with an adequate standard without the help of the state? These questions are the quintessence of the main theme of the conference: Affordable Housing for All! Redefining the roles of Public and Private Sectors.

The conference will provide a perfect platform to open a local and European debate about practical values that go beyond the academic and scientific goals over what is happening today in global politics and how these policies are affecting private sector development, people's lives and environment, from the perspective of housing policy. Through the plenary session dedicated to the Albanian case, workshops and field trips the organizers of this conference – Polis University and the Municipality of Tirana – will share the phases of Tirana's housing and urban transformation: from privatization of state-owned houses to informal housing; from social housing projects to private sector housing development; from the "new" model of residential developments in the periphery to the inner city 'urban acupuncture' interventions by the Mayor. In short, you will be led through the major challenges of housing and urban development of our cities today with a view towards the future.

We will welcome you in Tirana in one of the most beautiful and romantic seasons, at a moment when the heat of summer's sun nicely leaves the place to a friendly beginning of autumn. If you take more time, you will have the chance to visit the beauties of the Albanian nature, its landscape from the mountains to the sea and its ancient history. Last, but not least, be on a diet before arriving in Tirana, in order to be able to exaggerate tasting the Albanian cuisine, which is a mixture of Mediterranean food and products. Visit the conference website: [www.enhr2017.com](http://www.enhr2017.com). There you will find the program, conditions for participation as well as information on plenary sessions, workshops and field-trips.

Doris Andoni,  
Chair of the Local Organizing Committee

<sup>1</sup> Human Rights Council; Thirty-fourth session 27 February-24 March 2017; Report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context; Pg. 3.

<sup>2</sup> OHCHR, 2 March, 2017; Statement of the Press Conference by the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Leilani Farha. See more at: [www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21265&LangID=E#sthash.WsAg4pw6.dpuf](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21265&LangID=E#sthash.WsAg4pw6.dpuf)



## ENHR 2017 TIRANA CONFERENCE



### When

September 4-6, 2017

See provisional: <http://www.enhr2017.com/provisional-programme.html>

**TIRANA  
ENHR  
2017**  
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FOR HOUSING RESEARCH

### Venue



The conference will be held at POLIS University (U-POLIS), a small but growing university. It is young – it celebrated its 10th anniversary last year, but older in its activities, as it was once an NGO and one of the pioneers dealing with planning, housing and informal settlements in Albania – Co-Plan. Its building is located 5 kilometers northwest of Tirana's city center. The venue is reachable by public transport lines. The municipality of Tirana will provide dedicated busses that will make regular trips between the conference venue and the city center.



### Conference Theme: Affordable housing for all! Redefining the roles of public and private sector

The conference theme addresses one of the most pressing issues of policymakers and practitioners: How can research help policy makers to address the challenges of housing affordability? How can it help to understand the effects of the paradigm shifts in housing policy? What are the new trends in policy making and what are the consequences of globalization on housing and urban planning? Who are the main players and their problems today in providing affordable housing? How is the private housing market responding to efficiency and equity goals? Is there a place for innovation in affordable housing policies? Can housing be simultaneously a human right and a commodity? Can housing improve the health and wealth of people? Is social housing still an affordable solution for low-income families, for governments and societies? These are only a few questions that the conference will address in its plenary sessions and workshops.

### Plenary Sessions

Eight Plenary Sessions, including the opening session with the participation of, among others, the Mayor of Tirana, Mr. Veliaj, and the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing Ms. Leilani Farha. Last March Ms. Farha presented a report to the UN Human Rights Council, in which she explores the financialization of housing and its detrimental impact on human rights, in particular the right to housing. We expect that her statement: "Hous-



ing is a RIGHT, not a commodity” will trigger e.g. discussions during the plenary sessions that address the right to housing, housing affordability, the roles of the main players today and global political dilemmas.

A special plenary session and workshop is dedicated to the case of Albania. You will get to know the history of housing and housing policy in Albania, the dramatic changes by uncontrolled urbanization and policies to address them, including the administrative and territorial reforms of the Rama government as well as the interventions of “acupuncture” style, as the mayor prefers to consider the urban regeneration projects that he is implementing in Tirana since 2015.

The detailed plan for the plenary sessions

<b>Opening Session:</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Peter Boelhouwer</b> – Professor of Housing Systems; Department OTB - Research for the Built Environment <b>Prof. Dr. Besnik Aliaj</b> – Rector of POLIS University; Professor of City planning <b>Mr. Erjon Veliaj</b> – Mayor of Tirana <b>Ms. Leilani Farha</b> – Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living
<b>Plenary session 1:</b> The Albanian context of housing and urban development – history, present and future	<b>Doc. Doris Andoni</b> – Independent expert on housing; lecturer on housing policy at POLIS University <b>Doc. Dritan Shutina</b> – Executive Director of Co-Plan; urban governance expert <b>Mr. Z. Arbjan Mazniku</b> – Deputy Mayor (or <b>Joni Baboci</b> – Director of Planning Department), municipality of Tirana
<b>Plenary session 2:</b> Housing and urban development in the turmoil of global political dilemmas	<b>Prof. Dr. Erik Swyngedouw</b> – Professor of Geography; School of Education, Environment and Development at Manchester University
<b>Plenary session 3:</b> Housing as a human right vs. housing as a commodity – redefining the roles of public and private sectors	<b>Prof. Dr. Peter King</b> – Reader in Social Thought at the Centre for Comparative Housing Research; De Montfort University, Leicester <b>Prof. Dr. Stefan Kofner, MCIH</b> – Faculty of Economics and Industrial Engineering; University of Applied Sciences Zittau/Görlitz; Germany
<b>Plenary session 4:</b> Social housing as affordable housing scheme	<b>Housing Europe (to be elected in June)</b> – President <b>Prof. Dr. Kosta Mathéy</b> – founder and director of GLOBUS, the Global Urban Studies Research Institute at the International Academy in Berlin <b>Dr. Javier Buron</b> – Housing Manager of Barcelona
<b>Plenary session 5:</b> The right to housing	<b>Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre-Aznar</b> – Civil Law Full Professor; Director of the UNESCO Chair of Housing; ICREA Academia Fellow; University Rovira i Virgili <b>Ms. Alice Pitini</b> – Housing Europe Observatory
<b>Plenary session 6:</b> The meaning and measurement of housing affordability across Europe	<b>Prof. Mark Stephens</b> – Institute for Social Policy, Housing, Environment and Real Estate (I-SPHERE); School of the Built Environment; Heriot-Watt University <b>Prof. dr. ir. Marja Elsinga</b> – OTB Research for the Built Environment, Faculty of Architecture & the Built Environment, TU Delft <b>Mr. Samir Kulenovic</b> – Council of Europe Development Bank
<b>Plenary session 7:</b> Health, Wealth and Housing	<b>Dr. Rich Mitchell</b> – Programme Leader Neighbourhoods and Communities <b>Dr. Emma Baker</b> – University of Adelaide, Australia; co-convener ENHR Working Group Residential Context of Health <b>Dr. Nathalie Laure Roebbel</b> – World Health Organization
<b>Plenary session 8:</b> Social housing and the refugee crisis	<b>Prof. Dr. Ingrid Breckner</b> – Hafen City, University Hamburg <b>Dr. Silvia Mugnano</b> – Assistant Professor in Urban Sociology, University of Milan Bicocca

A special guest will honor the conference on the occasion of his book “Cities for People” (2010) translated in Albanian: the world renowned Danish architect Jan Gehl, an expert in all things related to urban design and public spaces, will share his ideas on the importance of design in the quality of life of people.

### Call for Papers

A variety of subjects are accepted, based on the main subjects of some 20 workshops and on the fact that housing is one of those areas that intersects with a myriad of themes, such as:

social housing	economy	econometrics
financing	environment	energy efficiency
architecture	sustainability	affordability
cultural adequacy	health	wealth
welfare	commodities	social integration
cohousing	family dynamics	rental markets
metropolitan dynamics	urban planning	governance
institutions	collaborative housing	human rights
empty homes	housing rights	homelessness
legislation	developing countries	ageing

### Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission **closed** on 20 May 2017

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: June 2017

Extended deadline for paper submission: 31 July 2017

Extended deadline to submit final paper for Bengt Turner Award: 31 July 2017

### Registration for the ENHR2017 Conference

ENHR members	€ 290
Non members	€ 350
Accompanying person	€ 170
PhD students (see conditions here: <a href="http://www.enhr2017.com/registration.html">www.enhr2017.com/registration.html</a> )	€ 170
Participants from Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina	€ 170

The conference fee covers:

Access to the conference plenary and workshop sessions	✓
Lunches and lunch packet (during the field trip)	✓
Reception dinner	✓
Conference Dinner	✓

Registration closes once 350 participants are registered.

You can register at: [www.enhr2017.com/registration.html](http://www.enhr2017.com/registration.html)

### Study tours

U-POLIS, Co-Plan (The Institute for Habitat Development) and the municipality of Tirana have prepared several site visits, covering different areas and topics – between problems and solutions, from top-down to bottom-up approaches, from urban sprawl to high density development, from periphery to inner city. For example, in Bathore and Kamez you will see the biggest informal areas of the country. For those who visited these areas in 2003 it may be a surprise to see the extension of the informal settlements. You will have the opportunity to discuss the effects of legalizations policy.

The site visit to social housing projects will offer you an opportunity to see the first project of this kind implemented in Albania and to discuss the pros and cons as well as the challenges of the project during each phase of the project cycle. You will also be invited to explore and discuss two different models of development: social housing and squatter housing in the former industrial areas adjacent to the project site.

You will also visit a former industrial 'satellite' neighborhood of Tirana city built in the 1950s and its transformation by the people... and much more...

Information of the study tours: [www.enhr2017.com/tirana-field-trip.html](http://www.enhr2017.com/tirana-field-trip.html)



### Accommodation

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Those who prefer to stay close to the venue: "Te Stela resort", a new resort.

Those who prefer to stay close to the bus stop that brings you to Polis University have different possibilities:

- Hotel Tirana International [www.tiranainternational.com/portal/index.php/en/](http://www.tiranainternational.com/portal/index.php/en/) close to the main bus stops (behind the Historical museum)
- Hotel Eler [www.elerhotel.al/](http://www.elerhotel.al/) - close to bus stop 2 (Rruga e Durrësit)

Other recommended hotels:

- Hotel Rogner Europa Park [www.hotel-europapark.com/](http://www.hotel-europapark.com/)
- Hotel Sheraton [www.sheratontiranahotel.com/](http://www.sheratontiranahotel.com/)
- Hotel Plaza (the newest in the city) [www.plazatirana.com/](http://www.plazatirana.com/)
- Hotel Diplomati [www.diplomahoteltirana.com/](http://www.diplomahoteltirana.com/)
- Hotel Mondial [www.hotelmundial.al/](http://www.hotelmundial.al/)
- Hotel Vila Alba [www.vila-alba.com/](http://www.vila-alba.com/)
- Hotel Boutique Kotoni [www.hotelkotoni.com/](http://www.hotelkotoni.com/)
- Sky Hotel Tirana [www.skyhotel-al.com/](http://www.skyhotel-al.com/) (in the very hart and the most lively place of Tirana, full of bars and restaurants)
- Hotel Grant & Spa Tirana [www.grandhoteltirana.com/Web](http://www.grandhoteltirana.com/Web)
- Hotel Xheko Imperial [www.xheko-imperial.com/index.php/en/](http://www.xheko-imperial.com/index.php/en/)

More information on hotels and B&B will soon be available at the conference website.

### Visiting Albania

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Attending a conference is not only a professional benefit for researchers and practitioners but also getting to know different people and their traditions and history. Albania has a great history which is demonstrated with prehistoric, Greek, Roman and Byzantine, Ottoman Empire monuments and artefacts, Italian fascists' architecture, communist centralized regime architecture and buildings from our democratic era.

Mosques, Orthodox and Catholic Churches, Teqe of Bektashi Order – together they form an impressive panorama.

You can visit high mountains and the sea in one day. You can also visit virgin nature and small villages that are left untouched, inhabited mostly by elderly, as the youngsters have migrated.

You may visit the UNESCO cities of Berat and Gjirokastra and the archeological sites of Apollonia and Buthrotum.

### **Food and drink**

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Tirana was ranked recently the second city in the world for having the most bars and coffee shops per 10,000 inhabitants. In the numerous restaurants of Tirana the food is excellent whether you visit a small restaurant or a big and luxurious one. A mix of Albanian traditional cooking with Turkish, Greek and Italian, using fresh and tasty ingredients that our land produces, has created a new cooking tradition.

## BENGT TURNER AWARD 2017

### Call for papers



#### Aim of the Bengt Turner Award

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 2017 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 excluded from this limit.

#### Authors should

- submit one paper only
- indicate that the paper has been written by him/her alone and that an eventual publication of the winning paper will be only with the one author
- be less than 41 years old, OR be registered as a PhD student OR have received a PhD in the preceding three years
- be based in an European country, or have carried out research in Europe
- be registered for the annual ENHR Conference.

#### Time-table of the BTA process

- Paper submission via conference website: [www.enhr2017.com](http://www.enhr2017.com)
- **The final deadline will be 31 July 2017, midnight CET.**
- 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.

# HIGHLIGHTS COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Milan, Italy, March 17 & 18, 2017

## *ENHR Conferences*

- 2017 Conference Tirana, Albania: Doris Andoni updated the CC members on the progress of organisation of the 2017 conference. The plenary program will soon be finalized.
- 2018 Conference Uppsala, Sweden: Terry Hartig informed the CC members on the progress of the organisation of the 2018 conference. Registration should open in January 2018.
- The Coordination Committee is proud to announce two future conference locations : Athens (Greece) in 2019 and Nicosia (Cyprus) in 2020. Thomas Maloutas from Harokopio University presented the Greek bid and Nadia Charalambous from the University of Cyprus the Cyprus bid. Thomas Maloutas will join the CC as an ad hoc member as of now. Nadia will become an ad hoc member after the 2018 Uppsala conference.

## *Finance*

In 2016 ENHR recorded a surplus of almost 9.000 euro. This surplus will be invested in the design and construction of a conference website (see next item).

## *Conference website*

The Coordination Committee decided to have a standard conference website platform built which can be reused every year by the Local Organizing Committees (LOCs). The benefit of such a standard platform would be that LOCs do not need to reinvent the wheel every year, the provision of information is done the same way each year and every year participants and WG coordinators will get to know the website/system better facilitating its use. The next step in the process involves the CC developing a list of specifications.

## *Survey proposals*

- CC members are to meet 'new' ENHR members during a coffee break at the Tirana 2017 Conference to sound out at first hand their conference experience.
- The second ENHR Member Survey will be launched in the fall of 2017.

## *Update statistics website use*

- 4,000, increasingly younger, visitors checked the ENHR website over the past 6 months.
- Visitors came from 104 countries; most from the UK, followed by the Netherlands, USA and Turkey.

## *Consequences Brexit*

As a result of Brexit and several other occurrences (Hungary, Turkey), the CC decided to publish a stronger mission and vision of ENHR on the homepage to express more clearly ENHR's role in a changing Europe.

## *ENHR 30th anniversary (2018)*

In 2018 ENHR will celebrate its 30th birthday. CC members are asked to think about this and bring in ideas.

## *Next CC meetings*

3 September 2017: Tirana, Albania: closed meeting for the Bengt Turner Award (CC members only), followed by CC meeting with WG coordinators  
Fall meeting 2017: 17 & 18 November, Uppsala, Sweden

## 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](http://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

#### COLLABORATIVE HOUSING

*Claire Carriou, Darinka Czischke and Richard Lang (coordinators)*

##### **Review of the WG Collaborative Housing session at the "Urban contradictions" conference, Paris, 28-30 March 2016**

On March 28th 2017, the "Laboratoire Ville Urbanisme Environment" LAVUE organised a one-day International Conference on Urban contradictions ([www.lavue.cnrs.fr/actions-scientifiques/article/contradictions-urbaines-1](http://www.lavue.cnrs.fr/actions-scientifiques/article/contradictions-urbaines-1)). The event gathered researchers from different fields of study to explore some of the contradictions running through modern cities and metropolitan areas. While the increasing urbanization of the city is getting more and more out of control from the states, its regulation seems to be ever more negotiated between financial conglomerates, metropolitan collectivities and grassroots movements. These diverse dynamics lead to the emergence of "urban contradictions" between global and local, exclusion and inclusion, homogeneity and social, economic, and cultural diversity. Along these lines, the conference focused on the issues of citizens' and users' counter-power in the co-production of public spaces, on the impact "collaborative research" may have on the promotion of citizens' initiatives, and on the specific topic of collaborative housing and social inclusion.

Focused on this latter aspect, the seminar "Collaborative Housing and Social Inclusion: Unpacking Contradictions?" has been organised, as part of the Conference, by the ENHR Working Group on Collaborative Housing ([www.enhr.net/collaborative.php](http://www.enhr.net/collaborative.php)) and the "Centre de recherche sur l'habitat" CRH. More than 30 researchers on this subject came from all over Europe to attend this session and the one organized the day after and take part to the fieldtrips organised in Paris and in the suburb to visit collaborative housing experiments. The seminar explored two main issues.

First of all, it was stated that the first wave of the French new experiments has been mostly led by very homogeneous groups with convergent social profiles despite of their narrative discourse on social inclusion. From this starting point, the seminar aimed to explore whether, to what extent, and through which means these contradictions could be reconciled and collaborative housing groups effectively promote social inclusion and economic diversity. Darinka Czischke (University of Delft) presented a framework to better resolve these contradictions. Anja Szypulski (University of Dortmund) and Micha Fedrowitz (Wohnbund) discussed these points based on German experiences.

Linked to this, a second proposed line of investigation concerned the role public authorities play in the promotion and funding of collaborative housing project. More and more French local institutions are now committed in "habitat participatif", allocating groups new



subsidies and facilities to achieve their projects. Although in top-down collaborative housing experiments social inclusion and economic diversity may be more easily achieved through a public-led process of residents' selection, this might change (possibly negatively) the way residents participate and are engaged in the collective project. Claire Carriou (University Paris Nanterre) presented some of these consequences whereas Anne Labit (University of Orleans), Sabrina Bresson (National School of architecture Paris Val de Seine) discussed on the types of arrangements that could be put in place to remedy these possible downsides.

These discussions were pursued in a roundtable with practitioners and grassroots movements. This Paris seminar showed a broadening interest in this topic in France and all over Europe: if still a niche, it tends to sprawl out of its initial sphere to reach also public authorities, private developers or social housing enterprises as a way to possibly enlarge their offer, ensure the commercialisation process or facilitate the management of the future building or neighbourhood. Academics should definitely continue to study this topic!



Top left: Meeting with inhabitants in the Collaborative Housing “Buisson Saint Louis” in Paris on 30 March 2017. Top right: Jardin divers Montreuil mars. Bottom: Visit of the Collaborative Housing “Le Grand Portail” in Nanterre on 29 March 2017.

## MEMBERS

### New Institutional Members

amsterdamse  
federatie van  
woningcorporaties

**Amsterdam Federation  
of Housing Associations**

The Amsterdam Federation of Housing Associations (AFWC) is the umbrella organization for 9 housing associations jointly owning roughly 180,000 dwellings (42% of the total housing stock as of January 1st 2016) in Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands. The Federation celebrates its 100 year anniversary in 2017. The dwellings of the Amsterdam housing associations are widely spread throughout the city. Accessibility of houses in all neighbourhoods of the city for all income groups has always been an important policy goal. In that way Amsterdam can be described as an 'undivided city'.

The Federation offers a meeting place and common centre for activities to all social housing associations not only in the city, but also in the Amsterdam region. We arrange networks, lobby and represent on behalf of our members, and produce and share knowledge. The staff consists of 15 people, jointly working in an office in Amsterdam Nieuw-West.

AFWC, the city of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Tenants Association jointly signed a performance/cooperation agreement 2015-2019. Some mutual goals are: aiming for a dynamic equilibrium of social dwellings after 2019 (i.e. new construction = sales + demolition + liberalization), 75% of lettings of social housing with a rent below € 587 for 1 and 2 person households and € 629 for larger households (2016 prices) and a least 800 new social rental dwellings per year and at least 400 student dwellings per year (a total 1,200). In February 2017 the associations announced they want to increase this to 2,400 per year.

Further information: [www.afwc.nl](http://www.afwc.nl) (Dutch)



**Umeå University**

**Umeå School of Business  
and Economics**

Umeå School of Business and Economics (USBE) is a campus school and offers high quality research, education and cooperation with the surrounding community. The activities consist of research and teaching in Business Administration, Economics and Statistics. Our vision is to be a university-based business school firmly rooted in the region, nationally influential and internationally respected. USBE creates knowledge in interaction with stakeholders to develop responsible leaders with a sustainability orientation for a local and global society.

The School offers four professional degree programs, an undergraduate program in statistics, six master's programs, four graduate programs, and single subject courses. Umeå School of Business and Economics is an international environment with great opportunities. We welcome exchange students to our Campus!

Further information: [www.umu.se](http://www.umu.se)

## News from Institutional Members



**Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)**  
**Melbourne, Australia**

### About AHURI

AHURI has a public good mission to deliver high quality research that influences policy development to improve the housing and urban environments of all Australians. Through active engagement, our work informs the policies and practices of governments and the housing and urban development industries, and stimulates debate in the broader Australian community.

We undertake evidence-based policy development on a range of strategic issues that are relevant and of interest to our audiences, including housing and labour markets; urban growth and renewal; planning and infrastructure development; housing supply and affordability; homelessness; economic productivity; and social cohesion and well-being.

[Find out more here...](#)

### Recently released AHURI research reports

The dissemination of AHURI funded research is central to our mission of providing a high quality evidence-base for policy development and practice change. Recently released reports include:

- **Final Report: No. 275**  
**A new look at the channels from housing to employment decisions**  
[www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/275](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/275)
- **Final Report: No. 277**  
**Shared home ownership by people with disability**  
[www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/277](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/277)
- **Final Report: No. 279**  
**Inquiry into funding and delivery of programs to reduce homelessness**  
[www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/279](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/279)

See also the New books/Studies section for more recently released reports.

### Upcoming AHURI events

#### **Affordability and liveability in our cities**

Almost two thirds of Australians live in our capital cities and that percentage is projected to grow considerably over the next 40 years. Affordability continues to be a significant issue at all stages of the housing continuum, from those living in social housing, through to private renters, and home owners. Outside the capitals, there are new and growing cities in all states and territories that are also facing affordability and liveability challenges associated with that growth. Our next AHURI conference, to be held in Melbourne – Australia's fastest growing city – on Thu 29 June, will focus on the importance of affordable housing to developing and sustaining productive and liveable cities.

Registrations are now open at: <http://www.ahuri.edu.au/events/affordability-and-liveability-in-our-cities>

#### **National Housing Conference 2017**

The biennial National Housing Conference is the single largest cross-sectoral event in Australasia for the social and affordable housing sectors. AHURI will convene the tenth National Housing Conference 2017 in Sydney, in partnership with the NSW Department of Family and Community Services on 29 Nov – 1 Dec 2017 at the International Convention Centre. Registrations are now open at [www.nhc.edu.au](http://www.nhc.edu.au).

**How can you keep informed?**

[Sign up](#) to be kept informed about new AHURI research, reports, events and other activities. You can also connect with us through [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



**Griffith University,  
Nathan, Australia**

**SBEnc Social Housing Research Update**

The key aim of our Sustainable Built Environment National Research Centre (SBEnc) **social housing research projects** has to build an evidence base to support investment across both housing and non-housing outcomes which addresses the return on investment from a broader economic, social and individual perspective. Our SBEnc partners in this research are the Western Australian Department of Housing, the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation, Griffith University, Curtin University with the National Affordable Housing Consortium and Key-start Homeloans as project partners.

Our **Valuing Social Housing** project was finalised in April 2017 and has delivered a strategic evaluation framework outlining a methodology for building the evidence base for justifying further investment in social housing. This includes Domain Tables across nine domains, including 53 outcomes and over 180 indicators. These tables provide details of the academic and industry literature in support of the links between housing and non-housing outcomes; return on investment information across SROI, WVA and narratives; and details of over 40 relevant Australian datasets. A Composite Return on Investment (CROI) methodology for addressing the broad based potential for ROI when building the case for investment has also been developed. Project reports and a 7 minute YouTube video are available at: <http://www.sbenrc.com.au/research-programs/1-41-valuing-social-housing/>

Our **Procuring Social and Affordable Housing** project commenced in April 2017 and will run through til September 2018. Through partnering with government agencies, not-for-profit providers and residential builders and contractors, this research aims to address key challenges and identify procurement-based best practices. Key steps in this project include: a review of literature to address issues associated with changing housing typologies and demographics in Australia; a summary of Australian procurement approaches by jurisdiction along with a summary of relevant international procurement approaches; and a 360 degree survey of social and affordable housing stakeholders (including heads of government delivery agencies, developers, architects, planners, financiers and service providers). All this will inform the development of a set of criteria for analysis of social value procurement approaches recommendations. Progress reports will be posted at: <http://www.sbenrc.com.au/research-programs/1-54-procuring-social-and-affordable-housing-improving-access-and-delivery/>

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## Housing Chair Universitat Rovira i Virgili Tarragona, Spain

### **UNESCO acknowledged Chair of Housing at URV**

UNESCO has acknowledged the Housing Chair at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili as a UNESCO Chair on the right to housing ('UNESCO Chair of Housing URV'). The official presentation took place on 16th February 2017, with special participation of Prof. Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, former General Director of UNESCO. Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre Aznar is in charge of this chair.



The research team of the Housing Chair URV.

### **Prof. Nasarre member of COST action 'From Sharing to Caring'**

Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre was appointed by the Spanish government as member of the COST action 'From Sharing to Caring'. Basically the goal of the COST is: "...to develop a European network of actors (including scholars, practitioners, communities and policy makers) focusing on the development of collaborative economy models and platforms and on social and technological implications of the collaborative economy through a practice-focused approach". Prof. Nasarre will develop his research on collaborative economy in relation to the access to housing.

See also: [www.cost.eu/COST\\_Actions/ca/CA16121](http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA16121)

### **New and forthcoming books**

'Shared Ownership and Temporary Ownership. Legal and economic aspects', edited by prof. Nasarre is dedicated to analyzing the two new ways to access housing and other property that have recently been incorporated into the Civil Code of Catalonia by Law 19/2015: shared ownership and temporary ownership. (see [www.marcialpons.es/libros/la-propiedad-compartida-y-la-propiedad-temporal/9788491430520/](http://www.marcialpons.es/libros/la-propiedad-compartida-y-la-propiedad-temporal/9788491430520/) and New books/studies in this newsletter.

Dr. Héctor Simón Moreno has analyzed the regulation of the reverse mortgage in Spain and other Anglo-American legal systems, such as the English, Irish or American ones, where the reverse mortgage has a relevant role, thanks to the a grant awarded by the BBVA Foundation. Thanks to this grant he has explored how the current Spanish reverse mortgage regulation could be ameliorated to make it attractive to citizens and legal-economic operators, in particular the driven factors for their constitution, the potential risks for potential applicants and its potential role in the (self)sustainability of the welfare state of the elderly and dependent people in Spain. The publication is expected soon.

### **Local Projects**

- The UNESCO Housing Chair URV is advising Tarragona City Hall in a project about tackling homelessness in the city. One of the actions was the counting of people sleeping in rough. 200 volunteers took part in the action finding out that there were 49



people (40 men, 2 women and 7 people who could not be identified). Further actions will take place in 2017.

- The Catalan Government has accepted the proposal on tenancies by the UNESCO Housing Chair URV.
- Some of the suggestions are the regulation of open-ended leases, increased co-liability of the tenant in the maintenance of the dwelling and the establishment of a market-oriented rent reference.

### Successful International Conference on the Right on Housing

On 27 and 28 April, the UNESCO Chair on Housing URV, Housing Rights Watch (HRW) and FEANTSA organized the “International Conference on the Right on Housing: Ensuring the Effective exercise of the Right to Housing in the EU”. 150 delegates from 15 countries attended. During the two days, a total of 70 papers were presented addressing issues such as the right to housing, the legal framework of mortgaged property and tenancies and their link with evictions, and ultimately homelessness. See

<http://housing.urv.cat/en/ensuring-the-effective-exercise-of-the-right-to-housing-in-the-eu-access-to-adequate-and-affordable-housing-for-all-2/>



### The Institute for Urban Economics (IUE) Moscow, Russia

IUE is a nongovernment and non-profit organization established in Moscow in 1995. The IUE suggests new solutions on social and economic development of territories, participates in lawmaking process, makes independent evaluations, organizes public dialogue on the critical issues of the country's urban development.

2016 highlights of activities funded through the IUE Endowment In 2013, the IUE Endowment was established. It has been used to finance our research programs, as well as activities related to designing analytical, methodological and legal support components required for implementation of new mechanisms in the housing, utility, town planning and other areas. Key projects carried out in 2016, along with recommendations include, i.a.:

- Launching the Redevelopment of Dilapidated Residential Areas – testing the innovative approaches in pilot cities on how to prepare, develop and manage the projects for development in built-up areas based on economic and urban planning simulation techniques.
- Rental Housing: the New Urban Economy and Housing Policy – a typology of attractive rental markets and model projects was developed.
- Promoting a model for regional support of lending options for major overhaul in multi-unit residential buildings based on lending schemes.
- Assessing public accessibility to information on water and wastewater to the benefit of investors – public accessibility of the information was assessed for 25 regional capitals in Russian Federation.
- A consumer guide for housing and utility services – issues of concern to consumers are arranged in a 'question & answer' format.
- Conceptual approaches to transforming Homeowners' Associations institutional organization by restructuring membership formats: from membership-based association of a part of the owners to membership-free association of the owners (as corporate association or unincorporated association).
- Recommendations on increasing transparency in municipal governance.
- Preparing a set of assessment indicators for urban agglomerations development.

[www.urbanomics.ru/en/centr-obshchestvennyh-svyezey/news/institute-urban-economics-presents-its-2016-highlights-activities](http://www.urbanomics.ru/en/centr-obshchestvennyh-svyezey/news/institute-urban-economics-presents-its-2016-highlights-activities)



**OTB - Research for the Built Environment**  
**Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment**  
**Delft University of Technology**  
**Delft, The Netherlands**

**Summer School on Sustainable Housing from a European Perspective**

From June 26 until July 7 2017 TU Delft's Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment organizes its second Summer School on Sustainable Housing from a European Perspective. This course focuses on sustainable housing development and deals with environmental as well as economic and social sustainability. Application submittance has been pushed forward from 15 March to 31 May 2017. Send your application to Mrs. Martine de Jong-Lansbergen (M.M.M.deJong-Lansbergen@tudelft.nl), secretary congress of- fice. Due to the limited places available, the selection will be given priority to the appli- cants who make the earlier submission.

More information: [www.bk.tudelft.nl/summerschools](http://www.bk.tudelft.nl/summerschools)

## New Individual Members

The past few months ENHR welcomed the following individual members:

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Esma Aksoy	Middle East Technical University	Turkey	Housing affordability in Turkey
Myrto Dagkouli	Gran Sasso Science Institute	Italy	Urban studies
Kirsten David	Hafen City Universität	Germany	Architecture, construction economics, tenancy law (German right to increase rent)
Rosa Maria Regueiro Ferreira	Universidad de Santiago de Compostela	Spain	Sustainability economy
Yuanze Gao		United Kingdom	Affordable and social housing
Tristan Hennessy	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Australia	Establishing hybrid organisations
Thomas Maloutas	Department of Geography, Harokopio University	Greece	Urban social geography, urban sociology
Özgül Bursu Özdemir San	Middle East Technical University	Turkey	Urban planning
Massimo Perriccioli	University of Camerino	Italy	Building and environmental systems
Julie Rugg	University of York	United Kingdom	Private rented markets, housing subsidies, housing biography
Elise Schillebeeckx	KU Leuven	Belgium	Urban and rural sociology
Michael Spies	Hochschule Mainz, MA Architektur	Germany	Housing typology
Hyungjun Suh	University of Arizona	USA	Quantitative analysis, data management
Jana Verstraete	KU Leuven	Belgium	Housing exclusion, homelessness, discrimination
Emma Volkaert	KU Leuven	Belgium	Housing, ageing, suburbanisation, moving, urban sprawl
Ying Zheng	TU Delft	The Netherlands	Land development, urban planning
Dikla Yizhar	Technion, Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning	Israel	Architecture culture and housing, residential environments and urban policies, participation and housing, self-help housing

## OTHER NEWS

### Call for co-housing and intergenerational projects in Europe

Oona Goldsworthy from United Communities housing association was awarded a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust travelling fellowship for her research on 'Housing the Millennials - Affordable Housing for Generation Rent'. She wants to look at housing models that could work for young people (e.g. flexible tenures, part rent, co-housing, micro apartments or inter-generational housing). She has already organised one trip to the Startblok Riekerhaven project in Amsterdam, which is a co-housing project with students and refugees. If you know of any other interesting other co-housing or intergenerational projects in Europe that you think could be of interest, please get in touch with Gerald Koessl, Research Officer for the National Housing Federation.  
E: [Gerald.koessl@housing.org.uk](mailto:Gerald.koessl@housing.org.uk))

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust ([www.wcmt.org.uk](http://www.wcmt.org.uk)) is the UK's national memorial to Sir Winston, and each year the Trust awards Travelling Fellowship grants to UK citizens in a range of fields to enable Churchill Fellows to carry out research projects overseas. These projects are designed to exchange ideas and best practice, and build greater understanding between peoples and different cultures, in order that professions and communities in the UK can benefit from these shared experiences.

### PhD Studentships in Housing Studies at the University of Reading

Following the establishment of the new **ESRC/AHRC/Joseph Rowntree Foundation Housing Evidence Centre**, the University of Reading is offering four PhD studentships, each for three years in duration, in the area of housing studies. One full studentship will cover tuition fees and a stipend, with the other three studentships covering tuition fees only. In each case, fees are at Home/EU rates.

Applications are particularly welcomed in the areas of Architecture and the Built Environment, Housing economics, and Real Estate and Planning. One studentship is expected to be offered in each of these fields (and will be based in the relevant University School), but the full studentship will be awarded to an innovative interdisciplinary proposal, which attempts to integrate aspects of at least two of the three areas.

The new Centre is directed from the University of Glasgow and Reading is one of nine academic partners involved in this exciting initiative. The Centre known as the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE) begins its work on 1st August 2017. We invite applications now for the three fees-only studentships starting in October 2017. The full studentship will begin in September 2018 and will be formally advertised in approximately April 2018, but we are accepting informal enquiries for this now. Studentship holders will be expected to be involved in the work of the Centre as a whole and with PhD students in the other partner institutions.

Reading-based work on housing economics for the Centre is led by Professor Geoff Meen and will concentrate primarily on distributional aspects, notably spatial and inter-generational differences in housing behaviour and outcomes. This is designed to link with our research programmes in housing affordability and long-run urban inequalities. This includes work in urban economic history. Proposals in the area of housing risk and debt will also be considered.

The Architecture and Built Environment strand is led by Professor Flora Samuel who also is the Humanities champion in the consortium. Her focus is on less tangible forms of evaluation such as wellbeing, social value and cultural value and the contribution of design to these areas. She is particularly concerned with supporting the development of research across professional practices in the built environment and fostering academic exchange with industry.

The Real Estate and Planning element is led by Professor David Clapham and is focused around issues impacting on the well-being of housing consumers. Issues such as the impact of housing on health and well-being as well as inequality will fit in with ongoing work. A focus on approaches to homelessness will also be welcome.

### Further information:

Professor David Clapham (Real Estate and Planning; [d.f.clapham@reading.ac.uk](mailto:d.f.clapham@reading.ac.uk)), Professor Geoff Meen (Economics; [g.p.meen@reading.ac.uk](mailto:g.p.meen@reading.ac.uk)) and Professor Flora Samuel (Architecture and the Built Environment; [f.b.samuel@reading.ac.uk](mailto:f.b.samuel@reading.ac.uk)).

### How to apply:

To formally apply for these studentships, please submit an application for a PhD to the University, see [www.reading.ac.uk/graduateschool/how-to-apply/gs-how-to-apply-pgr.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/graduateschool/how-to-apply/gs-how-to-apply-pgr.aspx). You should specify which academic discipline you are applying for, i.e. Architecture and the Built Environment; Economics; Real Estate and Planning.

When prompted as part of your online application, you should provide details of the funding you are applying for, quoting the reference GS17-051.

## Young scholars' New ideas in urban research

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Penn Institute for Urban Research is invested in supporting and encouraging a new generation of urban scholars who are identifying and pursuing key questions related to urbanization. For this month's issue of Urban Link, we interviewed some of our most recent PhDs to get a feel for the issues that they consider important or that they are currently pursuing in their research. Read more at [www.penniur.upenn.edu/publications/new-ideas-in-urban-research-research-questions-and-findings](http://www.penniur.upenn.edu/publications/new-ideas-in-urban-research-research-questions-and-findings)



## News from Partners

The logo for the Housing Studies Association (HSA) features the letters 'HSA' in a bold, black, sans-serif font inside a white square with a thin black border.

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### Housing Studies Association (HSA)

#### Reflections from the Housing Studies Association (HSA) conference 2017

Last April's Housing Studies Association conference 'The Precariousness of Housing: (in)equality, (in)security, (in)stability and the growing financialisation of the housing system' (April 5-7 at the University of York) focused on the financialisation of the housing system and connections with societal inequality and precariousness. "That we are in the midst of a housing crisis was an implicit starting point (though not one that escaped critical scrutiny within the workshops)", writes [Beth Watts, of the Heriot-Watt University in her blog](#). You can find her reflections from the conference in her blog on the HSA Forum <http://housing-studies-association.org/2017/04/housing-studies-time-crisis-reflections-housing-studies-association-conference-2017/>



### European Federation for Living (EFL)

#### Paris Habitat joined EFL

Paris Habitat, the largest player in social housing sector in Paris and France's largest public utility social housing company, joined EFL. It manages 124,000 social housing units within and around Paris and provides housing to more than 310,000 residents.

#### EFL at the ISHF in Amsterdam (13-21 June)

From the 13th until the 21st of June the International Social Housing Festival (ISHF) will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. This festival contains a series of events, exhibitions, meetings, field visits, community activities and much more. Do you want to join one of the events of the ISHF? Go to [www.socialhousingfestival.com/events](http://www.socialhousingfestival.com/events) for more information and to register.

On Wednesday, the 14th of June, EFL organises two events in collaboration with EurHo-Net and the Union of Tenants.

Our event on Wednesday morning is called Energy efficiency in social housing – DREEAM and TRIME project. Most of the housing stock of the year 2050 has already been built but is energy inefficient and in need of renovation. In order to improve the existing stock and the quality of living there, both technical (renovation) and human aspects of energy efficiency need to be scaled up. The projects DREEAM and TRIME aim to share the best practices currently developed with a wider, European audience. In DREEAM, tenants are involved before, during, and after renovation, in order to include their needs and build trust in the process. In TRIME, goal-led training on energy efficiency is provided to the dwellers.

This event on Wednesday afternoon is called Best practices of inclusiveness, migration and refugee housing and will be in the afternoon. It will include presentations of best practices from several housing associations across Europe, results from an investigation project about refugees housing, and how successful integration strategies may be promoted and disseminated. A discussion and Q&A with the audience will follow.

## NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

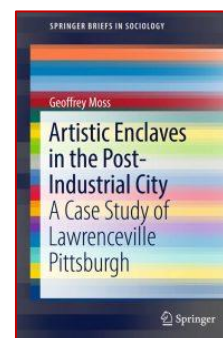
### **ARTISTIC ENCLAVES IN THE POST-INDUSTRIAL CITY: A CASE STUDY OF LAWRENCEVILLE PITTSBURGH**

*By Geoffrey Moss*

This book clarifies, builds on and amends Richard Florida's comment that bohemian artists have become part of a larger creative class. It defines a new heuristic type, the artistic creative class enclave, and presents an elaborate typological analysis of the similarities and differences between artistic creative class enclaves and other types of artistic enclaves. It also discusses the benefits and limitations of artistic creative class enclaves for communities, cities, and postindustrial society. It demonstrates that Lawrenceville's artistic creative class enclave, unlike the relatively bohemian enclaves described in previous studies, and the artistic enclaves briefly described by Florida, has achieved long-term sustainability within its postindustrial urban context. Finally, it makes policy suggestions designed to help those who wish to promote sustainable artistic enclaves.

Geoffrey Moss is currently a full-time Associate Professor of Instruction in Sociology at Temple University.

2017, 124 p., ISBN 978-3-319-55262-0, Springer  
[www.springer.com/us/book/9783319552620](http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319552620)



### **BUILDERS AND PLANNERS. A HISTORY OF LAND-USE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING IN THE NETHERLANDS**

*By Jos Arts, Ruud Filarski, Hans Jeekel & Bert Toussaint*

This book is about the long-term interaction between builders from the world of infrastructure and the planners who sought to organize the use of space. The book describes how since the 1920s the communities of builders and planners professionalized and how they sought to impose their views on the shaping of Dutch national space by pursuing their dreams and ambitions. It is a story of cooperation and conflict, of coalitions and confrontation between two groups of experts that operated within the same space.

In a series of case-studies the book reveals what came of the plans, which conceptions were ultimately realized and what limits actors came up against.

In order to better understand the uniqueness of Dutch planning development, it is mirrored against its Belgian counterpart.

2016, 520 p., ISBN 978-9-463-01031-3, Eburon Academic Publishers  
[www.eburon.nl/en/product/builders\\_planners/](http://www.eburon.nl/en/product/builders_planners/)



**DEVELOPING THE SCALE AND CAPACITY OF AUSTRALIA'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING INDUSTRY. INQUIRY INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING INDUSTRY CAPACITY**

*By Vivienne Milligan, Hal Pawson, Rhonda Phillips and Chris Martin*

This study (looked to identify existing 'capacity constraints' and to devise recommendations on how these can best be tackled by governments and industry players themselves.

Underpinning research included a supporting study led by Professor Hal Pawson and primarily focused on recent experience of public housing transfers to not-for-profit community housing providers in two Australian states. Also completed under the program were two supporting research projects which tapped into relevant overseas evidence – firstly, looking at the transformation of public housing systems in other federal states (led by Dr Julie Lawson), and secondly, revisiting the UK's experience of building not-for-profit housing capacity during the 1990s and 2000s (led by Professor Duncan Maclennan).

2017, 110 p., Ahuri – Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

[http://www.ahuri.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/12833/AHURI\\_Final\\_Report\\_No278\\_Developing-the-scale-and-capacity-of-Australias-affordable-housing-industry.pdf](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/12833/AHURI_Final_Report_No278_Developing-the-scale-and-capacity-of-Australias-affordable-housing-industry.pdf) (main report)

[http://www.ahuri.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0016/12832/Ready-for-growth-Inquiry-into-Australias-affordable-housing-industry-capacity-Visual-Report.pdf](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/12832/Ready-for-growth-Inquiry-into-Australias-affordable-housing-industry-capacity-Visual-Report.pdf) (summary report)



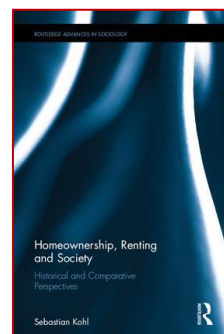
**HOMEOWNERSHIP, RENTING AND SOCIETY. HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES**

*By Sebastian Kohl*

On the eve of the financial crisis, the USA was inhabited by almost 70 percent homeownership households, in comparison to about 45 percent in Germany. Homeownership, Renting and Society presents new evidence showing that this homeownership gap already existed between American and German cities around 1900. Existing explanations based on culture, government housing policy or typical socio-economic factors have difficulties in accounting for these long-term cross-country differences. Using historical case studies on Germany and the USA, the book identifies three institutional domains on the supply-side of the housing market – urban land, housing finance and construction – that set countries on different housing trajectories and subsequently established differences that were hard to reverse in later periods. Further chapters generalize the argument across other OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries and extend the explanation to cover historical differences in homeownership ideology and horizontal property institutions. Kohl's book also puts forward path-dependence theories in housing studies, connects housing with vast urban-history and political-economy literature and offers comprehensive insights about the case of a tenant's country which contradicts the tendency towards universal homeownership.

2017, 232 p., ISBN 978-11-3864-494-6, Routledge

[www.routledge.com/Homeownership-Renting-and-Society-Historical-and-Comparative-Perspectives/Kohl/p/book/9781138644946](http://www.routledge.com/Homeownership-Renting-and-Society-Historical-and-Comparative-Perspectives/Kohl/p/book/9781138644946)



### **PLANNING FOR A CITY OF CULTURE**

*By Shoshanah B.D. Goldberg-Miller*

Planning for a City of Culture gives us a new way to understand how cities use arts and culture in planning, fostering liveable communities and creating economic development strategies to build their brand, attract residents and tourists, and distinguish themselves from other urban centers worldwide. While the common thinking on creative cities may coalesce around the idea of one goal – economic development and branding – this book turns this idea on its head.

Goldberg-Miller brings a new, fresh perspective to the study of creative cities by using policy theory as an underlying construct to understand what happened in Toronto and New York in the 2000s. She demystifies the processes and outcomes of stakeholder involvement, exogenous and endogenous shocks, and research and strategic planning, as well as warning us about the many pitfalls of neglecting critical community voices in the burgeoning practice of creative placemaking.

Shoshanah Goldberg-Miller is Assistant Professor at Ohio State University Department of Arts Administration, Education and Policy and Affiliate Assistant Professor of City and Regional Planning at OSU's Knowlton School of Architecture

2017, 246 p., ISBN 978-11-3823-358-4, Routledge

[www.routledge.com/authors/i15837-shoshanah-goldberg-miller](http://www.routledge.com/authors/i15837-shoshanah-goldberg-miller)



### **PROPERTY, FAMILY AND THE IRISH WELFARE STATE**

*By Michelle Norris*

This book presents the relationship between property, family and welfare in Ireland and examines the long-term development of the Irish welfare state since the late nineteenth century. It contests the consensus view that Ireland, like other Anglophone countries, has historically operated a liberal welfare regime which forces households to rely mainly on the market to maintain their standard of living. Drawing on case studies and key statistical data, this book argues that the Irish welfare state developed differently from most other Western European countries until recent decades. Norris's original line of argument makes the case that Ireland's regime was distinctive in terms of both focus and purpose in that Ireland's welfare state was shaped by the power of small farmers and moral teaching and intended to support a rural, agrarian and familist social order rather than an urban working class and industrialised economy.

2016, 293 p., ISBN 978-3-319-44566-3, Palgrave MacMillan

[www.palgrave.com/de/book/9783319445663#aboutBook](http://www.palgrave.com/de/book/9783319445663#aboutBook)



### **RACE, CLASS AND POLITICS IN THE CAPPUCCINO CITY**

*By Derek Hyra*

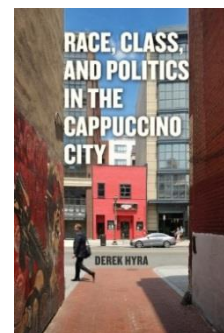
Based on six years of field research in a Washington DC community undergoing revitalization, the author addresses a set of innovative questions regarding neighbourhood transformations. These include the role of broader political and economic forces, the decision of some whites to live in a black-branded ghetto community, the racial and class dynamics when people who had been previously segregated come together, and the gains and losses experienced by the low-income blacks who haven't been displaced by gentrification.

Few American cities have changed as much and as rapidly as Washington, DC, where a process of private urban revitalization has swept through countless neighbourhoods. Few areas have changed as much as Shaw, once home to the nation's preeminent African American elite, then an epicentre of a vigorous narcotics trade, and now home to ever more visible young professional millennials.

Hyra's book shows that the causes of gentrification are more varied than we imagined and the impacts on long term residents more wide-reaching than previously thought. He casts the characters in gentrification mythology in a new light, with both gentrifiers and long term residents shown to be more complex and unpredictable in their motives and actions.

2017, 240 p., ISBN 978-02-2644-936-4, The University of Chicago Press

<http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/R/bo25879831.html>



### **SHARED OWNERSHIP AND TEMPORARY OWNERSHIP. LEGAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS (in Spanish)**

*By Sergio Nasarre Aznar (Ed.)*

This book is dedicated to analyzing the two new ways to access housing and other property that have recently been incorporated into the Civil Code of Catalonia by Law 19/2015: shared ownership and temporary ownership.

These are new types of flexible, stable and affordable property that represent an alternative to the two traditional housing tenures, full ownership and leases, going beyond this dichotomy that has led thousands of people to eviction and precariousness since 2007. Both are the result of understanding the need to offer families a sustainable continuum of housing tenures, as reflected in the New Urban Agenda of the UN approved in Habitat III (Quito, October 2016) for the next 20 years.

The study is carried out from a legal and economic point of view and in a compressive and practical way, analyzing all aspects of both institutions. In such a way, it wants to be useful to legislators as well as to researchers in Law and Real Estate Economics, and to practitioners in drafting their contracts and their participation in real estate transactions.

2017, 702 p., ISBN:978-8-491-43052-0, Marcial Pons

[www.marcialpons.es/libros/la-propiedad-compartida-y-la-propiedad-temporal/9788491430520/](http://www.marcialpons.es/libros/la-propiedad-compartida-y-la-propiedad-temporal/9788491430520/)





## THE SPATIAL DIMENSION OF HOUSE PRICES

By Yunlong Gong

The advent of market capitalism has dramatically pushed up house prices in China. The effects of agglomeration are causing the prices to rise astronomically, primarily in major cities and their peripheries. And, as research by doctoral candidate Yunlong Gong reveals, this is primarily down to increasing productivity.

Urban facilities and productivity are often held responsible for high house prices in metropolitan areas. The research conducted by the doctoral candidate from the OTB Department indicates that high productivity is by far the most significant factor. Companies set up shop in and around large cities, because that is where they can find people with professional experience and talent.

This situation gives rise to a striking paradox in many large Chinese cities and conurbations. Those who want to earn a decent wage need to head to the city. However, the high wages on offer there are unavoidably accompanied by high living costs. After thirty years of the market economy and liberalised housing policy, there is nothing left of the once so expansive social housing market. Gong conducted extensive research into the spatial behaviour of house prices. He also examined what influenced the decisions of companies and households when choosing their location, as well as the interaction between different cities, focusing specifically on the cities in the Yangtze River Delta.

2017, 204 p., ISBN 978-94-92516-51-0, TU Delft

<http://journals.library.tudelft.nl/index.php/faculty-architecture/article/view/1747>



## Transformative transfers: growing capacities in UK social housing (Final Report: No. 276)

By Duncan MacLennan; Julie Tian Miao

This study investigated what was required to create successful non-profit housing providers through public housing transfers in the UK and the roles that policies played in the process. The review informs current Australian moves towards the transfer of public housing to non-profit providers.

[www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/276](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/276)



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14 June, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**WG Collaborative Housing and Fondazione Housing Sociale/Legacoop abitanti**

Collaborative housing: public, private and cooperative experiences.

Talks and workshop.

[For more information click here](#)

14-16 June 2017, Lyon, France

**ENHR WG Private Rented Markets Workshop**

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[www.ens-lyon.fr/en/](http://www.ens-lyon.fr/en/)

16-17 June, Amsterdam, Netherlands

**The role and future of social housing in Europe**

Workshop organised by ENHR and OTB - Research for the Built Environment (TU Delft)

[For more information click here](#)

18-21 June, Stockholm, Sweden

**7th Nordic Geographers Meeting**

[hsu.se/ngm2017](http://hsu.se/ngm2017)

18-21 June 2017, Hong Kong

**Unreal Estate? Rethinking Housing, Class and Identity. ISA - RC43: Housing and the Built Environment Conference**

[www.cityu.edu.hk/cityuoncities/news.asp?id=72](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cityuoncities/news.asp?id=72)

21-24 June, Warsaw, Poland

**Cities locked in networks**

EURA 2017 Annual Conference

[www.eura2017.org](http://www.eura2017.org)

22-23 June, Derby, United Kingdom

**Cities, Communities and Homes: Is the Urban Future Liveable?**

AMPS Conference

[architecturemps.com/derbyconference/](http://architecturemps.com/derbyconference/)

28 June - 1 July, Delft, The Netherlands

**ERES Conference 2017**

[2017.eres.tudelft.nl/](http://2017.eres.tudelft.nl/)

29 June, Melbourne, Australia

**AHURI Conference 'Affordability and liveability in our cities'**

[For more information click here](#)

29 June-7 July, Delft, The Netherlands

**Summer School Sustainable housing from a sustainable perspective**

Bachelor students, Master students and PhD students in their final year.

Closing date = 31 May

Read more at <https://www.tudelft.nl/bk/studeren/summerschools/>

[www.tudelft.nl/bk/studeren/summerschools/](http://www.tudelft.nl/bk/studeren/summerschools/)

11-14 July, Lisbon, Portugal

**Spaces of Dialog for Places of Dignity: Fostering the European Dimension of Planning**

AESOP Annual Conference 2017

[www.aesop2017.pt/](http://www.aesop2017.pt/)

27-29 July, Cologne, Germany

International Conference

**Partner Relationships, Residential Relocations and Housing in the Life Course**

[partnerlifeproject.org/international-conference/](http://partnerlifeproject.org/international-conference/)

4-6 September, Tirana, Albania

ENHR Conference 2017

**Affordable Housing for All! - Redefining the Roles of Public and Private Sectors**

Deadline abstract submissions = 31 July 2017

[www.enhr2017.com/](http://www.enhr2017.com/)

29 November-1 December, Sydney, Australia

**National Housing Conference 2017**

[www.nhc.edu.au/](http://www.nhc.edu.au/)

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**CALENDAR 2018**

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25-26 January 2018, Bristol (UK)

**Health: The Design, Planning and Politics of How and Where we Live**

Deadline abstract submission = 1 June 2017

[architecturemps.com/bristol-2018/](http://architecturemps.com/bristol-2018/)

4-7 April, Toronto, Canada

**48th Annual Meeting Urban Affairs Association**

[urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference-2/conference2018/](http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference-2/conference2018/)

26-29 June (*provisional dates!*), Uppsala, Sweden

ENHR Conference 2018

**More together, more apart: Migration, densification, segregation**

More details will follow a.s.a.p.

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