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Albania has changed since 2003!

My departure from the ENHR conference in Tirana in 2003 was undignified, to say the least. With an early flight the next day, I decided to pay my hotel bill before I went to bed. I was presented with a reasonable charge for the room (which I expected) and an extortionate charge for the phone (which I did not). In 2003 there were no ATMs in Tirana and hotels did not accept credit cards. The standard currency was cash – in dollars or Euros, and I didn't have enough of these. My only option was to walk through the poorly lit streets across unpaved roads to the Sheraton hotel (more precisely the ground floor of it, as the rest was yet to be built) where I could exchange some Sterling for dollars. At the airport, I paid the "exit tax" in a mix of dollars and the few Euro coins I had in my pocket. I was relieved to be on the plane home.

Fourteen years on, Tirana has the feel of a modern southern European city. The roads are paved (and chock-a-block with cars, impatient drivers honking their horns), the streets are lit, there are plenty of ATMs. The evenings are pleasant as people wander around the main square, or sit on park benches watching the world go by.

The conference opened in the hall of the Orthodox Church with welcoming introductions from the Rector of Polis University and the Deputy Mayor of Tirana, and an overview of housing policy by Doris Andoni, Doc. Dritan Shutina (Executive Director of CO-Plan) and Ditjon Baboci (from the city's planning department). The predominant form of new housing provision is self-build, as is the case in many of the other countries in the region (and indeed the world), and as is the case across south and south-eastern Europe, the extended family remains an important source of economic security, and much of the economy is "informal".

This was illustrated by the field trip to Bathore, an area of self-build housing, which was in the process of being formalised. Migrants from elsewhere in the country had occupied the land in the 1990s and 2000s, first building basic shelter. Later, as it became clear that they could stay, much more elaborate homes were constructed, often incrementally, as and when they could afford to. Our guide expressed concern that too many resources were going into unproductive infrastructure, i.e. housing. But Albania has become a very individualistic country because people do not trust public or private institutions, and this nudges people to invest in tangible assets represented by bricks and mortar.

Delegates were treated to a memorable keynote by Prof. Dr. Erik Swyngedouw, Professor of Geography at the University of Manchester, delivered in a manner that reminded me of a preacher. Professor Swyngedouw provided a lesson in the power of rhetoric, which has been all but lost in the age of Powerpoint. (The first half of a sentence builds up to a crescendo at increasing speed; then a pause; the sentence is then completed slowly and quietly.) He also offered some theatre by turning round a sponsoring bank's advertisement on stage. The theme (at least as I understood it) was that we live in a post-democratic world - but movements from across the world including the Arab Spring, Occupy, and Syriza, offer some hope. Curiously, I found that some rather orthodox economists professed to have "enjoyed" it, whilst some left-wing delegates despaired at what they saw as a lack of realism.



Self-build housing in the outskirts of Tirana.

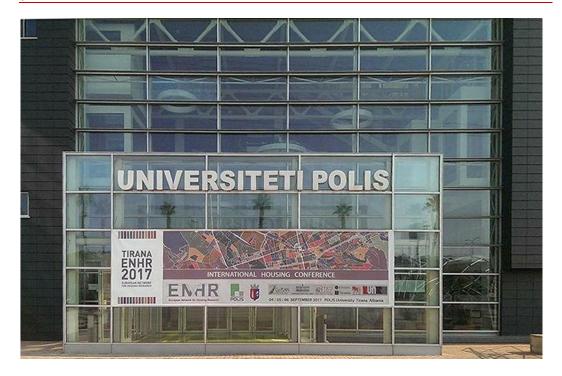
Other plenaries were well attended and prompted interesting questions and animated discussions. I particularly enjoyed the session with Tony Manzi and Stefan Kofner in which the role of the market and the state in housing delivery was debated. Few other housing academics can rattle through and present such a cogent analysis of the theoretical literature and apply it to housing as can Tony. Stefan's presentation focussed on the privatisation of formerly employer and municipally-owned rental housing in Germany, identifying the investors and whether they had changed the nature of housing in the country. Interestingly, the political climate has changed in the country and Stefan suggested that further privatisations were unlikely.

My departure from Albania was rather more dignified than in 2003. A six hour bus ride across country to the port of Saranda, followed by a ferry to Corfu, where I picked up my cheap flight full of Scots returning from their holiday in the sun.

Mark Stephens

ENHR 2017 TIRANA CONFERENCE

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



The conference theme addressed 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?

257 people registered (53% early bird), while 237 abstracts were submitted, and 139 papers. The most populair workshops were Collaborative Housing (20 papers), Social Housing Institutions, Organisations and Governance. (19 papers) and Housing Market Dynamics and Environmental Sustainability (both 15 papers).

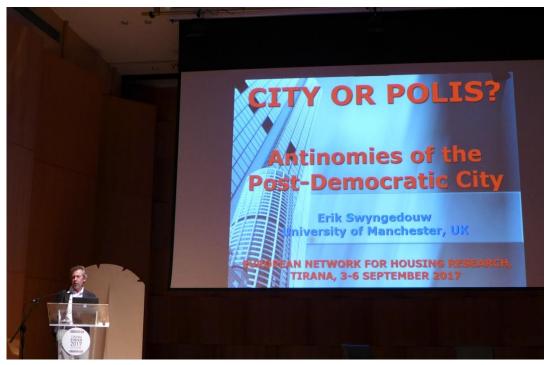
Doris Andoni















Various congress presentations and speeches.(photos: Peter Boelhouwer)

Fieldtrip impressions

Fieldtrip to Shkoza

The fieldtrip led by Doris Andoni to Shkoza provided some real insights into the realities and challenges of social housing models in Tirana. A large group of conference attenders descended on the area with cameras and met local social work and housing management workers accompanied by a large group of curious residents and children.

The site visit began by viewing a newly built estate of six storey purpose built apartment blocks financed by a loan from the Council of Europe Development Bank. While the external appearance of the blocks was modern and attractive, it was evident that the development had posed a number of challenges for both the residents and the City of Tirana. Ground floor units intended for commercial or retail use had been allocated as temporary accommodation to some Roma families who had been displaced by flooding and fires that burned their shacks. Rent levels were too high for many residents to be able to afford and the city was faced with the need to subsidise management and maintenance costs and to ensure repayments on the large international loan. Child densities were high and the level of economic activity was evidently low, with some 60% of residents unemployed (according to the manager of the social housing block).



A large conference group visits social housing and adjacent self-build housing in Shkoza neighbourhood on the eastern periphery of Tirana.

The visit continued with a walk around an adjacent former industrial site that had been occupied by self-builders with dwellings gradually upgraded as residents gained the income to do so. The feel of the neighbourhood was very different to the purpose built social housing estate, with a greater emphasis on private defensible space and a greater proliferation of greenery in well-tended gardens.

Participants were struck by the differences between these two models of housing low income residents in terms of building process, dwelling design and feel of the neighbourhoods, cost and flexibility for local government and residents and forms of participation and community association. We were left with many reflections and issues to discuss as we returned to the Polis campus for further workshops and plenaries.

David Mullins

Fieldtrip to Kashar



Kashar, a former border village of Tirana. (photos: conference website)

Fieldtrip to Bathore



The new inhabitants of the area came mostly from rural areas and brought their rural economies - agricultural activities and farming - with them. (photo: conference website)

Fieldtrip to Kodra e Diellit



Tirana's newest neighbourhood. (photo: conference website)

Much more filed trip photos can be found on the conference website www.enhr2017.com/tirana-field-trip.html

Slide competition

Approximately 60 persons participated in the traditional ENHR Slide Competition in Tirana, 10 teams were competing, trying to find out the correct answers on the 83 pictures which I have shown. There were 8 different topics, starting with Paris as capital city and Genova as secondary city. Three innovative urban projects were shown: Zaanstad, Milan Porta Nuova, Rotterdam Luchtsingel. In the block of socially sensitive urban development projects of Barcelona, Athens and Paris had to be found out. Below I show three pictures which are related to important urban issues.

1

On the picture left an environmental innovation can be explored which also has huge social importance.

Solution: A new, environmentally friendly type of toilet, Vespalith by Green Pee, which has been installed before COP 21 in a square of Paris, together with installations helping the life of homeless persons.





2

This is an advertisement (left) in the metro of one of the EU capital cities, with funny and less funny elements.

Solution: The advertisement is from the Brussels metro, showing real scenes (e.g. drunk man) of life while also having a reference to the terror attack.





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On the left picture something unusual can be seen which is causing growing problems in coastal European cities

Solution: The ship of the AIDA Prima company is larger than the hotel New York hotel in Rotterdam! Coastal cities have growing problems to cope with the mass tourism brought by such enormous (3,300-passenger plus 900 crew) cruising ships.





Winners

As always, after collecting the questionnaires the correct answers were shown and discussed. The results of the 2017 Tirana ENHR slide competition were as follows.

Third place: TIRANA2 – Alexander Kalyukin, Richard Sendi, Peter Boelhouwer and Héctor Simón-Moreno.

Second place: FRITZ THE DOG - Frank, Karin Wagner, Ina Blind and Egbert de Vries.

First place: The winner of the 2017 Tirana ENHR Slide Competition was: JAMB – Berit Nordahl (Norwegian University for Life Sciences), Magdalena Mostovska (University of Warsaw), Alexis Mundt (IIBW Vienna) and Joost Nieuwenhuijzen (European Federation for Living).

Congratulations and let's continue in June 2018 in Uppsala! Iván Tosics

ENHR 2018 UPPSALA CONFERENCE

Workshop planning

Terry Hartig, Chair of the Local Organisation Committee (LOC) of the ENHR 2018 Conference in Uppsala makes the following call:

I realize that little time has passed since we had our attention focused on the ENHR conference activities in Tirana, but I must turn to you already now for information regarding the ENHR conference being planned for the end of June, 2018, hosted here in Uppsala by the Institute for Housing and Urban Research.

First, the LOC needs to know fairly soon if your Working Group will organize a workshop during the conference, and, if so, if it will be under the same title as the Working Group.

Second, we want to welcome your suggestions regarding our plenary program. The conference theme is "More together, more apart: Migration, densification, segregation." Through our plenary program we want to elaborate on this theme by considering research that bridges two or all three of the processes covered (e.g., we expect to have a plenary speaker who will present research on vertical segregation in a city that has rapidly densified, growing upward as well as outward, with rural-to-urban migration). Please feel free to propose eminent researchers or other exceptional individuals who could speak to combinations of the processes in focus (migration, densification, segregation). Our plenary sessions will be ca. 90 minutes in length and can accommodate different formats, though with all of them we want to offer a deeper examination of the given issues (e.g., as with two longer presentations followed by invited critical commentary by a third participant). Thank you for your attention to these matters, and for your timely reply (by 10 October, please).

The conference website is under construction, but you can already find much useful information there, including a list of important dates and arrangements for accommodations. The address is www.enhr2018.com

Terry Hartig (Terry.Hartig@ibf.uu.se)

NEWS FROM THE COORDINATION COM-MITTEE

Highlights Coordination Committee Meeting *Tirana, Albania, September 3, 2017*

Member survey during Tirana conference

CC members interviewd ENHR participants during the Tirana conference. The aim is to bring participants closer to the CC and allow CC members to better understand the views and opinions of ENHR conference participants / members. Subjects were: personal background, what are the biggest professional needs and how ENHR could be helpful), satisfaction with ENHR website and Newsletter, WG structure, conferences membership fee, expectations and returns and ideas how to make ENHR even better. The outcome wil be discussed in the next CC meeting in Uppsala.

2017 Conference Tirana, Albania

Doris Andoni from the Tirana Local Organising Committee (LOC presented the latest news on this year's conference:

- 257 people registered (53% early bird), while 237 abstracts were submitted, and 139 papers.
- Abstract toppers: 20 in Collaborative Housing and 19 in Social Housing Institutions, Organisations and Governance. 15 each were submitted to Housing Market Dynamics and Environmental Sustainability.

2018 Conference Uppsala, Sweden

Terry Hartig from the Uppsala LOC informed on the progress of the conference organisation:

- Dates: 26-29 June 2018, start with New Housing Researchers Colloquium on the 26th, then 3-day conference; visit http://enhr2018.com.
- Please send in proposals for speakers to Terry Hartig (terry.hartig@ibf.uu.se).
- The LOC is looking into possibilities to support people from low-income countries.

2019 Conference Athens, Greece

Thomas Maloutas from the Athens LOC provided a PP which was distributed by email:

- Dates: 27-30 August 2019.
- Theme: Access to housing in the post-welfare era.

ENHR 30th anniversary

- The 30th ENHR anniversary will be celebrated during the 2018 Conference in Uppsala.
- Montserrat Pareja (<u>mpareja@ub.edu</u>) and Peter Boelhouwer
 (<u>p.j.boelhouwer@tudelft.nl</u>) would be interested to organize and are open for suggestions. This Anniversary Committee could be completed with 1 or 2 non-CC members, if activities require so.



Elections Coordination Committee 2018

Nominations

Elections for the ENHR Coordination Committee are coming up! During the General Assembly at the ENHR Conference in Uppsala, Sweden, next year (new) members of the Coordination Committee will be elected. The official call for these elections will be published in the next ENHR Newsletter. In the meantime please think about who to nominate or whether you would be interested to have yourself nominated. You can also contact a current member of the Coordination Committee if you have any questions or if you need any advice on this subject (see page 31).

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

WG HOMEOWNERSHIP AND GLOBALIZATION

Caroline Dewilde, John Doling and Richard Ronald (coordinators)

Review of the WG Homeownership and Globalization session at the University of Granada (Spain), 11-12 May 2017

The ENHR working group on Home Ownership and Globalization convened May 2017 at the University of Granada (Spain). The group has recently met in Paris (2014) and Bucharest (2015) and less formally at the Housing, Wealth and Welfare Conference held at the University of Amsterdam in 2016. The theme of the Granada workshop on 11 and 12 May was 'Home Ownership in Transition'. In many countries owner-occupancy rates have begun to decline and at a more universal level the advantages of homeownership, especially the economic ones, have become more uneven. In this workshop we considered various emerging patterns and contemporary trends in home ownership and housing systems, asking what these changes mean. 13 Papers were delivered by workshop members from across Europe (and also Taiwan), providing new empirical and theoretical insights on home ownership that reflect wider cultural, socio-economic and political shifts. Our hosts were Nayla Fuster and Joaquín Susino from the University of Granada. The other organizers of the workshop were Caroline Dewilde, John Doling, Richard Ronald and Barend Wind.

There were two important working group announcements made at this meeting. The first was that the fourth book based on the proceedings of working group events had been recently released. The latest volume is 'Housing Wealth and Welfare' and was published by Edward Elgar Press in February this year. The second announcement was that John Doling is planning to step down as a coorganizer of the group. John was one of the founders of the working group and has put in almost a decade and a half of service. The rest of the group thanked him for his contribution, recognizing the importance of his influence on the development of social science knowledge around housing and home ownership. The group is planning to meet again around the same time in 2018.



The WG Homeownership and Globalization during a break at its session at the University of Granada (Spain) in May this year.

WG COLLABORATIVE HOUSING and WG SOCIAL HOUSING INSTITUTIONS, ORGANI-SATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Claire Carriou, Darinka Czischke and Richard Lang (coordinators WG Collaborative Housing -in preparation-)

Anita Blessing, Gerard van Bortel, David Mullins and Nicky Morrison (coordinators WG Social Housing Institutions organisations and governance)

International Social Housing Festival: The role and future of social housing in Europe, 16-17 June 2017, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Participants from the ten countries were involved in the WG Collaborative housing and WG Social housing institutions workshop at the **International Housing Festival in Amsterdam** in June 2017: Denmark, England, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, Asia, Taiwan, South Korea and the US. Peter Boelhouwer, Chair of ENHR, hosted the 1,5 day workshop. The workshop began with a few moments of silence in solidarity with the survivors and families of the social housing tenants who lost their lives in the tragic fire at Grenfell tower in North Kensington (London) in the early hours of Wednesday morning 14 June.

The workshop was characterized by friendly, lively and well informed debates drawing on the deep involvement of researchers in social housing contexts in different countries, including lived experience of residents, anthropological approaches living in communities for a year, policy advice reports, contributions of directors of social housing centres and policy advisers to housing association federation. A well-organized biketrip to the Amsterdam post-war neighbourhoods Slotermeer and Geuzenveld further grounded our discussions during the workshop.

Key themes from the workshop:

- Common frameworks were used in different national contexts.
- The emphasis in housing market research on the relation between market and state should be complemented by what is happening in communities. The connection with the civil society should be strengthened.
- In many countries there is need for greater tenure neutrality, including flexible rent policies and openness of social housing to middle income groups.
- There is a need for a more universal housing system which includes a citizenship contract.

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- Also in more liberal orientated countries like the USA, more regulation of the housing market and allocation policies to combat segregation do work.
- Different models of social housing can play an important role in Asian countries, which have almost no experiences with these systems.
- Many Asian countries do suffer from severe shortcomings on their housing markets, like exploding house prices, high vacancy rates and homelessness. More government steering is necessary.
- In many bigger cities, low income groups are pushed out of the city. Here lies an important role for social housing to counteract the development.
- In many countries homelessness and high vacancies are occurring at the same time. Government regulation is needed to change this counterproductive situation.
- In many countries, the social sector is occupied by increasing numbers of vulnerable people. The social rented sector should therefor work more closely together with welfare organizations or take on board these activities themselves.
- Because of their neo-liberal housing market policies, The Netherlands and the UK are gradually losing their model function. However, the position of the social rented in these countries is still strong and the results are meaningful.
- In more and more countries, the social rented sector plays an important role to combat inequality and segregation. This surely is the case in the Netherlands.
- It is important to introduce strategies that, through the collective dimension of living, look
 further into inhabitants' ethnography. This can be realized by using sociological and anthropological approaches. Not only the system world should be studied but also the living
 world of inhabitants.
- The importance of legal frameworks to underpin social housing models was stressed.

Peter Boelhouwer

WG SOCIAL HOUSING INSTITUTIONS ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

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

Tirana workshop report (Workshops 20 and 4) (Albania)

The Working Group on Social Housing Institutions Organisations and Governance has been quite active at the ENHR Tirana Conference. We held a series of workshops: in addition to our core themes of hybridity and governance of affordable housing, we also held sessions on financialisation and housing provision, supply chain management, social assistance through the private rental sector and hosted a new ENHR workshop on empty homes (workshop 4).

In all 16 papers (5 of them from PhD candidates) were delivered and 13 countries were covered in presentations highlighting the rapid changes that are occurring in the arena of social and affordable housing by exploring policies, actors and outcomes. Participants deployed a variety of types of analysis to interpret these changes including hybridity and paradox theory, policy analysis tools such as policy streams and analysis of financial accounts data. There were case studies, data assembly and mapping at city level and at organisation level as well as the national and European levels more commonly found in this field.

Some themes that recurred in our discussions were processes such as financialisation, residualisation, privatisation, governance reform, mergers and alliances, procurement and supply chains. Papers had a strong focus on consequences for tenants and people in housing need including escalating rents, displacement from high cost locations, empty homes, and poor quality housing. Meanwhile there was a strong emphasis on the need for policy interventions to mitigate these effects such as regulation, social lettings agencies to manage access to the private rental sector and new ways to bring empty homes into use in Denmark, England and Greece. We also learned about intermediary agencies such as Domicil in Switzerland and organisational partnerships such as the JOE alliance among Community Development Corporations in New York to achieve scale while maintaining locally based organisations.

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Workshop and dinner impressions.

As usual the WG group is following up the workshop at a number of levels including a book project on innovation in affordable housing governance and finance led by Gerard van Bortel at TU Delft and further ENHR work on the empty homes theme by David Mullins and Thomas Maloutas, Athens Local Organising Committee Member for ENHR 2019.

Anita Blessing and David Mullins thank everyone for their contributions to our 2017 workshop in Tirana and hand over to Nicky Morrison and Gerard van Bortel who now invite contributions for our workshop at the ENHR Uppsala conference in June 2018.

David Mullins

MEMBERS

New Institutional Members



Housing Chair Universitat Rovira i Virgili Tarragona, Spain

The Chair has organized the following activities since the last ENHR Newsletter in June.

3rd URV Summer Course

On June 9th the 3rd URV Summer Course: "New urban leases for Catalonia" was held, organized by the UNESCO Housing Chair of University Rovira i Virgili and led by Dr. Héctor Simón. The conference was a forum for debate and discussion about the new law on urban leases for Catalonia from a practical and innovative perspective. At the conference members and partners of the UNESCO Housing Chair presented their research on rented property legislation as well as on new trends in the housing market.

6th International workshop "Empty homes, squatting and regeneration" (25th and 27th September 2017)

This workshop contained the presentations of three experts:

- a) "Empty homes and community led renovations" by Prof. David Mullins, Professor of Housing Policy, University of Birmingham.
- b) "Between cohousing and coliving: maximising the use of empty rural properties through tokens" by Mrs. Diana Moret, Pandorahub.
- c) "Comparative Squatters Rights and Human Resilience" by Dr. Marc Roark, Savannah Law School, United States.

Training school on urban leases (26th September 2017)

This training school was organised for the Board of Condominiums' managers and it covered different housing topics that ranged from letting agencies, to the duration of the lease contract, the rent, taxation and evictions.

Participation of the UNESCO Housing Chair URV at scientific events (September 2017)

The researchers of the Chair were invited to speak in the following scientific events during September 2017:

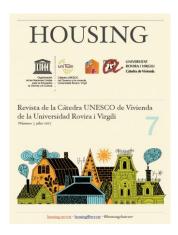
- ENHR 2017 Conference in Tirana. The conference was a great success with ca. 300 attendants. Prof. Sergio Nasarre was invited as key speaker and three more researchers of the Chair presented papers in different workshops.
- Round Table Covered Bonds (Barcelona). Hosted by the Association of German Pfandbriefbanks, the Round Table discussed the current situation of the European mortgage market and mortgage finance through covered bonds.
- Training course for Spanish judges on housing (Madrid). The Chair was invited as guest speaker to discuss national and international housing law issues with over 40 judges.
- Université Libre de Bruxelles (Brussels). The Chair was invited to discuss about 'Robinprudence' (court decisions related to the right to housing based on equity) and strategic litigation in relation to housing.
- 6th National Conference of Real Estate Agents (Zaragoza). Three researchers of the Chair were invited speakers at this important event, where the future of real estate agents and their role in real estate transactions, including housing, was being discussed.

- 2nd TENLAW Follow-up (Groningen, NL). The Chair presented the development of law of leases in Spain in the European context at this important event where legal housing researchers yearly gather.

Forthcoming events/calendar items:

- Journal 'Housing'

The biannual Journal (former Newsletter) Housing shows the results of research projects undertaken by the UNESCO Housing Chair URV as well as its activities and discussants on housing at international level. It also includes contributions of other experts in the field of housing. The next issue (nº 8) will be published in December 2017. Short articles by international researchers are welcome. The journal is in Spanish. (housing.urv.cat/en/cover/research/newsletter/)



- Workshop on collaborative housing

The Chair has been appointed to organise the first 2018 workshop of the COST Action "From sharing to caring" (www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA16121), a network that deals with collaborative economy issues. This time, the workshop will be dedicated to collaborative housing. All of you dealing with this or a related topic are welcome to present.



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

Recognition for OTB research programmes

The research programmes OTB is involved in (Urban and Regional Studies, Housing in a Changing Society and Geo-Information Governance and Technology) have recently been well-reviewed by an independent international review committee. The research quality was rewarded 'world leading/excellent' to 'very good' and its societal relevance 'world leading/excellent'. The faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment as a whole was assessed being 'very high' regarding research quality and as 'world leading/excellent' regarding societal relevance.

The review committee on the three research programmes:

Housing in a Changing Society made an significant increase in the number of PhD students. The programme maintained a fairly constant level of research output. Many members serve in editorial boards and hold visiting positions in overseas universities. The group has participated in events and projects that put housing in the context of energy efficiency, resilient cities, ageing and new concepts of welfare.

The ambition of Urban and Regional Studies with regard to research quality is very high as shown by abundant publications in journals and a series of books. The key staff mem-

bers are internationally renowned scholars and often speakers, editorial board members and parliamentary hearings. The research themes are very socially and policy relevant.

The research quality of Geo-information Governance and Technology is cutting edge and in line with both European and Dutch scientific agendas. Relevance to society is the area in which Geo-TG has made outstanding achievements.

www.tudelft.nl/en/research/organisation/results-impact-quality/quality-assurance/results/



Celebrating well-reviewed research programmes.

Summer School on Sustainable Housing from a European Perspective 2018

From 2-13 July 2018 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. Send your application to Mrs. Martine de Jong-Lansbergen (M.M.M.deJong-Lansbergen@tudelft.nl), secretary congress office. More information www.tudelft.nl/bk/studeren/summerschools/summerschool-sustainable-housing-from-a-european-perspective/

'Rethink the City' record-breaking and award-winning MOOC

The Massive Open Online Course 'Rethink the City: New approaches to Global and Local Urban Challenges', started in March this year, is by now the biggest course (in terms of participants) created so far by the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment. Over 10.000 participants from 160 different countries enrolled. OTB PhD Igor Pessoa and Luz María Vergara d'Aleçon (Faculty of Architecture) are the creators of this successful MOOC. They have been awarded the AESOP Excellence in Teaching Award 2017. online-learning.tudelft.nl/courses/rethink-the-city-new-approaches-to-global-and-local-urban-challenge/

Best paper award for Evert Meijers

Evert Meijers (OTB) and co-authors Marloes Hoogerbrugge and Martijn Burger (Erasmus University Rotterdam) have been granted the Beckmann prize for their paper entitled 'Borrowing size in networks of cities: City size, network connectivity and metropolitan functions in Europe' as best paper published in 2016 in Papers in Regional Science. onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/pirs.12181/full

New Members

The past few months ENHR welcomed the following individual members and institutional

New individual members	Institute	Country	Expertise
Maite Arrondo	Universidad Pública de Navarra, Pamplona	Spain	Human rights based approach into housing policies
Giorgia Di Cintio	Scuola Superiore G.d'Annunzio Chieti- Pescara	Italy	Architecture and urban planning
John Dung-Gwom	University of Jos	Nigeria	Urban and regional plan- ning, development control, urban development
Sanna Frischknecht	University of Basel, Institute of Sociology	Switzerland	Co-operative, grassroots initiatives, qualitative research methods
Leonardo González- Tejeda	Mexico Propiedades	Mexico	Housing
Gaetano Lisi Cassino	University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Economics and Law	Italy	Housing markets and real estate economics
Michelle Oren	Technion city, Haifa	Israel	Housing rights, land use
Abduallah Noorie Sager	German Jordanian University Gardenz, Amman	Jordan	Planning, architecture, strategic housing planning
Shohren Shahnoori	-	the Nether- lands	Sustainable building systems
Anja Szypulski	TU Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning	Germany	Collaborative housing, co- operatives, social housing, housing policy
Steffen Wetzstein	Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt	Germany	Housing affordability, housing governance, comparative housing research
Abduallah Noorie Sager	German Jordanian University Gardenz, Amman	Jordan	Planning, architecture, strategic housing planning
Magdalena Zaleczna	University of Lodz	Poland	Legal framework of housing, public-private partnership
Rafal Iwánski	University of Szczecin	Poland	Economics, sociology
Katarzyna Suszynska	Poznan University of Economics and Business	Poland	Social housing
Zuzanna Rataj	Poznan University of Economics and Business	Poland	Social housing

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New institutional members	City	Country
Archispace Ltd www.archi-space.com/	Tirana	Albania
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OTHER NEWS

Special issue Critical Housing Analysis

Critical Housing Analysis published on its website a special issue "Social Housing after the Global Financial Crisis: New Trends across Europe", edited by Teresio Poggio and Christine Whitehead and co-edited by József Hegedüs, Martin Lux and Kathleen Scanlon. It provides a critical analysis of social housing policies and their most recent development across fourteen European countries together with an overview of longer term trends. It offers a source on recent changes in social housing in a number of European countries that aims to contribute to our understanding of social housing in two directions: (a) investigating countries that are less represented in the international literature; (b) updating previous findings and monitoring the effects of the global financial crisis. Contributors include: Dmitri Boreiko, Andreja Cirman, Teresa Costa Pinto, Pascal De Decker, Christian Deichmann Haagerup, Marie Glaser, Lars Gulbrandsen, József Hegedüs, Joris Hoekstra, Stefan Kofner, Hans Lind, Martin Lux, Isabelle Pannecoucke, Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway, Teresio Poggio, Teresa Sánchez-Martínez, Hans Christian Sandlie, Kathleen Scanlon, Rikke Skovgaard Nielsen, Petr Sunega, Jana Verstraete and Christine Whitehead.

www.housing-critical.com

Call for papers on homeownership and entrepreneurship

Guest editor: Gaetano Lisi (University of Cassino and Southern Lazio) is guest editor for a special issue of the International Journal of Housing Markets and Analysis about homeownership and entrepreneurship. Articles for this issue are accepted until January 31, 2018. Author guidelines are available at

www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id=ijhma. For more information mail to: gaetano.lisi@unicas.it.

New cover ENHR Newsletter 2018

REMINDER! The four issues of each calendar year the ENHR Newsletter has the same cover. For the 2017 issues we used a photo made in the 2016 conference country. We want to continue with this idea for the following years. So, did you make an great looking picture during the 2017 conference in Tirana and do you think it would make a excellent cover of the ENHR Newsletters 2018? Then please send your photo to enhr@tudelft.nl before January 15th, 2018. The colour picture should be of a high resolution, portrait sized and of course representing what ENHR is all about: housing & research. The winning picture will be chosen by the ENHR Office.

News from Partners



European Federation for Living (EFL)

EFL Study visit to Vienna report

The city of Vienna is a strong example of progressive values within the social housing sector. It is a city with much to teach with regards to the structure, function, and follow through of affordable living. The study visit to Vienna (hosted by Tafkaoo Architects) comprised two days, the 14th and 15th of September, of keynote address, insightful discussions, tours, and field visits. Participants gained in depth knowledge on the economic and legal structure of social housing in Vienna, as well as on the cultural development of residential buildings within the city. During the first day, Vienna's largest public housing company Wiener Wohnen presented the history of public housing in Vienna. An article, photos and videos of our study visit in Vienna can be found on www.ef-l.eu/news-and-articles/efl-news/the-beauty-of-livability-in-vienna/



Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

Shaping Justice and Sustainability Within and Beyond the City's Edge: Contestation and Collaboration in Urbanizing Regions (48th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association)

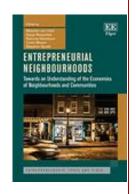
Urban Affairs Association will host its 48th Annual Conference in Toronto (Canada) on April 4-7, 2018 (see Calendar). They organise a special track on 'Housing, Neighborhoods, and Community Development'. Other topical categories they encourage are 'Immigration, population and demographic trends in urban areas', Poverty, welfare and income inequality' and Social capital, democracy and civil society, social theory, religion and the city' See www.urbanaffairsassociation.org. The abstract and session proposal deadline is 1 October 2017.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

ENTREPRENEURIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS. TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECONOMIES OF NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES

By Maarten van Ham, Darja Reuschke, Reinout Kleinhans, Colin Mason and Stephen Syrett, (eds.)

Despite the growing evidence on the importance of the neighbourhood, entrepreneurship studies have largely neglected the role of neighbourhoods. This book addresses the nexus between entrepreneurship, neighbourhoods and communities, confirming not only the importance of 'the local' in entrepreneurship, but also filling huge gaps in the knowledge base regarding this tripartite relationship.



2017, 336 p., ISBN 978-17-8536-723-6, Edward Elgar Publishing www.elgaronline.com/view/9781785367236.00008.xml?rskey=QQZq KF&result=2

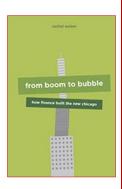
FROM BOOM TO BUBBLE: HOW FINANCE BUILT THE NEW CHICAGO

By Rachel Weber

During the Great Recession, the housing bubble took much of the blame for bringing the American economy to its knees, but commercial real estate also experienced its own boom-and-bust in the same time period. In Chicago, for example, law firms and corporate head-quarters abandoned their historic downtown office buildings for the millions of brand-new square feet that were built elsewhere in the central business district.

In From Boom to Bubble, Rachel Weber debunks the idea that booms occur only when cities are growing and innovating. Instead, she argues, even in cities experiencing employment and population decline, developers rush to erect new office towers and apartment buildings when they have financial incentives to do so. Focusing on the main causes of overbuilding during the early 2000s, Weber documents the case of Chicago's "Millennial Boom", showing that the Loop's expansion was a response to global and local pressures to produce new assets. An influx of cheap cash, made available through the use of complex financial instruments, helped transform what started as a boom grounded in modest occupant demand into a speculative bubble, where pricing and supply had only tenuous connections to the market. Innovative and compelling, From Boom to Bubble is an historical, sociological, and geographic look at how property markets change and fail—and how that affects cities.

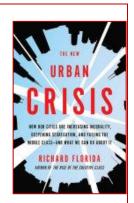
2015, 296 p., ISBN 978-0226294483, University of Chicago Press press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/F/bo21386334.html



THE NEW URBAN CRISIS. HOW OUR CITIES ARE INCREASING INEQUALITY, DEEPENING SEGREGATION, AND FAILING THE MIDDLE CLASS—AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT By Richard Florida

In recent years, the young, educated, and affluent have surged back into cities, reversing decades of suburban flight and urban decline. And yet all is not well, Richard Florida argues in The New Urban Crisis. Florida, one of the first scholars to anticipate this back-to-the-city movement, demonstrates how the same forces that power the growth

sis. Florida, one of the first scholars to anticipate this back-to-the-city movement, demonstrates how the same forces that power the growth of the world's superstar cities also generate their vexing challenges: gentrification, unaffordability, segregation, and inequality. Meanwhile, many more cities still stagnate, and middle-class neighborhoods everywhere are disappearing. Our winner-take-all cities are just one manifestation of a profound crisis in today's urbanized knowledge economy.



2017, 336 p., ISBN 978-046507974, Basic Books www.basicbooks.com/search-results?contributor=Richard%20Florida

THE THIRD SECTOR DELIVERING PUBLIC SERVICES DEVELOPMENTS, INNOVATIONS AND CHALLENGES

Edited by James Rees and David Mullins

This is the first edited collection to provide an up to date and comprehensive overview of the third sector's role in public service delivery. Exploring areas such as social enterprise, capacity building, volunteering and social value, the authors provide a platform for academic and policy debates on the topic. Drawing on research carried out at the ESRC funded Third Sector Research Centre, the book charts the historical development of the state-third sector relationship, and reviews the major debates and controversies accompanying recent shifts in that relationship. It is a valuable resource for social science academics and postgraduate students as well as policymakers and practitioners in the public and third sectors in fields such as criminal justice, health, housing and social care.



2016 (paperback version 2017), 300 p., ISBN 978-14-4732-239-9, Policy Press

policypress.co.uk/the-third-sector-delivering-public-services

TRESPASSERS? ASIAN AMERICANS AND THE BATTLE FOR SUBURBIA

By Willow Lung-Amam

Beyond the gilded gates of Google, little has been written about the suburban communities of Silicon Valley. Over the past several decades, the region's booming tech economy spurred rapid population growth, increased racial diversity, and prompted an influx of immigration, especially among highly skilled and educated migrants from China, Taiwan, and India. At the same time, the response to these newcomers among long-time neighbors and city officials revealed complex attitudes in even the most well-heeled and diverse communities.

Trespassers? takes an intimate look at the everyday life and politics inside Silicon Valley against a backdrop of these dramatic demo-



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graphic shifts. It follows one community over several decades as it transforms from a sleepy rural town to a global gateway and one of the nation's largest Asian American—majority cities. There, it highlights the passionate efforts of Asian Americans to make Silicon Valley their home by investing in local schools, neighborhoods, and shopping centers. It also provides a textured tale of the tensions that emerge over this suburb's changing environment.

Through the voices of long-term residents, recent immigrants, and city officials, this book offers a unique window into the everyday lives, landscapes, and politics of this iconic and rapidly changing region. It also offers lessons for urban practitioners and scholars about the vital role of immigrants in the changing American landscape and their struggles for inclusion within the American Dream.

2017, 264 p. ISBN 978-0520293892, University of California Press www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520293908

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12-13 October, Prague, Czech republic

Housing Estates, What's Next? + International conference on perspectives of urban development in the region of the UN Economic Commission for Europe

www.dotaceeu.cz/cs/Jak-na-projekt/Vyzvy-a-akce-(1)/Evropske-forum-mest-mezinarodni-konference-o-perspektivach-rozvoje-me

22-23 November, Ghent, Belgium

EFL Autumn Conference

www.ef-l.eu/calendar-of-events/

22-23 November, Gent, Belgium

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www.ef-l.eu/news-and-articles/efl-news/efl-autumn-conference-ghent-on-22-and-23-november-2017/

29 November - 1 December, Sydney, Australia

National Housing Conference 2017

www.nhc.edu.au/

29 November - 1 December (Hong Kong)

Polarisation, Fragmentation and Resilience: Four Urban Contexts Compared

hkbulewi.wixsite.com/conference2017

CALENDAR 2018

25-26 January, Bristol, UK

Health: The Design, Planning and Politics of How and Where we Live http://architecturemps.com/bristol-2018/

4-7 April, Toronto, Canada

48th Annual Meeting Urban Affairs Association

http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/

26-29 June, Uppsala, Sweden

ENHR Conference 2018 (including New Housing Researchers Colloquium on 26 June) More together, more apart: Migration, densification, segregation www.enhr2018.com

15-21 July, Toronto, Canada

XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology

Deadline abstract submissions = 30 September

www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/

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