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## EDITORIAL

### Housing and climate change – time for action

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2018), we have only twelve years left to reverse the cumulative effects of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in order to be confident of limiting global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and thereby avoiding catastrophic climate change. Fossil fuel industries (coal, oil and gas) are primarily responsible for the emissions but other sectors play an important role, e.g. transport, manufacturing, agriculture, and buildings. Globally, buildings account for around 20% of GHG emissions, most of which is from housing and related infrastructure (UK figures are 37% for buildings and 24% for housing).

The IPCC have argued (Lucon et al., 2014) that suitable building codes and appliance standards should be urgently adopted in both new and retrofit buildings in order to avoid locking in carbon intensive options for several decades. Housing professionals, policymakers and researchers should all be attaching the highest priority to this issue. Yet too often it seems like the elephant in the room. On new build the main emphasis continues to be on building cheap for quick profit, while retrofit continues to be piecemeal, inadequately funded and often falling short of a sustainable low carbon standard. The industry seems to be saying that it cannot afford to do the right thing, even though that right thing is to help to ensure the survival of future generations. Researchers should be challenging the industry's position but they are not. All this inaction is in spite of the huge potential co-benefits of zero carbon buildings in terms of reduced energy bills, increased employment, reducing fuel poverty, and improved quality of life.

When climate change is discussed in relation to housing, the emphasis tends to be on new build rather than retrofit. Arguably, however, the primary focus should be on retrofit because new build (even if it is designed to be zero carbon in use) is only adding to GHG emissions. There is a need for more honest and more rigorous life cycle carbon accounting of both new build and retrofit programmes (Sturgis, 2017: [www.rics.org/globalassets/rics-website/media/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/building-surveying/whole-life-carbon-assessment-for-the-built-environment-1st-edition-rics.pdf](http://www.rics.org/globalassets/rics-website/media/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/building-surveying/whole-life-carbon-assessment-for-the-built-environment-1st-edition-rics.pdf)). Demolition should always be used only as a very last resort and, if new build is to continue on any scale, its additional emissions need to be more than counteracted by the reductions achieved by retrofit. This is far from being the case currently.

Housing retrofit to a zero carbon standard is not complex or hi-tech. Typically, it involves new triple-glazed windows using zero carbon materials such as timber harvested from sustainable forestry, and 200mm-thick wood-fibre board roof insulation (e.g. Unger Diffutherm), which is sufficient to reduce carbon emissions by up to two tonnes in an average semi-detached house. In addition, roof-top PV and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery plus suitable battery storage (currently lithium ion) ensures that the energy used within the home is from renewable sources. Currently, however, UK policy is not even achieving sufficient roof insulation (Committee on Climate Change, 2018).

Retrofit can be carried out by individual homeowners but the scale of retrofit now urgently required needs to be organised through partnerships of local authorities, housing associations and contractors – see Retrofit Works ([www.retrofitworks.co.uk](http://www.retrofitworks.co.uk)) for an example of a cooperative procurement framework in UK. The funding of retrofit is a key issue but again it is not an insurmountable barrier, and practical models exist that show how it can be affordable (not to say profitable in the long term) for homeowners, communities and landlords of rented homes (Baker and Hughes, 2018 – <https://shapuk.files.wordpress.com/2018/07/finance-models-for-retrofit-of-all-housing-tenures.pdf>).

The urgency of our current situation therefore demands that housing researchers pay more attention to the different ways in which so-called deep retrofit can contribute to GHG emissions reduction and how policies can be and are being developed that will achieve that deep retrofit. The challenge facing us all is historically unprecedented but I get the sense that the housing sector is responding to this challenge even less well than other sectors.

*Peter Somerville*  
*University of Lincoln*



# NEWS FROM THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

## Highlights Coordination Committee Meeting *Athens, Greece, 26-27 October 2018*

### **Announcements**

The 2019 fees will increase 1.4% according to the Dutch inflation rate.

The following Working Group coordinator changes have been approved:

- WG Residential Building and Architectural Design

Jana Zdrahalova has stepped down. The WG is looking for a new coordinator.

- WG Residential Environment and People

Henny Coolen stepped down; Jana Zdrahalova has taken his place.

- WG Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods and Communities

Reinout Kleinhans stepped down; Eva Andersson has agreed to take his place.

- WG Migration, Residential Mobility and Neighbourhood Change

All three coordinators (Maarten van Ham, David Manley and Lina Hedman stepped down. It is decided to end this WG as of now.

The Coordination Committee (CC) decided to send all WG coordinators a letter containing WG goals and coordinator tasks and to organise a WG coordinator meeting during the Athens conference in 2019, to discuss several Working Group matters, noted by the CC, among other things visibility, activeness, future plans and theme overlaps.

### **Legal structure proposal ENHR and country proposal to register in**

A change in legal structure is need, as has also been mentioned by the Chair during the 2018 General Assembly (GA): the membership fee inning and member administration will no longer be supported by TU Delft as of January 2019. An outside office will take over these tasks. For this ENHR needs to opt for a new legal structure and open a bank account. The future structure of ENHR should be based on objectives such as simplicity, low costs, oriented to the members, non-profit principles, and sustainability in time regardless of who holds the Chair and where the office is located. For the time being, this will be an informal association, registered at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce. The CC can proceed from there and take more time to discuss a permanent status. All members need to be informed about the transfer of their personal data to an outside source.

As part of the prearrangement of a new juridical status of ENHR, a set of bylaws is in preparation, which will replace the two-paged Charter.

### **Finances**

The CC accorded the financial overview Q1-Q3 2018. The Treasurer noted the necessity of allocating finances in the 2019 budget in such a way the expected new structure during 2019 can take shape.

The declining number of members is noted, as they should grow now the financial crisis is over. As soon as ENHR's new juridical structure is completed, campaigning should restart.

### **2020 Conference Nicosia, Cyprus, 29 June - 2 July**

The Nicosia Local Organising Committee (LOC) representative Nadia Charalambous presented the state of affairs of the 2020 conference. The theme will cover displacement and illegal settlements. A title has not been decided on yet.

### **Members suggesting conference keynote speakers**

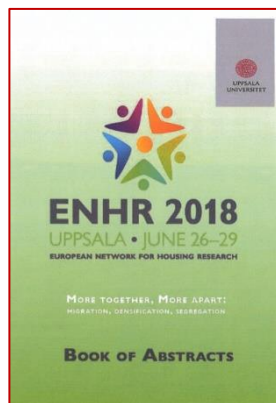
The choice of keynote speakers at ENHR conferences is to some members too much a CC black box outcome and input from member is being neglected. The general response by the CC

is that such a process is difficult to fulfil by the LOCs. In response the CC states that it discusses the theme and list of speakers of every conference to have it live up to its expectations. The LOCs have always had back-up of the CC. Both the 2018 and 2019 LOC chairmen claim to have leaned on input by members, but contracting speakers while guarding the conference theme and schedule asks for independent action. Suggestions from the ENHR community could not all be neglected and could end up in a patchwork of themes. Input is welcomed, but the final selection is up to the LOCs.

#### Next meetings

- Spring meeting 2019: 22-23 March, Barcelona (Spain)
- Summer meeting 2019: 27 August during conference, Athens (Greece)
- Autumn meeting 2019: 8-9 November, Nicosia (Cyprus).

## ENHR Conference 2018 papers online



A total of 110 Uppsala conference papers are now available for members on the ENHR website. Log in and visit [www.enhr.net/2018\\_Sweden.php](http://www.enhr.net/2018_Sweden.php). You can also find there the almost 400 page Book of Abstracts.

## Wanted: cover photo for 2019 issue

Did you visit the ENHR Uppsala conference in 2018 and shot some nice photos of Swedish housing? We'd like to put one on the cover next years' issue. Requirements: portrait style and high resolution. Send your photo to [ENHR@tudelft.nl](mailto:ENHR@tudelft.nl) before February 1.



## ENHR Membership fees 2019

In the beginning of 2019 all ENHR members will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to pay the fee for 2019 (and 2020 and 2021).

ENHR offers its members the possibility to pay their fee for one, two or three years. The fee for each year equals the fee of year 1.

The fees per 1-1-2019 are:

<b>Institutional members</b>				
<i>All prices below are in EURO</i>				
Group	Number of members	Full / Associate		
		2019	2019/ 2020	2019/ 2020/ 2021
1	1-5	270	540	810
	6-10	542	1084	1626
	11 plus	812	1624	2436
2	Regardless of size	135	270	405

<b>Individual members</b>						
<i>All prices below are in EURO</i>						
Group	Type of individual member					
	Full			PhD		
	2019	2019/ 2020	2019/ 2020/ 2021	2019	2019/ 2020	2019/ 2020/ 2021
1	53	106	159	28*	56*	84*
2	14	28	42	14*	28*	42*

\*) PhD students need to send in a copy of their student pass or any other document stating that they are a PhD-student, preferably every year.

### Group 1

- Europe: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom
- United States of America, Australia and Canada
- Asia

### Group 2

- Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Moldavia, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, countries of former Soviet Union (except Russia)
- Africa
- Latin America

The membership fees for 2019 are also available online: [www.enhr.net/fees.php](http://www.enhr.net/fees.php)



## ENHR CONFERENCE ATHENS, 2019



The conference website [www.ENHR2019.com](http://www.ENHR2019.com) is now online. The conference is open for registration and abstract submission as of January 1st. You can choose from 25 workshops and several field trips and social events. Hope many of you will attend to discuss papers, enjoy the company of colleagues and strengthen your personal network.

## BENGT TURNER AWARD 2019



### 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 and to keep alive the memory of Bengt Turner, one of the founders of ENHR and its first chairman from 1988 to 2007.

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

**The 2019 deadline is 3 June, 2019.**

### 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 (to [www.enhr2019.com](http://www.enhr2019.com))
- 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.

### 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 a journal that 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.

### Evaluation

The evaluation criteria roughly amount to whether a paper would be sent out to referees of a scientific journal. The ENHR Coordination Committee determines whether a Bengt Turner Award is handed out.

## PROPOSALS WELCOME FOR ENHR CONFERENCE CITY 2021 and 2022

The ENHR Coordination Committee (CC) invites research institutes and research centres which would be interested in organising an ENHR conference somewhere in Europe in 2021 and 2022.

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

A formal proposal for the year 2021 should be submitted **by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019** to the ENHR Office ([ENHR@tudelft.nl](mailto:ENHR@tudelft.nl)) based on the ENHR-application form (available at request at the Office). In the CC meeting in the spring of 2019 candidates will be asked to present their proposal. The Coordination Committee will make a final decision after the presentation(s).

A formal proposal for the year 2021 should be submitted **by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** to the ENHR to be presented in the spring meeting of 2020.

Guidelines for ENHR conferences are available on the ENHR website ([www.enhr.net/guidelines\\_conferences.php](http://www.enhr.net/guidelines_conferences.php) (for members only)). These guidelines include a description of how such conferences are generally organised and what an application to host an ENHR conference should contain.

### Application should contain information about:

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

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

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

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

Year	Location	Member		Non member		From selected countries	Accompanying persons
		Early	Regular	Early	Regular		
2006	Ljubljana, SLO	€ 390	€ 440	€ 450	€ 500	-	€ 90
2007	Rotterdam, NL	€ 435	€ 485	€ 495	€ 545	-	€ 100
2008	Dublin, IE	€ 450	€ 520	€ 510	€ 570	€ 420 / 470	€ 130
2009	Prague, CZ	-	€ 450	-	€ 520	€ 100	€ 110
2010	Istanbul, TR	€ 400	€ 450	€ 450	€ 510	€ 100	€ 120
2011	Toulouse, FR	-	€ 280	-	€ 330	€ 230	€ 100
2012	Lillehammer, NO	± € 400	± € 475	± € 475	± € 550	± € 375	± € 350
2013	Tarragona, ES	€ 300	€ 400	€ 400	€ 500	-	€ 150
2014	Edinburgh, UK	± € 365	± € 455	± € 450	± € 560	± € 275 / ± 340	± € 145 / 180
2015	Lisbon, PT	€ 150/25*	€ 200/35*	€ 200/35*	€ 250/50*	-	€ 120
2016	Belfast, IE	± € 455**	± € 560**	± € 560**	± € 670**	± € 350 / 445**	
2017	Tirana, AL	€ 240	€ 290	€ 300	€ 350	-	€ 170
2018	Uppsala, SE	€ 365	€ 450	€ 450***	€ 565***	-	€ 100

\* Access to conference only (excluding meals, excursions, etc.).

\*\* Excluding conference dinner, excursions and VAT.

\*\*\* Students € 180 / € 225

Research institutes or research centres which are interested in organising a conference in 2021 and 2022 are encouraged to contact ENHR Chairman Peter Boelhouwer ([p.j.boelhouwer@tudelft.nl](mailto:p.j.boelhouwer@tudelft.nl)).

## 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

#### WG Comparative Housing Policy

*Marja Elsinga, Michelle Norris and Mark Stephens (coordinators)*

The Comparative Housing Policy Working Group will be holding a workshop at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh on 9-10 May 2019. There will be a full day on Thursday 9 May and a half day on Friday 10 May. A formal call will follow in the new year. However, we envisage an open call for comparative papers, combined with some themed discussion, possibly Housing in Europe in an Age of Populism.

The workshop will be organised by WG coordinator Mark Stephens ([m.stephens@hw.ac.uk](mailto:m.stephens@hw.ac.uk))

#### WG Housing and Family Dynamics

*Rory Coulter, Tomáš Samec, Emma Baker and Michael Thomas (coordinators)*

The WG Housing and Family Dynamics is preparing a special issue "Housing Financialisation and Families" in Critical Housing Analysis journal based on the workshop 'New Housing Challenges: Families and Financialization' organized in May 2018 in Prague. The issue will be published before the end of 2018 and will contain articles covering the studies on the United Kingdom, United States and Central and Southern Europe.

#### WG Research on Residential Architecture and People

*Birgit Jürgehake and Ahsen Ozsoy (coordinators)*

The WG Residential Building and Architectural Design is renamed into Research on residential Architectural and People. This name change should attract more research-based contributions instead of design-based contributions.

Jana Zdrahalova left the WG to join the WG Residential Environments and People. We are now looking for a person who shares our interests and likes to join us as a coordinator of our WG. Interested? Please mail to [b.jurgehake@tudelft.nl](mailto:b.jurgehake@tudelft.nl). We would like to meet and discuss a possible collaboration during the next conference in Athens.

#### Description of the Working Group

In the next 30 years 2.5 billion people will be added to the world's urban population which means that two out of the three people will live in our cities and they all need a home. The main topic of our Working Group is the challenge of designing appropriate houses in the urban tissue. Architects have to face societal questions concerning housing the low and middle income and

special groups like the elderly and vulnerable people. How to make them a home in the density of our cities, a private place next to the public life, a refuge next to the quick rhythm of the city. How to avoid loneliness and enclosure and offer place for encounter but take care of privacy at the same time?

The Working Group is emphatically looking for research with a crossover between architecture and other fields of expertise. It aims to discuss research on residential architecture and its inhabitants in the city, where publics, speeds and scales meet and exchange, where fast and slow changes quickly. How to grow old and stay young in the city?

We only accept research and analysis work (no solely architectural presentations).

Some themes in research of interest to members of the Working Group are as follows:

- Architectural and urban design of residential buildings in the process of transformation of cities.
- Examining spatial and design quality problems of residential environment.
- Socio-economic and cultural characteristics of inhabitants on the spatial arrangement of residential buildings and urban units.
- Cultural differences in use of the public, collective and private domains of a residential building.
- The analysis of public space from the perspective of its value for the residential area.
- The interior relationships within a building (and its surrounding) and their correlation with the inhabitants.
- Participation of local people or prospective inhabitants in the design process.
- Dwelling as a reflection of diverse territorial needs of its inhabitants.
- The user's demand as a key for design (special groups of users, for example elderly).
- Design strategies for residential buildings or their adaptation and transformation.
- The sustainability of residential buildings, including the adaptability of buildings to different programmes and uses.
- Flexibility / adaptability as a design problem for mass housing.
- Comparative studies for early residential examples of modernism.
- Residential houses under diverse historical, cultural, political, economic circumstances.

### **WG Residential Context of Health**

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*Emma Baker and Terry Hartig (coordinators)*

The Residential Context of Health Working Group will convene its next workshop at the ENHR Conference to be held in Athens, Greece, 27-30 August 2019. Suitable papers would fit with a variety of broad themes, such as the effect of physical housing variables on mental and physical health; the role of behavioral, social, and cultural factors in shaping relations between housing and health; the ways in which housing policy can be coordinated with other social welfare policies to more effectively pursue public health objectives; universal design and other strategies for mitigating effects of individual's functional limitations in the residential context; the delivery of health care services in the home; gardens, nearby parks and urban green spaces as health resources; housing stress in relation to loan delinquency or falling housing prices; and mental health consequences of forced moves from homes (due to war, climate change), with attendant disruption of place attachments. The workshop will follow the format used in the previous workshops in this series: draft manuscripts submitted in advance of the meeting, assigned discussants, and maximal time for discussion of the manuscripts. If you want to participate, or if you have other questions about the Working Group, please contact either of its co-convenors, Terry Hartig ([terry.hartig@ibf.uu.se](mailto:terry.hartig@ibf.uu.se)) or Emma Baker ([emma.baker@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:emma.baker@adelaide.edu.au)).

## **WG Residential Environments and People**

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*Hélène Bélanger and Jana Zdrahalova (coordinators)*

In the name of all members of the WG Residential Environments and People, I would like to acknowledge the immeasurable contribution of its founder, Henny Coolen, who retired from the Department OTB at Delft University of Technology last July. Henny founded the working group in 2004 and was since then its coordinator. I had the chance to share the coordination of the Working Group with him since 2008. From the beginning, Henny has brought together researchers from different continents, as members or participants, interested in the mutual relationship between residential environments and people from the individual perspective. His involvement in the activities of the Working Group which organize workshops every year at ENHR conferences since its creation and other activities between conferences, was and still is an inspiration to all of us. On a more personal level, I would like to thank him for all those years of collaborative work, for all the discussions and debates which fuelled my thinking on housing research. I found in him a real mentor. I wish him a retirement full of stimulating intellectual and personal projects.

Henny left us a rich legacy to pursue the working group's activities for the years to come. It is with great pleasure that I welcome Jana Zdrahalova of the Faculty of Architecture, Czech Technical University in Prague who from now on will be sharing the coordination of the Working Group with me. Jana and I will organize the next working group workshop in Athens.

Hélène Bélanger

## **Further WG news**

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WG Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods and Communities: Reinout Kleinhans stepped down; Eva Andersson has agreed to take his place.

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## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

### News from Institutional and Associate Institutional



**Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute  
(AHURI), Melbourne, Australia**  
[www.ahuri.edu.au/](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/)

#### **About AHURI**

AHURI is a national independent research network with an expert not-for-profit research management company, AHURI Limited, at its centre. Our mission is to inform and impact better housing, homelessness, cities and related urban outcomes through the delivery and dissemination of relevant and authoritative research.

#### **New research**

##### **Final Report No. 306: Social housing as infrastructure: an investment pathway**

This research modelled five alternative pathways to funding social housing and found the 'capital grant' model, supplemented by efficient financing, provides the most cost effective model for Australia. The research also established the current and future unmet need for social housing in different parts of Australia.

##### **Final Report No. 305: Technological disruption in private housing markets: the case of Airbnb**

This study looks at how short term letting (STL) platforms like Airbnb, HomeAway and Booking.com are reshaping housing opportunity in private markets. It analysed Airbnb listing data from Sydney and Melbourne to reveal insights into the extent STL is contributing to housing affordability issues and to highlight the most effective responses available to regulators.

##### **Final Report No. 303: Inquiry into the future of the private rental sector**

This study investigated the Australian private rental sector (PRS) focusing on institutional change, including formal rules (policies and regulation); organisations and structures; and informal rules (social norms and practices). It also reviewed the PRS in ten countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

##### **Final Report No. 301: Pathways to housing tax reform**

This research is the final report of the AHURI Inquiry into 'Pathways to Housing Tax Reform in Australia'. It features real-world modelling and implementation time frames to steer tax settings that progress the efficiency, equity and sustainability of housing tax policy, and also presents meaningful long-term political pathways to achieve these outcomes.

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<https://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/research-library>

#### **Upcoming AHURI events**

##### **National Housing Conference 2019**

The biennial National Housing Conference is the largest gathering for the social and affordable housing sectors in Australasia. In 2019 the NHC will be held in Darwin for the first time in its history. The event will take place from 27–30 August at the Darwin Convention Centre. The 2019 theme is 'Housing future communities'. Our country and its housing need is dynamic and ever-



evolving. This year's theme reflects the broad range of housing challenges faced by Australia's diverse communities.

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### European Federation for Living (EFL)

[www.ef-l.eu/](http://www.ef-l.eu/)

Sharing knowledge in a fast moving world: a necessity. The world is changing rapidly. It's only twenty years ago, that the internet became popular worldwide. And already today, we use wireless technology - such as our smartphone - on daily basis. Our children don't know any better and are being brought up with these kind of technical devices. Not only in our private lives, but also in our professional lives we have to keep up with the latest developments to handle the challenges in front of us.

The housing sector is facing technological improvements and new, innovative methods and unusual gadgets. In our sector, we need innovations to offer resistance to a new reality such as climate change. Cities are dealing with droughts, heavy rainfall, hotter summers and colder winters. This means that we have to build different kind of buildings to live and work in. To make it even more complicated, we want to create more sustainable buildings, which will last for many decades. So, we are facing engineering challenges as well. And political and demographic chances. Just to name a few.

In the housing sector, the world of tomorrow is today's issue. That's why the European Federation for Living (EFL) is an active network that combines bricks with brains. We have many events where we share knowledge and experiences, such as the upcoming event in Delft. There, Delft University of Technology will show us their Green Village. Like us and the members of our network, the Delft University of Technology is convinced that solving the world's largest challenges requires new connections, like combinations of technologies that were never linked before, or innovation partnerships between unlikely partners. These connections lead to radical innovations, for example to cars powering homes, people producing their own drinking water, and buildings becoming computers.

The Green Village's goal is to accelerate development and implementation of radical innovations. This is being done by bringing together everyone who needs to be involved – such as scientists and engineers, businesses, the public, and government – at an inspiring place where innovations can be developed, tested and demonstrated. In an experimental real-life setting. A true living lab at the premises of Delft University of Technology.

It truly makes sense to combine bricks with brains. That's why we are also a partner of European Network for Housing Research (ENHR). And that's also why the Delft University of Technology and EFL jointly published a book at Routledge on innovations in affordable housing sector ([www.ef-l.eu/academic-book](http://www.ef-l.eu/academic-book)). These two examples stand for our goal to establish a solid foundation to share experiences, exchange knowledge and promote best practices among the members of our network. Interested in what we do? Have a look at our website [www.ef-l.eu](http://www.ef-l.eu) for more information and our events.



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<http://www.lse.ac.uk/>

### Christine Whitehead elected Honorary Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute



Distinguished economics professor Christine Whitehead has received the honour of being elected an Honorary Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). She has received the honour given her significant contribution academia, policy and increasing the understanding of the relationship between planning and markets. Professor Whitehead is currently Emeritus Professor of Housing Economics at the London School of Economics and was also for 20 years the Director of the Cambridge Centre of Housing and Planning Research (formerly the Centre for Property Research), in the Department of Land Economy at the University of Cambridge. She is an internationally respected applied economist working in the fields of housing and planning economics, finance and policy.

This honourable membership is given for life to a distinguished person who has contributed to help promote the art and science of urban planning. Honorary Membership of the Institute is awarded to a distinguished individual who has made an outstanding contribution to helping promote the art and science of town planning. Honorary Members receive lifetime membership.

### Planning risk and development

The report [Planning risk and development: how greater planning certainty would affect residential development](#), is part of RTPI's 'Better Planning' programme. The report suggests that policy discussions about the benefits of a zoning type system should be made at the plan development stage, making the execution of the Local Plan more complex.



Delft University of Technology  
Delft, The Netherlands

<https://www.tudelft.nl/bk/over-faculteit/afdelingen/management-in-the-built-environment/>

The Co-Lab Research group at the Department of Management in the Built Environment (MBE), Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment at TU Delft held the international seminar "Bringing Collaborative Housing forward in the Netherlands: Learning from international examples of collective self-organisation in housing" in Amsterdam last 22 November. The seminar was part of the Co-Lab Research one-year action research project 'Living Together, Researching Together' funded by the Dutch NWO Smart Urban Regions of the Future (SURF) Pop Up grant.

The event brought together professionals, residents and researchers from the Netherlands, France, Austria, Sweden, Belgium, the UK and other European countries to discuss findings of the research and to learn from similar experiences abroad. The seminar included presentations about collaborative housing in Vienna, Brittany (France), Stockh

olm and Antwerps, parallel thematic workshops and panel discussions. During the day, participants discussed how residents can best self-organise to govern and manage their housing; how housing professionals can provide efficient and effective support to residents' groups in line with their organisational goals; and what Dutch collaborative housing can learn from international examples. More information about the programme of the day can be found here, where further updates will be published over the coming weeks.



This one-year action research project is funded by the Dutch Science Organisation (NWO) and led by Professor Vincent Gruis and Dr Darinka Czischke. It includes the participation of post-doctoral researcher Carla Huisman and research assistants Stephanie Zeulevoet and Sara Brysch. The aim is to develop a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities for collaborative housing in the Netherlands through partnerships between tenants' groups and housing corporations in Amsterdam. The team works closely together with societal partners, namely Amsterdam-based housing associations De Key and Rochdale; the Amsterdam resident support organisation Woon! and the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Metropolitan Solutions (AMS).



### Housing Chair Universitat Rovira i Virgili Tarragona, Spain

[www.housing.urv.cat/en/](http://www.housing.urv.cat/en/)

#### New books and studies

- Un nou dret d'arrendaments urbans per a Catalunya per a afavorir l'accés a l'habitatge [A new legal regime of urban leases for Catalonia to facilitate access to housing] Prof. Dr Sergio Nasarre Aznar, Dr Héctor Simón Moreno and Dr Elga Molina Roig co-edited the book *Un nou dret d'arrendaments urbans per a Catalunya per a afavorir l'accés a l'habitatge* [A new legal regime of urban leases for Catalonia to facilitate access to housing] (Atelier, 2018), in which other researchers of the Chair have also been involved. This work is the result of seven years studying and comparing the tenancy regimes of the 28 member countries of the European Union, and proposes a residential urban leases model based on the one followed by the three EU countries with the highest tenancy rate (Germany, Switzerland and Austria). This model served as the basis for the guidelines of a working group set up by the Secretariat of Housing of the Generalitat of Catalonia during the years 2016 and 2017. This model develops a new legal regime of urban leases that, taking into consideration the interests and the rights of the two parts of the contractual relationship, can facilitate access to housing and make it a real alternative to homeownership.
- Una nueva regulación para los arrendamientos de vivienda en un context europeo [A new regulation for residential leases in a European context]

Dr Elga Molina Roig, researcher of the UNESCO Chair of Housing, is the author of the book *Una nueva regulación para los arrendamientos de vivienda en un context europeu* [A new regulation for residential leases in a European context]. This work gathers the research and conclusions of her PhD about the need to amend residential tenancy law in Spain. Dr Molina analyses the current legislation of residential tenancies in Spain, detects its inefficiencies and proposes a new legal framework based on comparative experiences. This new model ensures the stability, affordability and flexibility of the tenant, while providing the landlord with enough profitability, security and guarantees. This is the third volume of the new collection “Derecho de la vivienda” [Housing Law], published by the prestigious Spanish publisher Tirant lo Blanch. This collection focuses on the study and outreach of housing from several perspectives and with an innovative methodology. Here the reader may find the most updated information and the answers to the new challenges of the complex phenomenon of housing.

### **Research Project “Tokenisation of property and its impact on the regulation of the fifth book of the Catalan civil Code”**

The UNESCO Chair of Housing at University Rovira i Virgili is leading an interdisciplinary research project funded by the Centre d'Estudis Jurídics i Formació Especialitzada entitled “Tokenisation of property and its impact on the regulation of the fifth book of the Catalan civil Code”. This research project analyses from a legal and technical perspective the new technological practice of creating virtual tokens that represent ownership or rights in rem over immovable property, and its impact on the civil law.

### **New academic partner of the European Federation for Living**

The UNESCO Housing Chair has been accepted as a new associated academic partner of the European Federation for Living (EFL), thus becoming its first Spanish member. The EFL has currently 60 members, which represent 14 European countries and more than 1.2 million houses in Europe. This network has a unique combination of social housing providers, private stakeholders and universities and other research networks. The UNESCO Housing Chair will be able to enrich its work at the same time that it contributes to the EFL with its knowledge and research outputs on a variety of fields within housing studies. Moreover, the combination of housing providers, private companies and academia enables the implementation of two of the Housing Chair cornerstones: knowledge transfer and social impact.



**The Housing Agency**  
[www.housingagency.ie/](http://www.housingagency.ie/)

### **About the Housing Agency**

The Housing Agency was set up to support local authorities, approved housing bodies (housing associations) and government in the delivery of housing and housing services. The vision of the Housing Agency is to enable everyone to live in good quality, affordable homes in sustainable communities, and it is driven by the understanding of the central role that housing plays in people's quality of life and life chances. One of the Agency's core activities is research, particularly to inform policy and practice. The Agency undertakes in-house research and data analysis, commissions research, works in partnership with other housing bodies on research projects and provides housing research support to other state agencies.

### **Recently released Housing Agency Reports**

- National Study of Housing Experiences, Attitudes and Aspirations in Ireland  
The Housing Agency launched two reports in November 2018 from their study Housing Experiences, Attitudes and Aspirations in Ireland:

- [Report 1: Drivers of Residential Satisfaction and Aspirations in Ireland \(www.housingagency.ie/Housing/media/Media/Publications/Housing-Attitudes-Report-1-Drivers-online.pdf\)](http://www.housingagency.ie/Housing/media/Media/Publications/Housing-Attitudes-Report-1-Drivers-online.pdf)
- [Report 2: Irish Residential Satisfaction \(www.housingagency.ie/Housing/media/Media/Publications/Housing-Attitudes-Report-2-Satisfaction.pdf\)](http://www.housingagency.ie/Housing/media/Media/Publications/Housing-Attitudes-Report-2-Satisfaction.pdf)

These reports are the first two from a series of five reports which discuss the results of a nationally representative survey and themed focus groups which aim to better understand current housing experiences and attitudes in Ireland and looks at people's future aspirations for their housing.

- **Thinking Ahead: Independent and Supported Housing Models for an Ageing Population. Case Studies of Independent and Supported Living in Ireland**  
This report showcases some best practice examples in Ireland of housing for older people with varying scales of support services – ranging from homes that have been designed or modified to enable people to live fully independent lives, to various forms of sheltered housing with varying scales of support. The report includes nineteen case studies and provides descriptions and lessons learnt from the schemes ([www.housingagency.ie/Housing/media/Media/Publications/HA18002-Housing-Models-for-an-Ageing-Population-online\\_1.pdf](http://www.housingagency.ie/Housing/media/Media/Publications/HA18002-Housing-Models-for-an-Ageing-Population-online_1.pdf)).
- **Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) 2018**  
The purpose of the SSHA is to identify the number of households in need of social housing and to provide a breakdown on the composition of this need. This annual assessment provides a strategic picture of those applying for support and can be used to drive and target delivery of social housing supports ([Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2018](#))
- **Quality Apartments and Urban Housing**  
This design guide by the Housing Agency and Urban Agency provides architects, planners, developers and other housing professionals in the private and public sector with an overview of the elements that contribute to the design of good quality apartments and urban housing. By considering a range of layouts and typologies and by drawing on examples from around Europe the guide aims to demonstrate the potential of good design to make apartments the dwellings of choice ([Quality Apartments and Urban Housing](#)).
- **Evaluation of Age Friendly Housing with Support Model**  
The report contains the results of an evaluation of the first phase of the Inchicore Housing with Support Demonstration prototype. The overall aim of this housing project was to develop a new model of housing for older people where the key components of physical environment and supports (care and social) are provided onsite, integrated into the community and are designed with older people at the centre. Housing with Support provides an alternative option of housing for older people that falls somewhere between living independently in the community and living in a nursing home or other form of long-term care. The report was commissioned by Dublin City Council and the Housing Agency and was conducted by independent researcher Dr Kathy Walsh ([Housing with Support Model](#)).  
A [toolkit](#) was also developed to assist in developing flexible models to meet the housing, health and wellbeing needs of older people in the community nationwide.
- **Design for Mental Health**  
This report provides guidelines to identify ways in which homes can be designed to help overcome the barriers to independent living experienced by people diagnosed with certain mental health conditions. The guidelines offer a perspective on housing type and design for people considering alternatives to congregated (grouped residential) settings. This is the first time any such design guidelines targeting this cohort of the population have been produced anywhere in the world ([Design for Mental Health](#)).

### Recent Housing Agency Events

#### Housing Data

The Housing Agency recently (July 2018) hosted a seminar “Housing Data” Seminar. Key speakers who work with housing data covered a diverse range of topics which had the common theme of the importance of good housing data. Innovative examples of using housing data were given, with debate on how we can improve the housing data that we use. The links to the presentations are available [here](#).



### **Seminar on Affordable Housing – Learning from Europe**

The Housing Agency hosted a seminar, “Affordable Housing – Learning from Europe”, on 7 December in Dublin. Members from the Policy and Research Working Group gave presentations at the event, accompanied by key Irish speakers. The key themes were: Good Funding Mechanisms for Achieving Affordable Housing, Funding the Right Balance Between Affordable Rental and Affordable Home Ownership, The Irish Model of Cost Rental, and How can Research be used to Inform Affordable Housing Policies.



### **Sustainable Built Environment National Research Centre**

<https://sbenrc.com.au>

A new Sustainable Built Environment National Research Centre project - Mapping the Social and Affordable Housing Supply Chain (<http://sbenrc.com.au/research-programs/1-61/>) aims to improve the productivity, effectiveness and efficiency of the system. A multi-layered stakeholder network map will be delivered, facilitating a strategic yet pragmatic understanding of the complexities and associations in the system. It will highlight interactions, strengths and weaknesses; areas for improvement; gaps in knowledge to establish research priorities; skills development needs; and innovation opportunities.

These high level maps (focussing on public, community and non-market rental housing) aim to identify, understand and describe the various elements of this complex system. They will integrate asset and service elements (around a person-centred approach) across the nine domains, identified in earlier SBEnc research, of: community, economics, education, employment, environment, health and well-being, housing, social and urban amenity.

Key elements to be explored in developing the maps include: policy drivers and players; funding and financial mechanisms; procurement and delivery approaches; metrics, indicators and data; changing demographics; housing typologies; housing as part of social and environmental systems; integrated, shared and disruptive infrastructure; housing asset management; the housing production supply chain; and sector-wide skills levels and gaps, industry capability and capacity building.

Other important aims include:

- Contributing to an Australia-wide understanding of this sector.
- Identifying how the sector is integrated with the broader housing system.
- Rationalising policy and research agendas to help in establishing policy, research and skills development priorities.
- Highlighting differences across and within States and Territories in terms of: economic drivers; preconditions for delivery; and regional differences.

The maps will be high level but pragmatic to enable stakeholders involved in social and affordable housing policy, programs and delivery to more accurately identify opportunities for improvement, innovation, research and skills development.

This research has been developed with funding and support provided by Australia's Sustainable Built Environment National Research Centre (SBEnc) and its partners. Core Partners in this research include BGC Australia, Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works, Western Australia Department of Communities (Housing), and Curtin and Griffith Universities. Our Project Steering Group Chair is Sue Ash AO.

For more information please contact project leader Dr Judy Kraatz ([j.kraatz@griffith.edu.au](mailto:j.kraatz@griffith.edu.au))



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**Housing and Communities Research Group**  
<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/chasm/research/housing-communities/index.aspx>

### **Hope for Housing Conference Report**

The report is intended to provide a resource for people working to promote collaboration, community empowerment and community benefit through housing. It provides an accessible source of information on the national policy context, international models and a local vision for Birmingham Community Homes, the new enabling body set up to provide practical support to multiply community-led housing in Birmingham. It documents practitioner discussion of Dr Richard Lang's models of co-operative capital connecting local projects to resources via hubs and multi-level support. It provides great examples of how existing housing can be community-led too. It includes participant feedback and updates on the exciting changes happening in the Midlands since the conference.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/news/2018/11/hope-for-housing-report.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/news/2018/11/hope-for-housing-report.aspx)

### **Exempt accommodation in Birmingham**

New research undertaken by Thea Raisbeck for HCRG in collaboration with Birmingham Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) and Spring Housing will help local actors to better understand and improve the exempt accommodation sub-sector in Birmingham. This little known sector provides short term accommodation for 10,000 vulnerable people in Birmingham. Better understanding of exempt accommodation is essential in responding to recent policies such as the Homelessness Reduction Act and changes to funding for supported housing. BSAB supported this stage of the research because of the risk, safety and well-being concerns raised by the growth of the sector in Birmingham.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/news/2018/11/hcrg-publish-latest-research-on-exempt-accommodation-in-birmingham.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/news/2018/11/hcrg-publish-latest-research-on-exempt-accommodation-in-birmingham.aspx)

### **Housing and Communities Research Group joins CHASM**

With Professor David Mullins (still very active!) retirement and transition to Emeritus Professor, Housing and Communities Research Group will be joining the Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management (CHASM), also part of the University of Birmingham, under the directorship of Professor Andy Lymer.

CHASM and HCRG have been successful in a project bid led by Professor Vincent Gruis at the University of Delft called Circular Housing Asset Renovation & Management (CHARM). This 4 year InterregNWE funded project, worth nearly 7 million Euros, focusses on implementing principles of a circular economy in the asset management of social housing organisations to prevent downcycling of construction materials. This project involves social housing organisations from 4 countries in the InterregNWE region (Belgium, France, the Netherlands, United Kingdom), in co-creation with supply chain partners and knowledge institutes.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/chasm/news/2018/hcrg-joins-chasm.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/chasm/news/2018/hcrg-joins-chasm.aspx)



**University of Cambridge  
Cambridge Centre for Housing  
and Planning Research (CCHPR)**

<https://www.cchpr.landecon.cam.ac.uk/>

**New research published by the CCHPR**

[BIM in the UK house building industry: opportunities and barriers to adoption](#) (March 2018)

Our project for the Centre for Digital Built Britain looked at the uptake of digital tools in the UK house building sector. It provides a 'state of the nation' report into the opportunities and barriers to the uptake of the digital tools, standards and processes that are collectively known as Building Information Modelling (BIM).

[Using incentives to improve the private rented sector for people in poverty - three costed solutions](#) (March 2018)

Our research for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation used an expert steering group to identify and cost three policy options, drawn from an earlier International Policy Review, which were deemed to have the potential to improve access to housing, affordability, housing quality and tenure for people in poverty. This paper was acknowledged by Thinkhouse, an online housing research library, as one of the key reports of 2018.

[The impact of taxation reform on the private rented sector](#) (July 2018)

Our research for the Residential Landlords Association investigated the likely impact of taxation reforms on the private rented sector through a survey of landlords in 2018: the change to mortgage interest tax relief was the single most dominant reason for landlords deciding to sell property.

[How can digital tools and technologies support independent living for older people, now and into the future?](#) (July 2018)

Our first position paper produced for the Digital Built Britain Housing Network describes the current research landscape and capabilities in relation to this priority topic of digitisation and housing an ageing population. It identifies the gaps in knowledge and capabilities, and outlines an agenda for further research if UK plc is to sustainably and equitably meet the housing needs of older people in the digital future.

[Developing income linked rents for CHS Group](#) (September 2018)

Our exploration of how rent setting can make housing genuinely affordable for housing association clients offered two possible approaches to setting income-linked rents: restructuring rent patterns, or investing in measures that will reduce running costs for tenants, for example improved insulation of properties.

[What is the role of off-site housing manufacture in a Digital Built Britain?](#) (October 2018)

The second position paper produced by the Housing Network looks at the potential for off-site housing manufacture to address the shortage of housing in the UK. There has been very little written about how digital technologies are used in off-site housing manufacture and this rapid evidence review outlines the policy background and attempts to establish the gaps in



knowledge that will help UK plc capture the benefits of emerging BIM technology, and use these to leverage the benefits of off-site manufacturing in the UK housing construction industry.

[How will the UK govern, maintain and manage housing stock in a Digital Built Britain? \(October 2018\)](#)

With housing sitting at the heart of many social, economic and environmental issues, harnessing digital tools to govern, manage and maintain housing stock in the UK has the potential to have a dramatic impact on housing in UK plc, despite the variations in tenure across the sector. Our third position paper for the Digital Built Britain Housing Network looks at this critical issue.

## OTHER NEWS

### **World Habitat Outstanding housing projects Prize**

World Habitat is looking for outstanding housing projects that have made a huge impact on local communities. The online application form is open from **1 January to 31 March 2019**.

Being a finalist or winner will bring international recognition. Winning projects also receive a cash prize of £10,000, a trophy and have the opportunity to share their award-winning approach through knowledge transfer activities.

For more information visit [www.world-habitat.org/world-habitat-awards/how-to-enter/](http://www.world-habitat.org/world-habitat-awards/how-to-enter/)



### **UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence papers**

The UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence have published a number of papers over the last few months. These include the Social Housing Policy Working Group reports, which cover a wide range of areas related to social housing, including design value, funding models, governance and overviews of social housing in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

We have also published papers on affordability, housing taxation, the impact of welfare reforms on housing associations, design value at the neighbourhood scale and the 'frustrated housing' aspirations of generation rent.

In addition to this, CaCHE co-investigators have been publishing regular blogs, including a series by the CaCHE Knowledge Exchange team on our approach to co-producing research priorities.

See [housingevidence.ac.uk/publications](http://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications).



**UK COLLABORATIVE  
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HOUSING EVIDENCE**

## New members - WELCOME

New individual members	Institute	Country	Expertise
Gani Olalekan Bakare	University of Glasgow	United Kingdom	Informal settlement (Urban informality/slums), urban poverty
Alice Selene Boni	-	Italy	Italian housing policies
Esratur Demirtaş	-	Turkey	Housing competitions
Daniel Eichhorn	-	Germany	Demography, cartography
Timothy Monteath	London School of Economics	United Kingdom	Elite housing in London, Tax avoidance, Land registration
Kathryn Muir	-	United Kingdom	-
Ann-Marie O'Reilly	-	Ireland	-
Catherine van Rijswijk	-	Germany	European planning cultures, Europeanization of French and Dutch housing systems
Gulnara Roll	-	Switzerland	National and international policies on housing and urban development
Eniko Vincze	Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca	Romania	Housing
Louisa Vogiazides	-	Sweden	Migration geography
Tereza Voriskova	University of Economics, Prague	Czech Republic	Housing markets in various territories

## NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

### **AFFORDABLE CONDOMINIUM HOUSING. A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERSHIP IN COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR**

*Rosa Elena Donoso Gomez (dissertation)*

Most studies into housing quality and poor maintenance have been conducted among single-family homes owned by individuals. In South America, especially in cities, low-income homes are usually apartments. Most maintenance-related issues occur in joint ownership properties and there is little literature available on this topic.

The lack of maintenance of these communal areas is a problem of increasing proportions. Which factors play a decisive role in how homeowner's associations function and how building maintenance is organized, how important is the horizontal property law and how does this affect low-income housing policy in Colombia and Ecuador?

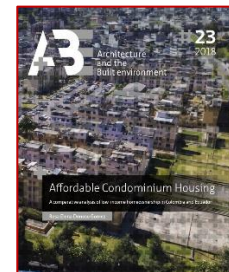
The results show that legal obligations can have a counterproductive effect on the involvement and self-organization of homeowners. The property law in Colombia stipulates that a professional administrator must be appointed to manage the homeowner's association. The result is that residents feel less personal responsibility and attend fewer meetings of the homeowner's association.

In Ecuador, the rules for maintenance are much more flexible and the chairman of the homeowner's association can assume the role of manager. As a result, the residents appear to be more involved in the homeowner's association's decision-making processes, but are generally less satisfied with the outcome.

This dissertation presents a framework for international comparative research into the functioning of homeowner's associations. Insight into the interaction between formal and informal institutions is crucial in a world in which citizens have to take personal responsibility, governments have ambitious goals and quality of housing and life is at risk.

*2018, 296 p., ISBN 978-94-6366-076-1 Series Architecture and the Built Environment (A+BE) 23*

[journals.open.tudelft.nl/index.php/abe/article/view/2605](http://journals.open.tudelft.nl/index.php/abe/article/view/2605)



### **BUILDING AND DWELLING. ETHICS FOR THE CITY**

*Richard Sennett*

In *Building and Dwelling*, Richard Sennett argues for, and describes the idea of an open city, one in which people learn to manage complexity. He shows how the design of cities can enrich or diminish the everyday experience of those who dwell in them. The book ranges widely - from London, Paris and Barcelona to Shanghai, Mumbai and Medellin in Colombia - and draws on classic thinkers such as Tocqueville, Heidegger, Max Weber, and Walter Benjamin. It also draws on Sennett's many decades as a practical planner himself, testing what works, what doesn't, and why. He shows what works ethically is often the most practical solution for cities' problems.

Richard Sennett is the Centennial Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics and former University Professor of the Humanities at New York University. He is currently a Senior Fellow of



the Center on Capitalism and Society at Columbia University. Sennett has studied social ties in cities, and the effects of urban living on individuals in the modern world.

2018, 368 p., ISBN 978-18-4614-226-0

[www.amazon.de/Building-Dwelling-Ethics-Richard-Sennett/dp/071399875X](http://www.amazon.de/Building-Dwelling-Ethics-Richard-Sennett/dp/071399875X)

### **RESIDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF IMPENDING FORCED RELOCATION IN URBAN CHINA. A CASE STUDY OF STATE-LED URBAN REDEVELOPMENT IN SHENYANG**

*Xin Li (dissertation)*

The aim of this thesis was to gain a deeper understanding of the influence of urban redevelopment and its induced forced relocation on residents, by investigating their behavioural and emotional responses to the state-led urban redevelopment in Shenyang, a Chinese city. In particular, it highlights the agency of the affected residents, through exploring their interactions with other stakeholders and through displaying the ambivalence embedded in their neighbourhood experiences.

Since 2008, the central government has initiated Shantytown Redevelopment Projects (SRPs) to improve the living conditions of low-income residents living in declining neighbourhoods. Between 2008 and 2012, about 12.6 million households in China were involved in SRPs, and forced to move as their dwellings were demolished. They are among one of the most deprived social groups due to unemployment, low-income, serious illness etc., and cannot afford better dwellings. Their experiences and compensation choices at an early stage can affect their follow-up housing experiences, since they need to make significant decisions with regard to the type and the amount of compensation (in-kind or monetary) that they can get from local governments and/or developers. However, current studies mainly target the relocatees who are already at the post-relocation stage to recall their pre-relocation experiences to evaluate the outcomes of forced relocation, which might lead to distorted retrospective accounts of their experiences and causes of their behavioural and emotional responses to the forced relocation.

2018, 178 p., ISBN 978-94-6366-038-9

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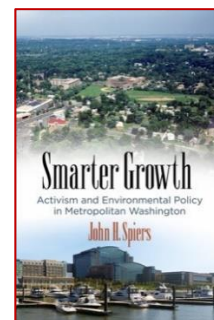


### **SMARTER GROWTH. ACTIVISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**

*John H. Spiers*

In Smarter Growth, Spiers argues that civic and social activists played a key role in pushing state and local officials to address the environmental and fiscal costs of growth. Drawing on case studies including the Potomac River's cleanup, local development projects, and agricultural preservation, he identifies two periods of heightened environmental consciousness in the early to mid-1970s and the late 1990s that resulted in stronger development regulations and land preservation across much of metropolitan Washington.

Smarter Growth gives attention to the differences between rural, suburban, and urban communities and demonstrating how public officials and their constituents engaged in an ongoing dialogue that positioned



environmental protection as an increasingly important facet of metropolitan development over the past four decades. It reveals that federal policies were only one part of a larger decision-making process - and not always for the benefit of the environment. Finally, it underscores the continued importance of grassroots activists for pursuing growth that is environmentally, fiscally, and socially equitable smarter.

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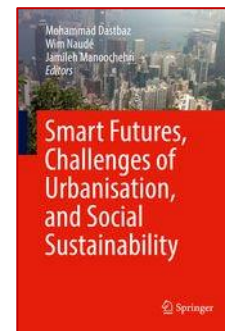
### **SMART FUTURES, CHALLENGES OF URBANISATION, AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

*Dastbaz M., W. Naudé & J. Manoochehri (Eds).*

This book tackles the challenges posed by accelerating urbanization. The volume's twin focus on social sustainability and sustainable development creates a nuanced and vitally important resource. Large migrations from rural areas to cities without appropriate planning and infrastructure improvements, including housing, education and health care optimization, have created significant challenges across the globe. The authors suggest technology-rich strategies to meet these challenges by careful application of data on population growth and movement to the planning, design, and construction of operational infrastructures that can sustainably support our increasingly rapid population growth.

ENHR member Jamileh Manoochehri is one of the editors.

2018, ISBN 978-3-319-74548-0  
[www.springer.com/us/book/9783319745480](http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319745480)

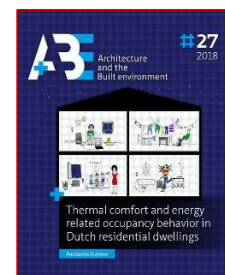


### **THERMAL COMFORT AND ENERGY RELATED OCCUPANCY BEHAVIOUR IN DUTCH RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS**

*Anastasios Ioannou (dissertation)*

Residential buildings account for a significant amount of the national energy consumption of all OECD countries. Therefore, the national targets for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction should include provisions for a more energy efficient building stock for all EU member states. National and European level policies in the past decades have improved the quality of the building stock by setting stricter standards on the external envelope of newly made buildings, the efficiency of the mechanical and heating components, the renovation practices and by establishing an energy labelling system. Energy-related occupancy behaviour is a significant part, and relatively uncharted, of buildings' energy consumption. This thesis tried to contribute to the understanding of the role of the occupant related to the energy consumption of residential buildings by means of simulations and experimental data obtained by an extensive measurement campaign.

2018, 242 p., ISBN 987-94-636-6096-9  
[books.bk.tudelft.nl/index.php/press/catalog/book/isbn.9789463660969](http://books.bk.tudelft.nl/index.php/press/catalog/book/isbn.9789463660969)



**WELCOME HOME. TRENDS IN DANISH HOUSING ARCHITECTURE**

*Claus Bech-Danielsen, Mette Mechlenborg and Marie Stender (Eds.)*

Danish residential architecture has shown a notable ability to come up with unique interpretations of international trends. The same is true right now, when many new tendencies are emerging within home building and new forms of home life are posing fresh challenges to housing design. These new trends don't come out of thin air – urban and housing development moves in tandem with other social trends. Big changes in society create new opportunities and new housing needs and expectations. New dreams about how our 'homes' might be in the future. This book's description of Danish residential architecture emphasizes these changing contexts partly by way of historical flashbacks that explain past housing developments and in describing new trends in housing that reflect today's movements and ideas of home life. As such, the book gives insight into the development of housing in the Danish welfare state, as to the mechanism involved in the development of the global housing marked between residents, investors, demography and megatrends.

Welcome home is a publication of the National Danish Research Institute (ENHR Institutional Member), at Aalborg University Copenhagen.

2018, 264 p., ISBN 978-8-74004-188-0

[dac.dk/produkt/welcome-home-trends-in-danish-housing-architecture/](http://dac.dk/produkt/welcome-home-trends-in-danish-housing-architecture/)



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6-8 February 2019, Adelaide (Australia)

**Australasian Housing Researchers' Conference (AHRC)**

Abstract submission deadline = 30 November 2018

Abstract acceptance notifications = Mid December 2018

Early registration fees cut-off date = 21 December 2018

For more information [www.ahrc.org.au/](http://www.ahrc.org.au/)

7-8 March 2019, Atlanta (USA)

**Comparative Urbanism: Global Perspectives**

Abstracts deadline = 1 August

For more information [urbaninstitute.gsu.edu/2019-comparative-urbanism-conference/](http://urbaninstitute.gsu.edu/2019-comparative-urbanism-conference/)

2-4 April 2019, Victoria, British Columbia (Canada)

**Canadian Housing and Renewal Association's (CHRA) 51st National Congress on Housing and Homelessness**

Submission deadline = 28 October

For questions contact Dominika Krzeminska, Director, Programs & Strategic Initiatives ([dkrzeminska@chra-achru.ca](mailto:dkrzeminska@chra-achru.ca))

For more information [chra-achru.ca/en/call-for-proposals-congress-2019](http://chra-achru.ca/en/call-for-proposals-congress-2019)

9-12 April 2019, Moscow (Russia)

**International Conference on Economic and Social Development**

Higher School of Economics

Preliminary registration, including abstract deadline = 12 November

For more information [conf.hse.ru/en/2019/](http://conf.hse.ru/en/2019/)

13-16 April 2019, San Francisco (USA)

**Housing, Community and Economic Development: International, comparative and global planning, small town and rural planning**

Submission deadline is closed.

For more information [www.planning.org/conference/](http://www.planning.org/conference/)

24-27 April 2019, Los Angeles (USA)

**49th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association: Claiming Rights to the City: Community, Capital, and the state**

Abstract/Session proposal deadline = 1 October 2018 ([urban@gsu.edu](mailto:urban@gsu.edu))

For more information <https://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/>

9-10 May 2019, Edinburgh (UK)

**ENHR Comparative Housing Policy Working Group workshop**

A formal call for comparative papers, combined with some themed discussion, possibly 'Housing in Europe in an Age of Populism' will follow in 2019.

14 May 2019, Charleroi (Belgium)

**Women and Housing (main language: French)**

Organized by Centre d'Etudes en Habitat Durable, Charleroi, Belgium.

Abstract submission deadline = 8 March 2019

Notification = 8 April 2019

Registration will be free of charge but mandatory for organizational matters.

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For more information [www.cehd.be/formations/journ%C3%A9e-d%C3%A9tudes-femmes-et-logement-14-mai-2019/](http://www.cehd.be/formations/journ%C3%A9e-d%C3%A9tudes-femmes-et-logement-14-mai-2019/)



23-24 May 2019, Oxford (UK)

**Penn/Oxford symposium Housing affordability in the advanced economies**

Abstract submission deadline = 31 January 2019, submissions to Assistant Professor Vincent Reina ([vreina@upenn.edu](mailto:vreina@upenn.edu))

Notification = 28 February 2019

Paper deadline = 1 May 2019

For more information [www.design.upenn.edu/research/work/pennoxford-symposium%20housing-affordability-advanced-economies](http://www.design.upenn.edu/research/work/pennoxford-symposium%20housing-affordability-advanced-economies)

4-8 June, 2019 Lyon (France)

**2nd International Social Housing Festival: Our Planet, our Cities, our Homes**

Do you have an event in mind you would like to propose and organise? [info@housingeurope.eu](mailto:info@housingeurope.eu)

For more information [www.housingeurope.eu/resource-1156/be-part-of-the-2nd-international-social-housing-festival-in-lyon-4-8-june-2019](http://www.housingeurope.eu/resource-1156/be-part-of-the-2nd-international-social-housing-festival-in-lyon-4-8-june-2019)

12-14 June 2019, Trondheim (Norway)

**Building for better health, research & innovation in architecture & urban design for care & health (ARCH19 - 4th Architecture Research Care & Health conference)**

Abstract deadline = 1 October 2018

Full paper deadline = 1 February 2019

For more information [www.ntnu.edu/arch19](http://www.ntnu.edu/arch19)

20-22 June 2019, Dublin (Ireland)

**EURA-UAA Conference 2019, Future Cities IV**

15-11 abstract deadline = 3 December

Paper deadline = 31 May

For more information [cityfutures2019.com/](http://cityfutures2019.com/)

15-18 July 2019 Bochum (Germany)

**Third European Summer School for Young Professionals**

Registration will open soon.

For more information [www.e-b-z.de/ueber-das-ebz/netzwerke/europa/european-summer-school-2019.html](http://www.e-b-z.de/ueber-das-ebz/netzwerke/europa/european-summer-school-2019.html)

27-30 August 2019, Darwin (Australia)

**National Housing Conference 2019 Housing future communities**

Abstract deadline = 31 January 2019

Notification = 28 February 2019

Presenter acceptance deadline = 8 April 2019

Presenter registration = 27 May 2019

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

27-30 August 2019, Athens (Greece)

**ENHR conference Housing for the next European social model**

Call for abstracts = 1 January

Abstracts deadline = 22 March 2019

Notification = 28 April

Full paper deadline = 3 June

Registration will start on 1 January

For more information [enhr2019.com/](http://enhr2019.com/)

11-13 September 2019, Lublin (Poland)

**RSA Central and Eastern Europe Conference 2019 Metropolises and Peripheries of CEE Countries: New Challenges for EU, National and Regional Policies**

Abstract submission deadline = 21 May 2019

Early bird registration deadline = 21 May 2019

For more information [www.regionalstudies.org/events/cee2019/](http://www.regionalstudies.org/events/cee2019/)

4-6 November 2019, Wien (Austria)

**Housing under Pressure. Dynamics between Centers and Peripheries**

INUAS-conference series Urban Transformations: Housing, Resources, Public Spaces

Abstract deadline = 31 January 2019

Paper deadline = still open

For more information [www.fh-campuswien.ac.at/index.php?id=2147475](http://www.fh-campuswien.ac.at/index.php?id=2147475)

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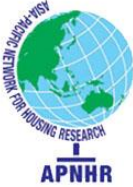





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