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EDITORIAL

Tarragona 2013: Overcoming the crisis

The 25th International Conference of the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) takes place in the city of Tarragona (Spain) from 19th to 22nd June 2013. The theme of the conference is: "Overcoming the crisis: integrating the urban environment".

It is going to be a good opportunity to discuss the current situation of housing in Europe and, specially, in those countries in which the financial crisis is striking particularly hard. Spain can be counted in. With an unemployment rate of 25% (50% of youth unemployment), a mortgage default rate of 3.5% (double that of 2008), with about 5 million empty houses (many of them built where nobody wants to live or badly preserved), cuts in salaries and social services, an underground economy with tax evasion that represents 20% GDP, and 2.2 million children living below the poverty threshold, Spain is experiencing difficult times. The social unrest against banks, rating agencies and politicians (with real estate-related corruption flying above the heads of the representatives of the main political parties), has even led to a situation where the mere existence of Spain is in question. From January to September 2012, just in the city of Madrid, 2,732 demonstrations took place. And this is going to have a generational dimension: young people are experiencing more and more difficulties to access a dwelling, and last data reveal that this is the main reason why they do not leave their parents' house until they are 31. Squatting is also increasing.

One of the main reasons for the current situation is, as you well know, the burst of the extraordinary housing bubble 1995-2007. These same roots are the crisis in other countries, such as in Ireland or in the United States. Financial rules such as the private control of the market (e.g. rating agencies as gatekeepers) or deregulation in the banking sector have turned out to be useless, even dangerous. The financial perspective of a dwelling as a financial asset must be reconsidered. In many countries and international legal texts the right to housing is considered to be a human right or, at least, a goal to be taken into account by politicians. The effectiveness of new rules world-wide to readdress the current situation, such as the Dodd-Frank Act in the US or the Proposal Directive in Europe Credit Agreements Relating to Residential Property, is still in question; especially when they have to co-exist with the liabilities of the main characters of the crisis in the form of multi-millionaire judicial procedures (or settlements to avoid them), and public money being used to save the same banks that generated the crisis or robo-signing scandals.

Therefore, housing is experiencing convulsive times. The ENHR2013 conference will be a good opportunity to discuss crucial topics that may affect how housing is going to be seen in the following years in which the crisis, at least in theory, will be overcome, and to design the conception of housing to avoid the same mistakes in the near future. Is a dwelling a financial asset, a human right, four walls and a roof, a centre of fundamental rights, anything else, all together? How can all this be properly combined, thus avoiding to create an explosive cocktail? What can/should we do with such an amount of empty dwellings? Has regeneration or the new forms of tenures something to say about this? Is territorial and/or social cohesion essential for this? What are the new housing policies seeking? Have we learnt anything from all this?

Four plenary sessions and more than 20 workshops on key housing research issues will be organized. Abstracts of papers submissions are welcome now (until 1st of April 2013) and these might cover a wide range of interdisciplinary topics related to housing: poverty, finance, economics, dynamics, social housing, housing tenures, sustainability, legal aspects, regeneration, migration, homelessness, policy, urbanism, energy efficiency, among others. Moreover, field trips have been arranged for you to give you a glimpse of how we live in a middle-sized coastal city of North-East Spain, including some places that evidence the consequences of the bubble bursting.

All the relevant information about the conference is available at www.enhr2013.com. Through this website you can also submit your contribution.

If you have further queries, do not hesitate in asking us at info@enhr2013.com.

We warmly welcome you to Tarragona!

Sergio Nasarre-Aznar
Civil Law Full Professor
University Rovira i Virgili
Tarragona, Spain

ENHR 25th ANNIVERSARY

1988 - 2013



ENHR needs **YOU!** Make your friends jealous. Be a leader in the fashion world. You can be the **FIRST PERSON** to get hold of an ENHR 25 T-shirt - in your size and your colour (OK, black or white).

The second ENHR Newsletter will be a special issue focusing on the first 25 years of the Network. We need you to tell us your most enjoyable or your funniest experiences at a conference, a seminar or just in communication with each other. You can send in text or pictures with text, whatever you prefer.

The first 5 people to respond by April 1st will win a T-shirt - or if you prefer a luxury ENHR 25 tie pin.

Be the envy of the designer world and let us have your contributions **NOW** - to enhr@tudelft.nl.

Best wishes,

Montserrat Pareja - Eastaway, Christiane Thouzellier, Richard Turkington and Iván Tosics
Celebration Committee



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

EAST EUROPEAN HOUSING & URBAN POLICY

Coordinators: József Hegedüs (hegedus@mri.hu) and Sasha Tsenkova (tsenkova@ucalgary.ca)

Plans for 2013 & 2014

The past two and half decades have brought about a dramatic change in the housing system of post-socialist EU Member States and accession countries. Large scale privatization has led to the near disappearance of social housing, and private housing became the dominant arrangement in the housing sector. In the process of transition, negative consequences of economic restructuring (regional and social inequality, declining living standards, affordability problems etc.) have raised the need for social housing. However, the programmes in the region launched at the end of the 90s did not result in significant improvement; the share of social housing remained modest.

The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) in 2008 exacerbated the situation, as countries under fiscal pressure and in economic recession had to abandon their social housing investment programmes. The crisis especially hit the housing market, encumbering the access to mortgage lending, with mortgage payments and housing related utility costs becoming an extreme burden to households, which increased the demand for affordable rental units. Because of the narrowing economic possibilities and lessening demographic pressure, the demand for new construction plummeted. In turn, private housing has become the only viable possibility for the new social housing models. The private rental sector started to emerge, but typically in an un-regulated legal, financial, and tax environment, leading to the development of a substantial informal private rental market. The only realistic option for the expansion of social housing remained the use of the private housing stock through social housing agencies – a model which currently being implemented in developed countries on varying scales.

In order to achieve a better understanding of the possibilities of private and social rental sectors in the housing systems of the Central and East European region, **the Working Group proposes to organise a regional workshop in September 2013**. In the course of the preparation and implementation of this event, WG members involved in various projects on private and social rental housing have the opportunity to exchange their information and findings. The interaction of various projects covering overlapping and interrelated issues will provide a wider context and complementary information to our researchers, and ensure synergies among the various initiatives.

The key output of our efforts will be a number of scientific publications organised in a study collection on the obstacles and possibilities of private and social rental arrangements in the Central and East European housing sectors. We will set up an editorial board and a group of selected contributors, who will ensure a balanced coverage of new EU Member States, accession and other post-socialist countries. The WG will present, to the extent possible, a full overview of the history, current situation, and the possibilities of rental solutions in the diverse Central and East European contexts. Our goal is to formulate practical policy recommendations where the legal and economic environment allows for this.

HOUSING REGENERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The Working Group 'Housing Regeneration and Maintenance' is planning a workshop at the coming ENHR conference, entitled 'Environmental sustainability in housing management'.

Read more on page 24.

MIGRATION, RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY AND HOUSING POLICY

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MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS AND HOUSING

The coordinators of the Working Groups [Migration, Residential Mobility and Housing Policy](#) and [Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing](#) will organize a workshop at the ENHR Conference in Tarragona, Spain from 19 - 22 June 2013: Neighbourhood Decline and Regeneration in Times of Crisis: New Perspectives, New Challenges (WS-25).

Read more on page 25 and 26.

LEGAL ASPECTS OF HOUSING, LAND AND PLANNING

This year the "Legal aspects" working group is organizing a workshop for the 25th ENHR International conference in Tarragona. The general aims of the workshop are to promote dialogue and European research on the importance of law, rights and regulation to all aspects of housing, land and planning both from a national and an international perspective. These objectives continue to be very broad to accommodate national differences. This workshop hopes to promote exchange and debate between people in the same area as well as promoting understanding of law in this area, its basis and effects in Europe. Work on legal, economic, sociological and philosophical theories are welcome, as well as sociological empirical work on the implementation of law. This should create a useful network connected to other networks, improve the accuracy of comparative studies generally, illuminate European and International law and lead to ground breaking work including publication and improve European understanding in some fundamental areas. We encourage all of you to submit papers for the meeting. Discussions are very lively and we gather contributions from many countries which really enrich the workshop.

Read more on page 27.

RESIDENTIAL CONTEXT OF HEALTH

The Residential Context of Health Working Group will convene the next in its series of workshops at the upcoming ENHR Conference in Tarragona, Spain, June 19-22, 2013. Papers suitable for the workshop 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; and the delivery of health care services in the home. 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) or Roderick Lawrence (Roderick.Lawrence@unige.ch).

Read more on page 26.

WELFARE POLICY, HOMELESSNESS AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION (WELPHASE)

European Research Conference
Housing First. What's Second?
20 September, Berlin, Germany

FEANTSA's European Observatory on Homelessness, the European Network for Housing Research Working Group on Welfare Policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (WELPHASE) are pleased to announce the 8th Annual Research Conference on Homelessness in Europe entitled Housing First. What's Second? hosted by the Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin, University of Applied Sciences.

Read more on page 29.

News from Working Groups in preparation

SOCIAL HOUSING AND GLOBALIZATION

Working Group Organizers: Claire Lévy-Vroelant, Christoph Reinprecht, Viviana Fernandez, Sasha Tsenkova

Social Housing in globalizing urban contexts

Vienna, April 05-06, 2013

Venue: University of Vienna, Department of Sociology, Rooseveltplatz 2, 1090

With this two-days-workshop – following our Working Group sessions in the last ENHR conferences (Istanbul, Prague, and Lillehammer) – we will discuss issues related to globalization and its consequences on public and social housing in urban contexts. The workshop will include key-notes presentations with a focus on regional developments (China, Latin America, West Africa, Central Eastern Europe, and European Union), research based short communications, and two round table discussions (on migration and welfare).

Read more on page 20.

News from other Groups

HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

We are looking for a new coordinator who will actively run this group. If you are interested please contact the ENHR Chairman Peter Boelhouwer (P.J.Boelhouwer@tudelft.nl).

This committee is a meeting place for officials from governmental and private agencies who commission and finance research in the field of housing.

In the beginning of the nineties this committee started as a platform to exchange research programs, information about housing research projects and information about housing policy.

The platform used to meet once at every conference, so that members were also able to go to other workshops of their interest. In between conferences the Housing Commissioners also sometimes organized activities.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

So far, ENHR has 97 Institutional Members. The current address (including contact persons) for each ENHR Institutional Member is printed at the end of this Newsletter in the Who is who? section. There is, however, room for more. Visit our website (www.enhr.net) or contact the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl) for information about ENHR membership.

New Institutional Members



ILS-Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development gGmbH

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www.ils-forschung.de

The ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development – is a non-university research institute dedicated to excellence. Focused on strategic research it works on topics involving the current and future development of towns and cities at all relevant levels – neighbourhoods, whole towns and cities, metropolitan regions – and how they influence and are influenced by interregional, national and international developments.

The Institute's work covers the whole research spectrum, from theoretical and conceptual basic research (with a strong empirical focus) to applied consulting services based on its research findings. The main focus is however on fundamental research. The ILS' research work is characterised by the close connection between theoretically and empirically innovative contributions to basic research and the added value gained through the application of its findings, which serve as the basis for detailed consulting services in the fields of policy-making, business and society.

ILS missions are of importance at regional, national and international level. In 2009 the ILS became an associate member of the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Scientific Community (or Leibniz Community for short). The ILS sees itself as a hub for spatial research in North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany and Europe, is actively engaged in different networks, and maintains a wide range of relationships with regional, national and international partners. The ILS has the legal status of a non-profit organisation and has the middle-term objective of becoming a full member of the Leibniz Community. The Institute is owned by the State of North-Rhine Westphalia (NRW), represented by the NRW Ministry for Building, Housing, Urban Development and Transport, which also provides basic funding.

The ILS is based in Dortmund and maintains an office in Aachen.

News from Institutional Members



**Australian Housing and Urban Research
Institute
Melbourne, Australia**

About AHURI

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) is a national, not-for-profit organisation that funds, conducts, disseminates and tailors high quality, policy relevant research on [housing](#), [homelessness](#) and [cities – including research specific to Indigenous Australians](#). Our work informs the policies and practices of governments, industry and the community sector, and stimulates debate in the broader Australian community.

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

AHURI Evidence Review

In January this year, AHURI launched *Evidence Review* – a short, weekly online article linking AHURI research findings to contemporary debates, media discussions and community concerns.

Focussing on a single theme or issue, each edition of *Evidence Review* connects the findings from different AHURI research projects to help the policy and practice communities, and the interested public, understand what evidence is available on the topic and what it means.

Evidence Review looks at AHURI's research in a new way, and encourages everyone to (re)visit and use our extensive evidence-base.

You can find recent editions of *Evidence Review* [here](#).

Ahuri Research Bulletins

[AHURI Research and Policy Bulletin No. 158](#)

What influences the outcomes of affordable housing projects?

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *How sustainable are Australia's contemporary affordable housing projects?*

[AHURI Research and Policy Bulletin No. 157](#)

How is social housing best delivered to disadvantaged Indigenous people living in urban areas?

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *Service integration and Indigenous housing*.

AHURI events

AHURI supports a range of [events](#) and conferences to engage the policy and practice communities with our research. Upcoming national conferences include:

National Urban Policy Conference

Sydney, Australia

Thu 16–Fri 17 May 2013

[More information...](#)

8th National Housing Conference

Adelaide, Australia

Wed 30 Oct–Fri 1 Nov 2013

[More information...](#)

You find out more about all of our events [here](#).

You can also find audio and video downloads from our events on our website. The audio downloads are recordings of presentations, panel discussions and audience Q&A and the video downloads combine the PowerPoint slides from each presentation, together with an audio recording of the presenter. All files can be found in the [events download archive](#) of our website.

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Centre for Housing Policy
The University of York
York, United Kingdom

Julie Rugg gave evidence at the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee examining private rented sector housing, particularly the quality of housing in the sector, rent levels and the regulation of landlords, letting agents and houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) and tenure. TinyURL.com/a62jbvs

Becky Tunstall contributed a UK perspective to the French Government Advisory Body symposium on 'Area Based Urban Policies'. This was published as 'La stratégie nationale de renouvellement urbain au Royaume-Uni' (1998-2010) in Houard, N. (Ed) *Politique de la Ville: Perspectives francaises et ouvertures internationales*, Paris: Centre d'Analyse Strategique. [Report \(PDF, 2,099kb\)](#)

New projects

A rapid evidence review: Social and health support in Housing First, for FEANTSA.

The Housing First model was developed in New York in the early 1990s, however since its adoption as Federal homelessness policy in the USA (USICD, 2010), the model has received considerable attention across Europe, including in France which is implementing a major project called 'Un Chez-soi d'abord' for homeless people with mental health problems. This review for Feantsa will investigate what is known about the social, health and community impacts of Housing First services in the EU and also explore the relevant literature from OECD countries where Housing First is being used or piloted. It is due to finish in May 2013.



Institute for Housing & Urban Development Studies (IHS)
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

IHS in partnership with Africa Union of Architects



The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) is proud to announce that it has entered into a partnership with the Africa Union of Architects (AUA). One of the main objectives of this promising collaboration is the establishment of the "School of Housing and Urban Management" in Central Africa.

IHS and the Africa Union of Architects share the same mission in developing human capacities to improve quality of life in the cities. To support this mission, the two organizations signed a Memorandum of Agreement during the World Urban Forum in Naples, in September 2012 with a common vision in mind: making African cities work.

IHS and the Africa Union of Architects will work together towards the establishment of the "School of Housing and Urban Management". The programmes offered in this school will be tailor-made to the needs and preferences of African cities and their urban professionals and will revolve around the themes of Housing, Urban Environmental Management and Climate Change, Land Management, Urban Planning, Project Finance, Urban Competitiveness and Managing and Financing Large Scale Infrastructure Projects.

Other than the development of this post-graduate school, IHS and AUA will jointly develop post-graduate professional programs in urban management and development, conduct academic research, disseminate research publications and best practices as well as organize conferences on current urban issues together. The overall goal of this collaboration is for both organizations to jointly offer their expertise in order to support African urban practitioners to achieve one primary objective; enabling Africa's urban professionals to better contribute to urban development, poverty alleviation and sustainability.

IHS

The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) of Erasmus University counts more than 7.500 alumni around the world. Its mission is to bring the knowledge and expertise gained through more than 50 years of experience in cities worldwide in the field of Urban Management and Development to the world by preparing the innovative urban professionals of the future. For more information about IHS, please visit the IHS website.

AUA

The Africa Union of Architects is a non-governmental professional association of architects from 40 member countries thereby representing an estimate of over 70.000 architects in Africa. It was inaugurated in 1981 to unite architects from all over the African continent. The member institutes of the AUA are grouped geographically according to five regions: Region East, Region West, Region South, Region North, and Region Central. For information about the Africa Union of Architects, please visit AUA website.

**Sheffield
Hallam
University**

**Centre for Regional Economic & Social
Research
Sheffield Hallam University
Sheffield, United Kingdom**

At Sheffield Hallam University a project, funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council, which uses film to understand what it's like to live in a low energy home was recently completed.

For the past year we have been working with the residents of four different low energy housing developments in England to produce three short films about what it's like to live in a low energy home, what attracted them to their properties, what impact living in an eco-home has had on their attitudes and behaviour in relation to energy use and how they are getting along with the technology within the home.

All three films have now been uploaded to our Facebook site for viewing. We would be delighted if you would visit the site and view our films and would encourage you to post your comments/reflections/questions on the films on this page. It is our hope that this site will become a forum for further debate about the future of low energy housing, where professionals, academics and residents can come together to discuss their views and experiences. **For those short on time, there is also a short summary film containing some of the key messages from across the three main films.**

Please follow this link to visit our **Facebook** page and view the films:

<http://www.facebook.com/MyEcoHomeSHU>

Or, if you do not have a Facebook account, you can access them on **You Tube**:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTKbH2Vu8OhrYMh46ThXcgA?feature=mhee>



OTB Research Institute for the Built Environment
Delft University of Technology
Delft, The Netherlands

PhD Defences

The following PhD defences are scheduled:

- Christian Lennartz - 25 February
Competition between social and private rental housing
- Frank Wassenberg - 12 March
Large housing estates: ideas, rise, fall and recovery - The Bijlmermeer and beyond
- Erwin Mlecknik - 20 March
Innovation development for highly energy-efficient housing, Opportunities and challenges related to the adoption of passive houses'

More information about these defences will follow in a next Newsletter.

West European housing systems in a comparative perspective

On February 1st Harry van der Heijden defended his thesis on West European housing systems in a comparative perspective.

Read more on page 18.

New Individual Members

The past few months we have welcomed the following members:

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Eduard Cabré Romans		Spain	Social housing
Estefanía Calo García		Spain	Urban sociology, housing
Jonathan Fitzsimons		Northern Ireland	Fiscal policy, European housing policy
Bernard Hubeau		Belgium	Law
Hanna Kettunen		Finland	
Maja Lorbek		Austria	Architecture, refurbishment, housing
Karen Lynch Shally	NUI Galway	Ireland	
Jelly Mae Moring	Building and Social Housing Foundation	United Kingdom	
David Richard		United Kingdom	Home ownership

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

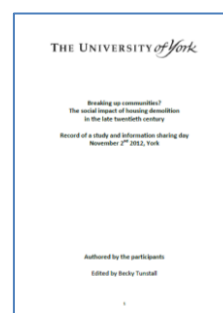
BREAKING UP COMMUNITIES? THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF HOUSING DEMOLITION IN THE LATE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Edited by B. Tunstall

Record of a study and information sharing day November 2nd 2012, York

2012, 105 p., Centre for Housing Policy

(<http://www.york.ac.uk/media/chp/documents/2012/BREAKING%20UP%20COMMUNITIES%20REPORT%20-%202ND%20NOVEMBER%202012.pdf>)



COST-EFFECTIVE METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PROGRAMS

By Gavin Wood, Melek Cigdem

This project compared the house price profiles before and after the introduction of Neighbourhood Renewal programs to show that these programs improved neighbourhood amenity (as proxied by house prices) in five out of seven areas examined.

2012, 35 p., AHURI Final Report No. 198, ISBN 978-1-922075-16-1

<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p30670>



COUNTING HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE 2011 HOUSING AND POPULATION CENSUS

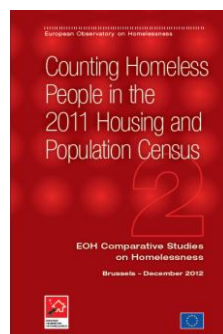
By I. Baptista, L. Benjaminsen, N. Pleace and V. Busch-Geertsema

The 2011 censuses conducted across the EU were subject to regulation that required the counting or estimation of 'primary' and 'secondary' homeless people. The report looks at the extent to which 15 EU member states followed the regulations on homelessness in undertaking their 2011 censuses, exploring how homelessness was defined, counted and estimated in the 15 countries. The report then moves on to critically assess the coverage of homelessness in the 2011 censuses in these 15 countries. The report finds that while the 2011 census marked a significant improvement in homelessness data available in some countries, in others it represented a missed opportunity and that accurate, comparable data that will give a true insight into the scale and nature of homelessness across the EU remain an elusive goal. The report is the second in a series from the European Observatory of Homelessness (EOH) which explores pan-European issues in homelessness through a questionnaire-based approach employing a group of national experts.

2012, 73 p., EOH Comparative Studies on Homelessness 2, Brussels:

Feantsa. ISBN 978-907552-972-2

(<http://www.york.ac.uk/media/chp/documents/2012/countinghomeless.pdf>)



POVERTY AND ETHNICITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND: AN EVIDENCE REVIEW

By A. Wallace, R. McAreavey, and K. Atkin

This report provides an overview of the research evidence on the relationship between poverty and ethnicity in Northern Ireland.

After a period of increasing ethnic diversity, the review was concerned with understanding how issues of poverty affect people from different minority ethnic communities and their ability to access and secure good outcomes from key services. A comprehensive literature review and focus groups with people from the Roma, Somali, Chinese and Polish communities, and with local stakeholders, provide the basis for the report.

2013, 62 p., Joseph Rowntree Foundation

<http://www.york.ac.uk/media/chp/documents/2013/poverty-ethnicity-northern-ireland-full.pdf>



PROMOTING SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN HOUSING WITH CARE

By K. Croucher and M. Bevan

This report explores how to promote positive and supportive relationships between older people with and without high support needs who are living in housing with care schemes.

Evidence has consistently shown that older people with high support needs, particularly those who have cognitive and sensory impairments, can be marginalised within housing with care schemes. The report identifies a number of approaches which have demonstrated how housing with care can be made more supportive and inclusive, either through initiatives driven by provider organisations, by the efforts of residents themselves, or by external organisations.

2012, 51 p. Joseph Rowntree Foundation

<http://www.york.ac.uk/media/chp/documents/2012/older-people-support-relationships-full.pdf>

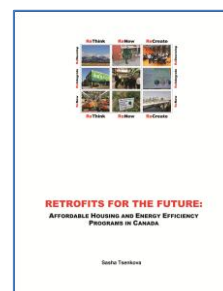


RETROFITS FOR THE FUTURE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IN CANADA

By S. Tsenkova

Canada's Economic Action Plan recently provided support for energy efficiency retrofits in the social housing sector in an effort to create green jobs and provide an efficient response to climate change. The social housing sector is targeted as a field of policy intervention, where socially responsible and very professional housing providers have the potential to capitalize on government funding to leverage further investment as well as to showcase the results of transformative change. This research report provides the first comprehensive assessment of program results. It reviews national and provincial programs targeting energy efficiency retrofits in the social housing sector of Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta, exploring program efficiency and effectiveness. The report identifies preferred investment strategies and planning responses by different social housing providers—public, private non-profit and cooperative using in-depth analysis of 18 case studies in Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary.

2013, 80 p., Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, Cities, Policy & Planning Research Series
(<http://www.ucalgary.ca/cities/content/publications>)

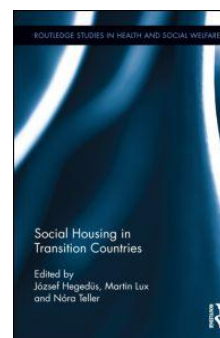


SOCIAL HOUSING IN TRANSITION COUNTRIES

Edited by József Hegedüs, Martin Lux, Nóra Teller

This volume intends to fill the gap in the range of publications about the post-transition social housing policy developments in Central and Eastern Europe by delivering critical evaluations about the past two decades of developments in selected countries' social housing sectors, and showing what conditions have decisively impacted these processes. Contributors depict the different paths the countries have taken by reviewing the policy changes, the conditions institutions work within, and the solutions that were selected to answer the housing needs of vulnerable households. They discuss whether the differences among the countries have emerged due to the time lag caused by belated reforms in selected countries, or whether any of the disparities can be attributed to differences inherited from Soviet times. Since some of the countries have recently become member states of the European Union, the volume also explores whether there were any convergence trends in the policy approaches to social housing that can be attributed to the general changes brought about by the EU accession.

2012, 342 p., Routledge, ISBN 978-0-415-89014-4
<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415890144/>



THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GLOBAL HUMAN MIGRATION

Edited by Immanuel Ness

The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration provides a complete exploration of prominent themes, events, and theoretical underpinnings of the movements of human populations from prehistory to the present day. The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration is a crucial resource for students, policy makers, and any researcher interested in broadening their knowledge of this truly interdisciplinary field of study.



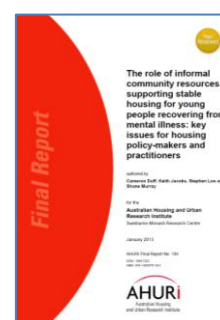
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THE ROLE OF INFORMAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN SUPPORTING STABLE HOUSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS: KEY ISSUES FOR HOUSING POLICY-MAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS

By Cameron Duff, Keith Jacobs, Stephen Loo, Shane Murray

This project analysed housing policy interventions that help young people in recovery from mental illness. In particular it examined the way independent housing assists them access informal resources (e.g. family, peer and social networks such as sporting, church, cultural and community groups) at a local community level, and how this might promote other outcomes such as social inclusion, employment, and better health.



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<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p50682>

WEST EUROPEAN HOUSING SYSTEMS IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

By Harry van der Heijden

This book gives an overview of the results of almost 20 years of international comparative housing research carried out by the author and his colleagues at OTB Research Institute for the Built Environment. The articles are evidence of the transition from descriptive analysis to theoretical exploration and the growing relevance of methodology during these years.

The results provide deeper insight into comparative research methodologies and the viability of existing theories as a framework for analysing differences and similarities in the development of housing systems in West European countries. One of the key issues is the practicability of this framework in future policy making. Especially Kemeny's theory on rental markets appears to offer a valuable framework to evaluate policy strategies. Therefore the book is not only relevant for academics but also for policy-makers.



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<http://www.iospress.nl/book/west-european-housing-systems-in-a-comparative-perspective/>

OTHER NEWS

Housing legislation in Spain

The year 2012 has been very active in drafting new pieces of legislation in relation to housing in Spain. Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre, from the Legal Aspects WG, has been engaged in some of them such as the new Urban Leases Act or the Housing Plan for Spain 2013-2016. He has also pushed forward the foreseen regulation of the new intermediate tenures in Catalonia, in particular, the shared ownership (*propietat compartida*) and the temporal ownership (*propietat temporal*).

ENHR Membership fee 2013

In November and December the invoices for the ENHR Membership fee 2013 were sent out. If you have not made the payment yet, would you be so kind to do so as soon as possible? If you have any questions regarding the invoice, please contact the ENHR Office (enhr@tudelft.nl).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

ENHR WG in preparation Social Housing and Globalisation Social Housing in globalizing urban contexts 5 – 6 April, Vienna, Austria

With this two-days-workshop – following the Working Group sessions in the last ENHR conferences (Istanbul, Prague, and Lillehammer) – issues related to globalization and its consequences on public and social housing in urban contexts will be discussed. The workshop will include key-notes presentations with a focus on regional developments (China, Latin America, West Africa, Central Eastern Europe, and European Union), research based short communications, and two round table discussions (on migration and welfare).

The workshop will take place at the Department of Sociology in the centre of Vienna, close to University of Vienna main building. A guided tour to the museum of Viennese municipal housing and to the central station construction site (new residential area with different types of social housing), are proposed in the frame of the workshop.

Argument

The aim of the workshop is to contribute to a better understanding of what is probably a new phase of the social housing eposée, from western countries to Asia and the "global south". This approach could also help to define to what extent action on housing (to take it broadly) influences the evolution both of urban contexts and of social structure in the globalizing cities.

The organizers' intention results from the numerous issues raised by what we could call a comeback of the "Housing Question" in a globalizing world. In a context of deep economic, financial, and political transformations, housing takes a key role in social integration and urban development, and thus has become a main topic for governments and deciders either on national or local levels. The phenomenon is not any more solely concerning Europe and the parts of the world where the industrial/urban revolution expanded at first. Nowadays, from China to Africa, from Latin America to India, from Eastern European countries to Australia, housing inequalities are challenging urban policy aimed to implement social cohesion and social sustainability while real estate markets' developments goes along with wellbeing *and* risks. Societal and demographic changes (including life style and consumption trends) also appear to be at the core of transformations taking place in housing provision and distribution, and impacting the field of public actions related to housing. The understanding of social housing long standing adventure is consequently to be seen as crucial in the various contexts and at the different stages of its development.

While housing policies are redefining themselves at different scales and under new values, norms, and institutional and financial settings, the "European model" is clearly under redefinition in the different national frames, but also challenged at a more worldwide scale. All over the world the housing question is posed "between local and global", displacing the debate on path dependence and engaging new types of partnerships, conflicts, negotiations. These reconfigurations involve many stakeholders and actors: States, organizations, institutions, enterprises, banks, political parties and unions, housing associations, local authorities, city planners, and last but not least inhabitants. "Traditional" social housing continues to provide responses to societal changes. At the same time, new initiatives are

developing in different urban contexts, which include the transfer and exchange of references, technologies and practices.

Obviously, globalization does not mean homogenization. Social housing (or social policies of housing) is presented quite consensually as a key element of urban welfare policy. One of the main starting ideas here is that the on-going transformation of social housing is linked to global processes *but* favoured (or hampered) by locally designed dynamics. National policy makers have to deal with the issue even though worldwide agents have entered into the game, and local dynamics seem to play (again?) a strategic role. Local welfare redefinitions can operate (or fail) according to bottom up or top down logics, through conflicts or collaboration. Interesting enough to analyse, also in order to maximize the benefits of comparisons, is the redistribution of roles between the different actors, eventually going beyond national borders, and the role played by the incentives to participation, in a context where actors' communication strategies are more and more mobilized.

The workshop's call for papers is already closed.

The final workshop program is available by end of February on www.soz.univie.ac.at

For registration and further information please contact the organizers:

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CBEES & ENHR WG East European Housing 7 Urban Policy The New Residential Landscapes of Post-socialist Cities: Between State and Market 27 May, Södertörns högskola, Stockholm, Sweden

Call for papers

The Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES) at Södertörns University, Stockholm, and the East European Housing & Urban Policy Working Group of the European Network of Housing Research invite proposals for a multi-disciplinary conference on the topic of New Residential Landscapes of Post-Socialist Cities.

Purpose and rationale

This research workshop aims at exploring the phenomenon of change in the residential landscapes of post-socialist cities. The crisis that started in the mortgage markets of the United States in 2007–2008 has had dramatic and sustained impacts on people and housing systems throughout the world. These complex and interlinked crises exposed vulnerabilities of housing markets and low income households, pointing to the need to build resilience through better housing policy tools, specifically in transition economies. The issues are particularly important as the housing sector has been rapidly transformed in the early years of the transition to markets with most of the reform efforts emphasizing deregulation of house prices, privatization and private sector provision. Housing reforms have proceeded with 'trial and error' promoting neoliberal policies of deregulation in housing finance, market-based access to housing services, devolution of housing responsibilities to municipalities and experimentation with fiscal programs promoting homeownership.

This market-based transformation in the housing sector has exacerbated the initial differences in housing conditions across the region leading to deterioration of housing infrastructure, growth of substandard housing and slum formation. As a result, the previous shortage of housing has been replaced by a shortage of affordable housing. In spatial terms, housing market processes are reshaping existing neighbourhoods with new housing targeting the elites, often in gated communities, while the urban poor are left behind in low quality deteriorating housing estates or informal housing. Affordability of housing remains the fastest-growing and most pervasive housing challenge.

Within this context, the workshop will address the following research issues that have received limited attention in the literature, preferably in a comparative perspective:

1. Analysis of housing policy instruments—regulatory, institutional, financial/fiscal—in select countries/cities and their impact on access to affordable housing;
2. Evaluation of housing market processes in select cities with a focus on residential segregation and its spatial manifestations (e.g. gated communities, exclusion in peripheral housing estates, etc.);
3. Evaluation of pro-poor housing policies targeting the provision of new rental housing, housing allowances and social assistance for slum residents;
4. Analysis of housing institutions engaged in affordable housing provision, their new roles and responsibilities, and mode of operation (path dependent or path breaking) shaping a diverse political and social landscape.

Selection process & deadlines

1. Abstracts for conference papers (500-word, MS-Word format) need to be sent to conference co-chairs by **February 25, 2013**.

Approximately 10 submissions will be accepted for presentations. Evaluation will be based on the clarity of the abstract, the quality of the research described, and its relevance to the conference themes.

2. All proposals will undergo an evaluation process by reviewers chosen for their thematic expertise. Authors will be notified of submission status on or before March 10, 2013.
3. The authors of successful proposals will develop their research paper (5-6,000 words) to be submitted to conference organisers by May 1, 2013 for review and inclusion in conference proceedings. All papers will have a designated discussant. Papers will be included in a thematic peer-reviewed international journal to be published after the conference.

Conference fees & financial support

Participation in the conference is free of charge. CBEES at Södertörns University will provide funding to defray travel and accommodation costs for keynote speakers and selected presenters.

The conference co-chairs are:

Dr Sasha Tsenkova, University of Calgary (tsenkova@ucalgary.ca) and Dr Dominika Polanska, Södertörns University (dominika.polanska@sh.se).

ENHR Conference 2013

**Overcoming the crisis: Integrating the urban environment
19-22 June, Tarragona, Spain**

Deadlines

Abstract submission: 1st of April

Paper submission: 31st of May

Early bird registration: 15th of May

Abstract submission and registration on the conference website:

<http://www.enhr2013.com/>

WS-01 Housing Finance and Regulation

Coordinator: Christine Whitehead (C.M.E.Whitehead@lse.ac.uk)

The coordinators welcome submissions on all topics relating to housing finance both private and public and to the regulation of housing markets. In addition the coordinators have identified two strands which we feel to be particularly relevant to the Tarragona conference to which we invite you to contribute: the first fits very well into the overall theme of the conference on 'Overcoming the crisis'. In particular it will include drafts of papers being developed for a special issue. The second will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of ENHR by including papers from a range of countries looking back over financial milestones during the quarter century; their impact on national housing systems; and evidence of European convergence (or divergence). This longer term perspective may well form the basis for the next working group initiative.

WS-02 Housing Economics

Coordinator: Viggo Nordvik (viggo.nordvik@nova.no)

We plan to run the Housing Economics workshop in the usual fashion. This means that we do not have any plans or topic. The main idea of the workshop is that people who regard themselves as housing economist present papers on whatever they are currently working with. This somewhat informal program has worked well in the past.

WS-03 Housing Market Dynamics

Coordinator: Richard Turkington (turkington@housingvision.co.uk) and Peter Boelhouwer (p.j.boelhouwer@tudelft.nl)

Housing markets throughout Europe and beyond continue to reflect the impact of the financial and economic chaos of the past 5 years. A spectrum can be established of countries which are experiencing price and rental booms whilst at the other extreme, housing costs and consumer demand cannot be sustained. These adjustments can also be seen within countries in which markets have become more fragmented by location and/or consumption group. At the same time, housing policy continues to retreat either by political intent or by economic circumstance. We would welcome papers which examine the reaction of markets, providers, policy makers and researchers to the crisis affecting housing markets, and also papers which consider why other countries have been immune from such effects and the messages for those still in turmoil. As always, we would welcome papers which are exploratory or speculative, and from all disciplines and perspectives. This is a highly participative workshop, and all colleagues – at whatever stage of their work – are warmly welcomed to join us. We will also be collaborating this year with Workshop 04 'Metropolitan Housing Dynamics' and offering a joint workshop program.

WS-04 Metropolitan housing markets: how to repair the damages caused by the housing bubble?

Coordinator: Iván Tosics (tosics@mri.hu) and Glen Bramley (g.bramley@hw.ac.uk)

In the 2013 Tarragona conference the meeting of the working group on "Metropolitan dynamics: urban change, market and governance" will be organized as WS 04, under the title: „Metropolitan housing markets: how to repair the damages caused by the housing bubble?" The workshop will be organized in close cooperation with the Workshop on Housing Market Dynamics, to avoid overlaps in time, enabling in this way conference participants to attend both workshops, if they so wish. Developments in the first 7-8 years of the 2000s lead in many countries to over-heated housing construction. Especially in Spain, but also in many other countries, metropolitan areas were filled up with much more new housing than under normal circumstances it would have happened. The credit crunch had a large impact on metro housing planning issues. The financial crisis and economic downturn will have had uneven impacts on different parts of metropolitan areas, and may have disrupted the processes and assumptions underpinning the development process and the provision of urban infrastructure. The usually emphasized aims of affordability (cf growing unemployment), of sustainability (cf peak oil challenge towards sprawling development) and of social mix (cf increasing spatial segregation) would seem to require more involvement of the public sector on a metropolitan level to steer the housing sector with governance, planning and fiscal interventions. However, the financial crisis seriously limits the possibilities of public interventions, thus new ideas and tools are needed to achieve the goal, repairing what has been spoiled during the boom years. We would be interested in papers and presentations addressing these issues. How can a better combination of sustainability, affordability and social mix be achieved in the present period of fiscal austerity of the public sector which will last for quite some more time? Should more decentralised governance structures be introduced or just the opposite, is the strengthening of metropolitan level interventions needed in planning and governance? If the latter, how can this be effectuated in the period of public financial crisis? As this is the most urban and planning oriented working group of ENHR, dealing with all aspects of urban development, the organizers of the Tarragona workshop are counting on growing interest of those members of the ENHR, who are "infected" by urban topics, spatial and/or geographical approaches.

WS-07 Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance

Coordinator: Professor David Mullins (D.W.Mullins@bham.ac.uk) and Anita Blessing (blessing@gmail.com)

Social Housing in Transition: Organisational and Neighbourhood Impacts

Papers are invited that contribute to the understanding of how housing organisations are changing across Europe.

- Papers may build on the working group's recent work on the impacts of hybrid and social enterprise models and the challenges of responding to market, state and community logics. Papers may introduce thinking on new types of housing organisations that are emerging to respond to the challenges of recession, unstable housing markets and public expenditure retrenchment. They may also consider regulation and how social enterprise and hybrid models can best be regulated – avoiding the risks of 'monstrous hybrids' out of control while preserving the advantages of independence and flexibility that such models can potentially offer.
- At the community and neighbourhood level we are interested to receive papers that explore local level relationships between housing organisations and communities including questions of governance, empowerment and social capital. Contributions on self-help and community led housing initiatives and the enablers and barriers for such forms of housing provision would be particularly welcome.

WS-09 Housing and Urban Issues in Developing Countries

Coordinator: Yurdanur Dügleroglu (yukselyu@itu.edu.tr)

Central theme: Half the world's population lives in urban areas. Future population growth (more than 80 per cent of it in urban areas) will be concentrated in developing countries. Yet the growth of urbanisation in the developing world has not been matched by a commensurate growth in the supply of decent housing. The shortcomings of policy, lack of political will, limitations of housing finance, poor land management in urban areas, lack of security of tenure, and lack of infrastructure and services are just some of the issues that confront citizens and policy-makers in developing countries, and provide a strong theme for research, analysis and action.

Activities: The group aims to be a bridge between researchers in developed and less developed countries. Main activities have been a series of conferences, organised jointly by the Working Group and host country partners. These have been held in Istanbul (1990), Birmingham (1994), Havana (1998) and Accra (2002). Workshops have also taken place at regular ENHR conferences, for example at Gävle (2000), Cambridge (2004), Rotterdam (2007), Istanbul (2010) and Toulouse (2011).

The Working Group was pleased to support the establishment in 2008 of the Latin American Network for Housing and Urban Research (LANHUR); and continues to encourage the formation of a Sub-Saharan Africa Network for Housing Research. The Working Group organised a successful workshop on 'Housing and Urban Issues in Developing Countries' at the ENHR Conference in Toulouse in 2011. In developing countries, particularly in their major cities, social and spatial change is very fast, contributing to the segregation of residential areas, and to the deepening social gap in urban society. In line with the theme for the Toulouse conference, the main question for the workshop was: can planning for urban 'mixity' alleviate this undesirable situation and provide a solution for affordable housing? Papers were invited in the following or related areas: housing policies and sustainable urbanisation; urban governance and management; informal settlements and city-wide regularisation; housing finance for low-income groups; housing transformation; and the relevance of the concept of 'mixity' to housing and urban issues in the developing world. The workshop was chaired by Chris Watson of the University of Birmingham and Yurdanur Dügleroglu of Istanbul Technical University. More than twenty abstracts were accepted for the workshop and twelve papers were presented. The papers dealt with housing and urban issues in Syria, Bangladesh, Turkey, India, China, Algeria, Egypt and Ghana and were presented by researchers from France, Bangladesh, China, Turkey, Germany, The Netherlands, Algeria and Egypt.

WS-10 Housing and Urban Sustainability: Towards Horizon 2020

Coordinator: Montserrat Pareja Eastaway (mpareja@ub.edu) and Nessa Winston (nessa.winston@ucd.ie)

Workshop organised by the Working Group on Housing and Urban Sustainability. Sustainability is a central theme in Europe's Growth Strategy (Europe 2020) and its next framework program for research and innovation (EUF8 'Horizon 2020'). This workshop aims to focus on issues which are particularly relevant to Horizon 2020 and Europe 2020. To this end, we invite papers which address housing, sustainability and any of the following issues:

- Health & well-being
- Smart, green, integrated transport
- Renewable energy
- Food security/poverty, sustainable agriculture
- Innovation and security
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Technology and social sustainability in the urban context
- Governance and scarce resources: articulating urban and rural strategies for the future
- Social inclusion
- Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials

We particularly welcome papers that incorporate a social science perspective.

The coordinators hope to select some of the papers for inclusion in a special issue of an international journal.

WS-11 Housing Regeneration and Maintenance

Coordinator: Nico Nieboer (n.e.t.nieboer@tudelft.nl), Vincent Gruis (v.h.gruis@tudelft.nl), Sasha Tsenkova (tsenkova@ucalgary.ca) and André Thomsen (a.f.thomsen@tudelft.nl)

Sustainable transformation and management of the housing stock constitutes an extensive societal challenge and is of great importance for the limitation of the environmental burden caused by society. It is, however, not a simple

matter, particularly in the context of fiscal austerity and declining public support. Improving the functional and environmental performance is hampered by physical characteristics of the existing building structures, a lack of knowledge about innovative approaches, weak commitment to environmental priorities and other organisational and institutional barriers. This workshop welcomes papers about research, practices and new models of governance to enhance the environmental performance of the existing housing stock. The attention is on policies targeting owner occupied and rental housing.

WS-12 Migration, Residential Mobility and Housing Policy

Coordinator: Maarten van Ham (m.vanham@tudelft.nl), Lina Hedman (lina.hedman@ibf.uu.se) and David Manley (d.manley@bristol.ac.uk)

The 'Migration, Residential Mobility and Housing Policy' working group focuses on the causes and consequences of residential mobility and migration and on understanding the mobility process itself. We further focus on how housing markets, the neighbourhood and the urban system influence and are influenced by population mobility, and how housing policy influences population mobility, and local housing markets. We are interested in both short distance mobility (residential mobility) and long distance mobility (migration). We are explicitly interested in how resources and constraints on the one hand and opportunities and restrictions on the other influence the outcomes of the mobility process. The housing stock, current vacancies, the availability of credit, (social) housing policies, housing allocation systems, individual preferences and lifestyles all influence mobility. We study both mobility at the individual and household level and mobility at a more aggregate level (for example processes of suburbanisation and counter urbanisation). Methodologically methods such as GIS/Spatial modelling, event-history analysis and multilevel modelling have become prominent in the workshop, however we encourage those using qualitative methods also to participate as we attach great value to mixed methods research. We are particularly interested in two themes, but also contributions with another focus are welcome:

- 1) The role of place (in particular urban neighbourhoods) in the housing careers of individuals and households. From the neighbourhood effects literature and the residential mobility literature there is increasing interest in selective mobility into and out of (poverty) neighbourhoods. We know relatively little about the factors which influence neighbourhood choice (such as housing market constraints, lifestyle, etc.). Even less is known about neighbourhoods in a life course context. Do people have "neighbourhood careers" over their life course? Do most people move up the neighbourhood hierarchy during their housing career? Understanding these neighbourhood careers is important for our understanding of neighbourhood effects, residential mobility, and neighbourhood and urban change.
- 2) The effects of housing policy on residential mobility. In many European countries governments actively stimulate homeownership. A high level of homeownership might lead to low levels of mobility as homeowners are generally less mobile than renters. This is evident in the current economic crisis where a record number of houses are for sale and mobility levels are historically low. What are the effects of policies which stimulate homeownership on mobility? We are also interested in policies affecting mobility in the socially rented sector, including housing allocation systems (such as choice-based-letting).

WS-13 Poverty Neighbourhoods

Coordinator: Jürgen Friedrichs (friedrichs@wiso.uni-koeln.de) and George C. Galster (aa3571@wayne.edu)

Quality of life issues in poor neighbourhoods; effects of poor neighbourhoods on residents and society, dynamic processes and policies affecting poor neighbourhoods; social mixing policies.

WS-14 Welfare Policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (WELPHASE)

Coordinator: Professor Isobel Anderson (ia1@stir.ac.uk), Evelyn Dyb (evelyn.dyb@nibr.no) and Joe Finnerty (j.finnerty@ucc.ie)

Central theme: Originally constituted to support the profile of homelessness research in ENHR, the group soon widened its remit to embrace related welfare/social policy dimensions of housing and social exclusion. The group seeks to provide a forum for discussions at ENHR conferences and to encourage wider research and collaboration across and beyond the network. The working group embraces broader issues of joint working – both across professions/policy areas and across academic disciplines – and also encourages the refinement of conceptual and theoretical frameworks for research on homelessness and social exclusion.

Recent activities: In 2011 a successful workshop was held at the ENHR conference in Toulouse, France. The seventeen papers covered a wide range of themes, including: studies of particular categories of homeless persons (such as squatters, victims of domestic violence or those marginally housed); national and comparative reviews of current national homelessness policies; and papers addressing housing exclusion more generally (such as housing affordability, the design of public space, and public awareness of these issues). The papers highlighted homelessness and housing exclusion through a variety of methods and theoretical approaches and from the perspective of a number of disciplines. National and comparative approaches drew on the experiences of many EU countries, as well as those of Australia, Japan, Turkey and Russia.

A number of papers relating to the WELPHASE working group themes were presented in the New Housing Researchers Colloquium and we were delighted to be joined by some of these emerging scholars at the main conference and hopefully at future WG sessions.

The group once again collaborated with the FEANTSA European Observatory on Homelessness, to jointly organise the annual European Homelessness Conference which was held in Pisa, Italy, in September 2011. Some WELPHASE members also participate in the Nordic Network for Homelessness Research (NNHR organises conferences at 18 month intervals).

Activities over the past years: The group has held successful workshops at the ENHR conferences since 2004, with around 12-15 papers at each workshop, representing a broad variety of approaches to homelessness and welfare/social exclusion.

WS-15 Housing & Living Conditions of Ageing Populations

Coordinator: Marianne Abramsson (marianne.abramsson@iu.se) and Sarah Hillcoat-Nallétamby (S.Hillcoat-Nalletamby@swansea.ac.uk)

The co-ordinators welcome submissions on topics relating to housing and living conditions of the older part of the populations from various research fields. There is currently a particular focus in many countries on issues raised in regard to an ageing population.

WS-16 Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing

Coordinator: Gideon Bolt (g.bolt@geo.uu.nl) and A. Sule Ozuekren (ozuekren@itu.edu.tr)

This workshop will be organized by the ENHR working group entitled "Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing". The group has been established in 1993 and since then has organised workshops during almost all ENHR Conferences. Our workshops have regularly led to joint publications either in the form of special issues (e.g. for Housing Studies, Urban Studies, Housing Theory and Society, and Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies), or edited books (last one is published in June 2012).

The central theme(s) of the Working Group are (a) Housing conditions, housing preferences and residential mobility of minority ethnic groups, (b) Concentration and segregation of minority ethnic groups, and (c) Living in multicultural neighbourhoods. We welcome papers that fit in these theme(s) and based on either qualitative or quantitative research. For the ENHR 2013 conference in Tarragona, we especially welcome papers that try to link the themes of the workshop to the overall theme of the conference (Overcoming the crisis: Integrating the urban environment), by focusing on one of the following issues:

- Effects of the crisis on minority ethnic groups: Minority ethnic groups are likely hit hardest during a financial and economic crisis. How do minority ethnic communities experience the recent economic crisis in the EU? More specifically, what are the effects of the crisis for the youth. Youth unemployment has risen harder amongst immigrants (also amongst the 2nd and 3rd generation youth) than among native youth. What are the consequences of this situation for the 'immigrant' youth with respect to housing, family formation and future plans?
- The role of place in the integration of minority ethnic groups: The academic literature tends to be pessimistic about the level of social cohesion in ethnically diverse communities. Putnam's thesis that people tend to 'hunker down' in diverse environments has been confirmed by others. However, there is no reason to assume that there is a mechanistic (negative) association between diversity and cohesion. There are case studies that show that ethnic diversity and social cohesion can go hand in hand. Papers could address the question what factors may help to foster the integration between different types of populations in diverse urban areas.

WS-18 Residential Environments and People

Coordinator: Henry Coolen (h.c.c.h.coolen@tudelft.nl) and H el ene B elanger (belanger.helene@uqam.ca)

Residential environments' decay and revitalization: by whom and for whom?

Residential environments are designed and restructured by people for people. The relationship between residential environments and people is mutual. Residential environments afford functions for and communicate meanings to people through the ways in which they are shaped, and human beings assign functions and attach meanings to residential environments through their everyday life and activities. Residential environments face sometimes decay as a result of internal or external crisis. Revitalization projects are then seen as a solution to stop the decline process and stimulate the revival of these urban areas. While some projects should benefit local residents, other are perceived as a stimulus to transform radically residential environments. This year the focus of the workshop is on the relationship between people and decaying/revitalizing residential environments. We welcome papers theoretical and empirical papers addressing the decay of residential environments, the revitalization of the residential environments or the relationship between both from the perspective of the individuals.

WS-19 Residential Context of Health

Coordinator: Roderick Lawrence (Roderick.Lawrence@unige.ch) and Terry Hartig (Terry.Hartig@ibf.uu.se)

This workshop will be sponsored by the Residential Context of Health Working Group. The concerns of the WG extend beyond those traditionally addressed in the housing-and-health field, namely, connections between physical health outcomes and physical characteristics of housing. In addition to such connections, the WG also takes interest in the role of psychological, social and cultural factors in shaping relations between the residential context, including housing, and health more broadly conceived. Papers suitable for the workshop would fit with a variety of broad themes, such as the effect of physical housing variables on mental and physical health; the role of behavioural, 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; and the delivery of health care services in the home. 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.

WS-20 Land Markets and Housing Policy

Coordinator: Willem Korthals Altes (W.K.KorthalsAltes@tudelft.nl) and Danielle Groetelaers (d.a.groetelaers@tudelft.nl)

A lot has been written about the housing market problems due to the global economic crisis. Most papers look for causes and consequences of the crisis or they present a new perspective on the housing system. Much less is written about the impacts of the crisis on land markets. Papers that deal with land markets, land supply systems, or land prices often date from before the crisis or they describe the situation before the crisis. However land markets and housing markets are closely related to each other and some of the housing system impacts also apply to the land supply system. We challenge participants of this workshop to write about the relation between the crisis and land market problems. Topics can be:

- movements in land prices
 - land acquisition for housing
 - land policy instruments
 - land market risks
- Etc.

WS-21 Legal Aspects of Housing, Land and Planning

Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre-Aznar (sergio.nasarre@urv.cat) and Dr. Jane Ball (jane.ball@newcastle.ac.uk)

The general aims of the workshop are to promote dialogue and European research on the importance of law, rights and regulation to all aspects of housing, land and planning both from a national and an international perspective. These objectives continue to be very broad to accommodate national differences. This workshop hopes to promote exchange and debate between people in the same area as well as promoting understanding of law in this area, its basis and effects in Europe. Work on legal, economic, sociological and philosophical theories are welcome, as well as sociological empirical work on the implementation of law. This should create a useful network connected to other networks, improve the accuracy of comparative studies generally, illuminate European and International law and lead to ground breaking work including publication and improve European understanding in some fundamental areas.

WS-22 Private Rented Markets

Coordinator: Bob Jordan (bob@threshold.ie)

Themes

- role and adaptability of private rented markets to meeting housing needs during the financial crisis
- comparative studies of private rented markets since the onset of the crisis
- growth of private rented sector relative to owner occupation and its implications, including for security of tenure and regulation
- volatility and potential threats to stability of private rented markets arising from investor and economic market difficulties.

WS-23 Common Interest Developments and Gated Communities: 'Integrating Private Residential Environment into Cities'

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Cities all over the world are witnessing the spread of residential developments of private neighbourhoods in a variety of forms: – Gated Communities, common interest developments, private subdivisions, lifestyle communities, etc. These types of neighbourhoods had once been the home of the rich and wealthy, but have recently encountered a large base of customers from within the general public. There is a common trend towards enclosed and private subdivisions in most of the cities whose societies are experiencing a rapid economic, spatial and social transformation. Scholars from different disciplines have explored the complexity of this multifaceted object of research drawing on a wide range of explanatory, descriptive and theoretical frameworks. The risk and challenges with regards to the privatisation of public spaces and local government functions, the commodification of security and the infringements of democratic principles have been explored as well as the spill over effects of gated developments and their impact on segregation patterns. In line with the Conference main topic, the workshop welcomes papers that address the issue of the integration of private and enclosed residential neighbourhoods into their broader urban and social environment. Various forms of integration ranging from functional to social integration may be explored in different geographical contexts. The workshop also welcomes papers that deal with other key issues such as the social and spatial characteristics of private residential developments, land and housing patterns, lifestyles (among others). Discussion of research from different social and spatial contexts will create a valuable framework and a comparative view in the workshop. The comparative perspective enables a broad and more insightful understanding of the relationship between gated communities and their social contexts and social development. We invite research papers as well as speculative papers to be presented and debated at the workshop.

WS-24 Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing

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The housing sector is responsible for a large share of the total global use of energy and also has a large negative environmental impact. Since energy efficiency and environmental sustainability became one of the agendas of the governments, the housing sector has to face challenges in terms of planning, design, construction of new housing and renovation and maintenance of the existing stock. Evaluation of the performance of buildings, building materials and services has come into focus. Today for all actors participating in the housing sector the environmental aspects are getting more attention next to social, cultural, and economic aspects.

Within this framework, the aim of the working group is to analyze how environmental sustainability and energy efficiency is affected in housing, its different phases such as production, renovation, maintenance and to evaluate new concepts and technologies related to it. The working group also aims to explore different methods, tools and approaches for environmental sustainability of housing. Furthermore, the effectiveness of policies and regulatory tools to improve the energy performances and reduce the environmental impact are studied. The working group aims to provide a forum for debates about linkage between these.

Within this concept, the topics to be covered are:

- Housing Production,
- Housing Renovation
- Housing Maintenance
- New building concepts related to environmental sustainability and Energy Efficiency,
- Building sustainability assessment methods and tools,

- LCA,
- LCC,
- Performance assessment,
- Actual energy use,
- Indoor air quality,
- Regulatory, policies and practices in relation to these issues and
- Theoretical and methodological issues associated with research.

WS-25 Neighbourhood Decline and Regeneration in Times of Crisis: New Perspectives, New Challenges

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We invite submissions of abstracts on the theme of neighbourhood decline and regeneration in times of crisis. Besides the present "state" of neighbourhood decline and its recent developments, we are especially interested in papers which discuss the ways in which neighbourhood decline is momentarily dealt with by national and local governments, public and private partners and neighbourhood residents. We believe that there is a lot of variation between countries, and even between cities within countries. Especially in this time of economic crisis, neighbourhood decline may take specific forms: some neighbourhoods may show more decline than others, some neighbourhoods that used to be relatively prosperous areas may now suffer from negative developments, because many residents are faced with income drops, some processes of decline may be deeper than before. In various countries, local and national governments have or have had policies with the aim to counter neighbourhood decline. Probably in many countries in these times of crisis the role of the government is changing (less money and attention for neighbourhood decline and urban renewal), which may lead to further negative developments. Implicitly or sometimes even explicitly, governments point out the responsibility of neighbourhood residents to solve problems in their own neighbourhood. But when social cohesion declines and the willingness to interfere with neighbourhood developments disappears, it is a risky policy to count on the responsibilities of the local inhabitants or entrepreneurs. All abstracts will be considered for a collection of papers (in an international peer-reviewed journal or a book) based on content and quality. There will only be space for a limited number of high quality contributions. This is a special session jointly organised by the coordinators of the Migration, Residential Mobility and Housing Policy and Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing Working Groups".

WS-26 Urban Housing in the Time of Crisis

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Cities quickly reflect changes in global economy. We can witness the dilapidation of parts of the cities; big projects are stopped because of the crisis. At the same time the crisis may motivate the architects and stakeholders to look for novel solutions, come up with new ideas, propose new building processes or integrate additional participants in the design process.

We welcome papers describing and analysing architectural solutions for urban housing as means of improving sustainability at the time of crisis. This may include the use of provisional buildings and repurposing/re-functioning of existing buildings. The topics of interest also include relationships between architecture, urban design and urban housing, the ways how residential constructions can help to diminish the impact of crises and the reactions of new architectural and urban forms as a response to the changed urban conditions.

The themes covered in the workshop:

- residential qualities from architectural point of view – the aspect of sustainability,
- provisional buildings or provisional use of public spaces,
- the relationship of urban housing, master plan and urban planning,
- design project – the inclusion of diverse participants in the process,
- urban housing – repurposing existing buildings.

WS-SPAIN La crisis de la vivienda en España (in Spanish language)

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El presente Workshop está dedicado especialmente a la crisis de la vivienda en España y se desarrollará íntegramente en español, a diferencia del resto de Workshops que tendrán lugar durante el Congreso ENHR 2013, que se desarrollarán en inglés. La crisis por la que está pasando la vivienda en España es fruto de múltiples factores, entre ellos a) una dependencia excesiva en la vivienda en propiedad como forma de tenencia inmobiliaria para acceder a una vivienda (hasta un 80%); b) un mercado privado de alquiler poco profesionalizado y poco atractivo como forma de tenencia inmobiliaria alternativa a la vivienda en propiedad; c) el fracaso de las políticas públicas para la promoción de la vivienda social en alquiler (únicamente entre un 1 y un 2% del total de viviendas); y d) la ausencia de alternativas a la propiedad y al alquiler para acceder a una vivienda. Las repercusiones de la crisis se agudizan cada día que pasa, en forma de desahucios y ejecuciones hipotecarias (el número de desahucios en España desde 2007 asciende a 185.140 y la cifra de ejecuciones hipotecarias se sitúa en 374.230) e incremento del riesgo de pobreza de la población. Por lo tanto, el presente Workshop pretende ser un foro de discusión para analizar la crisis de la vivienda en España y concretar las vías por las que debería transitar en el futuro las políticas de vivienda. Ello incluye una amplia variedad de temas que pueden ser abordados tanto desde la óptica del derecho (público o privado) como desde la perspectiva de otras disciplinas (por ejemplo, la sociología). Como ejemplos tenemos la potenciación del mercado de alquiler y la incidencia de la proyectada Reforma de la Ley de Arrendamientos Urbanos, actualmente en trámite parlamentario; las cuestiones de derecho público o privado que deberían incluirse en el Plan Estatal de Vivienda (actualmente en fase de discusión); la búsqueda de nuevas fórmulas de acceso a una vivienda (como las tenencias intermedias); el cumplimiento del mandato constitucional del artículo 47 de la Constitución Española; de qué manera se podría solucionar el problema de las ejecuciones

hipotecarias y las malas prácticas bancarias (dación en pago, potenciar la mediación obligatoria previa a la ejecución, fomentar la transparencia del procedimiento de subastas, análisis de las medidas previstas en la Directiva de Crédito Residencial de 2011); las cuestiones relativas a la regeneración y/o rehabilitación de edificios; etc. El Workshop contará con la participación del Ministerio de Fomento, la Agencia Catalana de la Vivienda, el Colegio de Registradores de la Propiedad y Mercantiles de España así como de la Asociación Catalana de Promotores. Se invita a todos los interesados en participar en el Workshop a presentar un papel que podrán exponer y se discutirá con los asistentes.

European Research Conference Housing First. What's Second? 20 September, Berlin, Germany

FEANTSA's European Observatory on Homelessness, the European Network for Housing Research Working Group on Welfare Policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (WELPHASE) are pleased to announce the 8th Annual Research Conference on Homelessness in Europe entitled Housing First. What's Second? hosted by the Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin, University of Applied Sciences.

Housing First is one of the most significant innovations in service provision for homeless people in the last decades and has become important in homelessness policy in many European countries. Housing First appeals to policy makers not only as a potential to lasting solution to homelessness, but also because it may generate significant cost offsets by reducing the high rates at which homeless people use emergency services or encounter the criminal justice system. The critical part of the operation of Housing First, however, is how the recovery oriented services are organised and provided in order to sustain the housing for the homeless people and their social inclusion.

The conference Housing First. What's Second? invites delegates to present papers on critical reviews of the use of Housing First within homelessness strategies in their own countries and in the European context, and report on an analyses and critical discussions on the roles of Housing First in delivering community engagement, and tackling social isolation and worklessness, and reducing mental health problems, drug and alcohol use, and meeting other support needs, once homelessness has ended.

Similarly to previous years, the conference will also include open sessions on the broad theme of 'homelessness and housing exclusion' from across Europe.

Click [here](#) for the call for papers. Deadline paper submission is April 7, 2013.

CALENDAR

22-23 March, Derry, Northern Ireland
ENHR WG Private Rented Markets Conference
Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on Private Rented Markets
Click [here](#) for more information.
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3-6 April, San Francisco, CA, USA
Building the 21st Century City: Inclusion, Innovation, and Globalization
Organised by Urban Affairs Association
urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2013/

5-6 April, Vienna, Austria
ENHR WG Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance
Social housing in globalizing urban contexts
[Click here for more information.](#)

10-12 April, York, UK
Housing Studies Association Conference 2013
Changing political, socioeconomic and institutional landscapes: What are the consequences for housing?
Deadline paper submission: February 1, 2013
www.york.ac.uk/chp/hsa/spring13/

6-9 May, Athens, Greece
7th Annual International Conference on Sociology
www.atiner.gr/sociology.htm

16-17 May, Sydney, Australia
National Urban Policy Conference
Economic productivity and the city
www.ahuri.edu.au/about/ncrp/nupc/

16-17 May, Delft, The Netherlands
International Conference
Using ICT, Social Media and Mobile Technologies to Foster Self-Organisation in Urban and Neighbourhood Governance
Deadline paper submission: May 1, 2013
otb.tudelft.nl/socialmedia

27 May, Stockholm, Sweden
The New Residential Landscapes of Post-socialist Cities: Between State and Market
Organised by ENHR WG East European Housing & Urban Policy and the Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEEES)
Deadline paper submission: February 25, 2013
[Click here for the call for papers](#)

8-11 June, London, United Kingdom
IFHP Centenary Congress 2013
A Tomorrow for Cities
london2013.ifhp.org/
www.ifhp.org/event/come-london

19-22 June, Tarragona, Spain

ENHR Conference 2013

Overcoming the Crisis: Integrating the Urban Environment

www.enhr2013.com

10-12 July, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

RC43 Conference 2013

At home in the housing market

rc43-conference.uva.nl

20-22 August, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

APNHR Conference 2013

Global Housing Dilemmas: The Ways Forward

www.apnhr2013.com

20 September, Berlin, Germany

European Research Conference

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8th National Housing Conference

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