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Due to summer holidays the third issue of the ENHR Newsletter is published in September.



EDITORIAL

CROSSING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN HOUSING RESEARCH AND THE REAL WORLD

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I think many of us would agree about the uniqueness of the 25th ENHR conference in Tarragona. There are many reasons for this feeling, some of them are clearly related to the excellent quality of the contents of the plenary sessions and the papers presented at the workshops, some others are attached to the great location, efficient organisation, attractive social programme and fascinating field trips. Besides, the 25th anniversary of the Network contributed to confirm the strength of our research community built upon a solid past and a renewed eagerness to face the challenges of the future.

Writing this editorial is a wonderful opportunity to provide my own insight into what I think were the most important achievements of the conference. I would summarise them in the title of this editorial: crossing the bridge between housing research and the real world. I believe that we, as housing researchers, are used to writing research proposals and high quality scientific papers; to discussing carefully in international workshops and conferences and probably, to building up our careers in research centres and universities looking at the window of life trying to find new topics to explore and understand. Today we are struck by the sudden popularity of our research topic, and most remarkably, by the expectations created upon our work. Nowadays the landscape has considerably changed: the true stories are knocking on our door asking for urgent solutions to evident emergencies and serious problems concerning a human right: shelter. The ENHR conference in Tarragona means a turning point in housing research to me: politicians, stake-holders and practitioners are certainly listening to us and we should offer our knowledge to jointly find out the best approach to solving and improving people's residential choices. Our Network is more than ever a social (science) oriented network.

More than 480 papers were presented in Tarragona under the topic 'Overcoming the crisis: integrating the built environment'. The conference attracted people from all over the world, 40 countries were represented from South Korea to Australia, USA, Canada or Japan. European participants were the largest group, standing in the Spanish case for around 21% of the contributions. 27 workshops were organised, some of them related to existing ENHR working groups like 'Housing Economics', 'Metropolitan Housing Dynamics', 'Residential Context of Health' or 'Housing and Urban Sustainability'; some others were created *ad hoc* for the conference like 'Common Interest Developments and Gated Communities: Integrating Private Residential Environments into Cities' or 'The Housing Crisis in Spain' (conducted in Spanish). Previous to the main conference, a New Housing Researchers Colloquium (NHRC) was organised. As one of the mentors, I have to say that I am really thankful to the 16 new housing researchers that presented in this forum because of their energy, their willingness to learn and the high quality of their papers. The consolidation of the NHRC over time provides good expectations of the future of housing research in Europe.

What I am certain was common to all of them was the need to connect existing housing issues in neighbourhoods and cities with different housing research perspectives. Comparative and multidisciplinary research was again, as in many other ENHR conferences, key aspects in the approaches of the majority of the contributions presented in workshops. Plenaries exhibited a combination of policy-making discourses and research-oriented speeches: difficulties in understanding each other whilst looking for new pathways of mutual comprehension was, in my opinion, a praiseworthy effort.

With the aim of taking out the most intriguing and particular aspects considered during the Tarragona conference and despite not being exhaustive, I would stress the following perspectives:

- **On the housing crisis:** Identifying what has been the catalyst of the housing crisis and establishing a clear link between causes and effects of the functioning of housing markets represents a broad field of current housing research. Not all countries have been affected in similar ways by the housing crisis: for those countries with a balanced housing market in terms of tenure and a significant social housing stock, dealing with the consequences of the housing crisis has been easier. The social consequences of the housing crisis have hit many households in Europe tremendously hard. From a research perspective, traditional housing research focused on poverty, vulnerable households and deprivation is increasingly gaining more relevance in the current context of market failure and austerity. The usual complexity of housing associated, among others, with affordability, accessibility and safety becomes even more entangled in periods of crisis, public cutbacks and household difficulties.
- **On the (new?) role of housing policies during and after the crisis:** In an era of austerity, the role of housing policies is being revisited and questioned from a research perspective: to what extent are existing housing policies able to unravel the social consequences of the maze of housing markets? What is the role (if any) of civil society in providing alternatives to housing policies? Can we identify emerging hybrid alliances between public bodies and private organisations? Besides, independent from the typology of solution/policy adopted, it definitely has to be sustainable. As we say in Spanish, housing policy cannot function as a fireman, throwing water at emergencies; European citizens deserve a sustainable roadmap for their housing policies. The legal repertoire concerning the provision of measures to intervene might ensure we build up a consistent approach to all housing dilemmas. In addition, the 'integration of the built environment' suggested by the title of the conference unquestionably requires all-embracing renewal policies, where social as well as physical approaches would be taken into account.
- **On the connection between housing and other urban aspects:** Integrated urban approaches where housing emerges as a major pillar are more and more frequent; for instance, transport and mobility, health and environment, ageing societies and innovative architecture and urbanism are strongly linked with the essence of housing research in cities and neighbourhoods. Our workshops are increasingly making room for integral research where housing is considered as one of the fields of study but not the only one.
- **On distinctive current issues:** If housing is related to the quality of life of humankind, technology and the digitalisation of part of our private and social lives represents a tsunami that also affects our way of living and our relationship to our home and to the environment. This aspect is certainly reflected in some of the papers presented as a transversal issue. The increasing relevance of comparative research became evident with a good number of non-Europeans participating in the conference. The possibilities of learning from each other in similar housing/urban processes and experiences reinforce the transferability of policies from one region to another.

After 25 years of existence (and hopefully many more to come!), we can say that the ENHR, through the exchange of ideas, approaches and solutions, has provided the right tool to enhance housing research in Europe. Maybe today more than ever the key values of the ENHR are being tested, not only by the academic community, but by society. My opinion is that researchers are becoming more conscious of the need to provide reflections based on high quality research which can then be used by those responsible for solving diverse and complex housing problems. Crossing the bridge has definitely to be done from both directions. And let me finish by congratulating all of us as members of a healthy and reliable network of housing research! A lot has been done but complacency is not a good friend. Let's discover which challenges lie ahead in housing research.

HIGHLIGHTS ENHR CONFERENCE

19 – 22 June, Tarragona, Spain





European Network for Housing Research

Celebrating the Network

Friday 21st June at 22.00h
Tarragona Roman Amphitheatre



Programme (*)

22h.00 *Welcome by the Chairs of the Celebration, Richard Turkington and Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway*

22h.10 *Where do we come from and where do we go to?* The Chair of the ENHR Peter Boelhouwer and some founders Hugo Priemus, Iván Tosics, Christine Whitehead

22h.25 *And how do the New Housing Researchers feel?*

22h.35 *A short video of the history of the Network* – made by Peter Boelhouwer using contributions sent by ENHR members.

22h.55 *Interventions. Comments by ENHR members*

23h.05 *'The Grand Parade of the Conference Bags'* (possibly with fireworks) and collective picture of the 25 Conference Chairs (or their representatives)

23h.30 *Toast and birthday cake, music and happiness*

(*) timings are absolutely approximate



ENHR – The movie

During this festive evening, a film was shown about 25 years of ENHR. Please visit <http://www.enhr.net/enhrconferences.php> to view this film. It gives a good impression of the activities of the Network.

SLIDE SHOW COMPETITION

The 25th ENHR Conference hosted the 18th Slide Competition (in the early years some conferences were run without this event – how could this have happened...?).

According to the 60-70 persons in the room, who finally handed in 11 questionnaires, the questions were difficult (as always). However, it was fun and the joint discussion about the correct answers brought many good remarks and joyful moments.

Specialities of this year's competition were a critical block about urban regeneration, the introduction of the urban gardening topic, visible signs in cities of critical responses to the crisis and the very interesting issue of urban garbage. With regard to the 25th anniversary of the network also two „retro blocks” were included: „Conversion of buildings,” (originally shown in the 1990 Paris conference) and „Cities and people” (from the 1993 Budapest conference).

You can try out your imagination by guessing what you see in the following two pictures.



The correct answer is: Autolib kiosk in Paris, where you can hire your electric car for your next journey. Some of the teams found this out, others, however, gave different answers – some of them showing quite a strong imagination and innovation:

- Bus stop
- Entry to underground parking
- Urban micro office
- Smoking area in the street
- Artificial sun in Nordic cities

And finally you have here two pictures which are not to guess – but they tell a lot about the year of 2012.



This picture shows a demonstration in front of a bank in Madrid – the topic of housing crisis and evictions was quite substantially discussed during the conference.

This picture has been taken in Viladecans about a (once) nice building which is now seriously deteriorating – illustrating in which state our “beautiful era” is...

And now the results of the 2013 Tarragona ENHR slide competition.

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The third was the team **AMSTERDAM MEETS TARRAGONA** with 54 points: Sergio Navarre Aznar, Daniëlle Groetelaers, Willem Korthals Altes, Manon van Middelnoop

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The second was the team **TEAM 5** with 56 points: Jana Zdrahalova, Eva Spackova, Marta Cruz, Barbara Ascher, Jelena Stamenkovic

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The winner of the 2013 ENHR Slide Competition was the team **WINNER with 58 points**: Thomas Knorr-Siedow, Katrin Grossmann, Lidewy Tummer, Christiane Thouzellier

Congratulations and let's continue in 2014 in Edinburgh!

Iván Tosics

*PS Recognizing how many people are interested in the slide competitions I thought it would be worth to try to set up an **ad-hoc group about urban photography**. The most simple would be to talk about illustrations of societal processes – which could later further develop towards visual urban anthropology (if we want). Those who are interested in these subjects should send me an e-mail: tosics@mri.hu*

MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Last Tuesday the Local Organizing Committee has sent out the message below to all participants of the 2013 ENHR Conference in Tarragona, Spain:

Dear colleagues,

It was a pleasure to have you all at ENHR2013 in Tarragona last June. We hope you enjoyed the conference as much as we did.

Now we have gathered all submitted papers, pictures of the event, videos of plenary sessions' speakers and a video-summary of the conference in a new intranet which is accessible through the conference website.

In particular,

a) Papers are available under

<http://www.enhr2013.com/paper-submission/list-of-papers/>

b) Pictures are available under

<http://www.enhr2013.com/conference/memories-of-the-conference-images/>

c) Videos are available under

<http://www.enhr2013.com/conference/memories-of-the-conference-videos/>

These materials are available for attendants of the ENHR Conference only. The password has been sent to them by e-mail.

The video-summary can also be found directly in YouTube at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7Mn1U2xCpo>

Best wishes and looking forward to see you all in Edinburgh ENHR2014,

The ENHR2013 local organization committee

NEWS FROM THE ENHR COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Elections ENHR Coordination Committee 2014

Elections for the ENHR Coordination Committee are coming up! During the General Assembly at the ENHR Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland next year (new) members of the Coordination Committee will be elected. The official call for these elections will be published in the next ENHR Newsletter. In the meantime please think about who to nominate or whether you would be interested to have yourself nominated. You can also contact a current member of the Coordination Committee if you have any questions or if you need any advice on this subject (see page 35).

Other news

- Sergio Nasarre Aznar informed the committee about the progress of the conference for which 480 participants had registered. Montserrat Pareja Eastaway reported that the New Housing Researchers Colloquium had 15 participants with papers about housing and urban matters, but about 40 attendants.
- Mark Stephens reported on the 2014 ENHR Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland:
30 June – 1 July – New Housing Researchers Colloquium
1 - 4 July – Main conference
- ENHR member Darinka Czischke, new director of the Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF), introduced the work program of BSHF. For more information about BSHF please visit <http://www.bshf.org/home.cfm>
- The Latin American Network for Housing and Urban Research (LANHUR) started in 2008. The past couple of years this ENHR sister organisation was inactive. In 2012 the initiative was taken to get the relevant persons together to try to reactivate the network. Several actions were undertaken with the result that the Institute of Housing and the Urbanist Department of the University of Chile will support LANHUR (financially). Further actions will be undertaken soon.
- The next meeting of the Coordination Committee is scheduled for 18 & 19 October in Leipzig, Germany. Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ will organize it.

WINNER BENGT TURNER AWARD

The winner of the 2013 Bengt Turner Award is... **Sven Damen** from Belgium. Congratulations!

The title of his paper is "*The Effect of Mortgage Interest Deduction and Mortgage Product Innovation on House Prices*".



Abstract

In many countries, house prices are overvalued according to price-to-income ratios. These ratios ignore the fact that nominal interest rates have decreased since the 1980s. Models that try to explain house prices based on a standard annuity mortgage can incorporate the role of the interest rate. We extend these models to incorporate mortgage interest deduction and the recent innovation in mortgage products. Our results indicate that there exists a long-run relationship between house prices and borrowing limits adjusted for mortgage interest deduction and mortgage characteristics. We show that this measure Granger causes house prices while evidence in the other direction is almost non-existent. The model allows a better interpretation of housing markets and is useful for scenario analysis to improve decision-making.

Please go to our website to read the full paper (<http://www.enhr.net/pastwinners.php>) (for members only).

Call for ENHR Conference city 2015 & 2016

Last call

The ENHR Coordination Committee would now like to begin discussions with research institutes or research centres which would be interested in organising an ENHR conference somewhere in Europe in 2015 or 2016.

A formal hard copy proposal for the year(s) 2015 and/or 2016 should be submitted by September 19, 2013 to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). In its meeting on 19 October 2013 in Leipzig (Germany) candidates will be asked to present their proposal. The Coordination Committee will make a final decision for both years after the presentations.

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

Application should contain information about:

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

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

Participants from all parts of Europe should be able to participate in the conference. Therefore, while setting the fees the organisers should take the affordability of the conference (travel costs, hotel accommodation and fees) into account. Ideally some conferences should have lower fees and fees should preferably not exceed the fee of former conferences, as shown in the table below.

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 €

Research institutes or research centres which are interested in organising a conference in 2015 or 2016 are encouraged to contact the ENHR Chairman Peter Boelhouwer (P.J.Boelhouwer@tudelft.nl).

ENHR WORKING GROUPS

HOUSING FINANCE

Stefan Kofner, Jens Lunde and Christine Whitehead (coordinators)

Tarragona, the Milestone project and the Brussels seminar

The housing finance group has been active over the summer period.

At the Tarragona conference Workshop 1 on Housing Finance and Regulation held six sessions with sixteen presentations. We joined with the Private Rental Housing working group for one session and two sessions were reserved for presentations of the first versions of ten papers for the group's "Milestone" publication.

In 2014 we will celebrate our 25th anniversary as a working group including the period in preparation and in 2015 25 years as a full working group. The group is the oldest among the ENHR working groups. We have decided to celebrate this by publishing a "Milestone" book, where the changes in housing finance over the last 25 years in the different countries will be set out. The timetable is to have a full draft available in Edinburgh in 2014 and a published text by the 2015 conference. So far we have authors from 19 countries who would like to contribute a chapter. As mentioned the work on writing the contributions has started.

The Finance milestones' initiative is clearly the centrepiece for our celebrations. After discussion in Tarragona we think it works to divide the 25 years from 1988 into three parts: first, the (generally) crisis period of 1989 to 1994, second the period of expansion to the mid-2000s, and finally the GFC and the aftermath. We would like to cover:

- institutional and governance/regulatory change
- policy change
- market change

Ideally each chapter would include a table with a timeline with stages clarifying the most important theme for the each stage, e.g. deregulation, reduction in subsidies, crisis response – where appropriate separating by tenure but ideally structuring around what is driving financing changes and the impacts of these changes. This is a chance to explain how the different elements all come together to explain the current position and important points along the way.

Again we have the pleasure in arranging a joint EMF-ENHR Housing Finance Seminar in Brussels on September 17th and 18th, 2013. We have good representation among ENHR members and a number of representatives from the EMF will also present papers about current issues in mortgage and housing finance. This is the fifth joint seminar, where we have been invited to Brussels. The form for the seminar will be as usual. We will discuss the submitted papers and we expect to have general housing finance papers, papers on current trends/developments, and finally the Milestone papers in the sessions on the first day. The themes include:

- The impact of monetary policies conducted by central banks on the mortgage industry
- The impact of the implementation of specific LTV ratios on the mortgage activity
- Mortgage insurance
- Methodologies to assess which factors explain the evolution of house prices
- The impact of interest-only loans on mortgage markets;
- as well as anything on data and on regulatory change

Registration will have closed before the publication of this Newsletter. However if you want to participate, please contact either Jens Lunde (j.l.fi@cbs.dk) or Christine Whitehead (C.M.E.Whitehead@lse.ac.uk).

RESIDENTIAL CONTEXT OF HEALTH

Terry Hartig and Roderick Lawrence (coordinators)

The Residential Context of Health Working Group successfully convened the latest in its series of workshops at the ENHR Conference in Tarragona, Spain, held June 19-22.

Participants from Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA discussed papers reporting results from studies on a range of topics, such as the benefits of interventions to improve housing, health aspects of efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of housing for the elderly, variation in the health resource values of residential green space over the life span, approaches to providing healthcare in the home, and alternative methodologies for representing neighbourhoods in studies of contextual effects.

Extending the series, the WG plans to convene its next workshop at the ENHR Conference to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 30-July 4, 2014. As for the previous workshops, 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 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.

Next year's 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).

SOCIAL HOUSING INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

David Mullins and Anita Blessing, Tarragona Workshop Organisers, June 2013

2014 Call for Abstracts

For ENHR Edinburgh 2014 we are calling for abstracts on two main themes: '**Blurred Boundaries – implications of affordable housing policies for institutions and governance**' (Nick Falvo and Anita Blessing), and '**The relationship between research and policy**' (Thomas Knorr-Siedow and Gerard van Bortel) - organisers suggested in brackets to be confirmed.

2013 Conference Report

The WS held seven sessions at the conference with three themes:

- Self-help and civil participation in the post-crisis housing market (6 papers)
- Housing Policy: reforms and regimes (10 papers)
- Organisations and governance (9 papers)

There was a total of 25 presentations from 12 countries (Belgium, Canada, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Netherland, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States). This included a video presentation of one paper (a first for this Working Group).

Total individuals attending the workshop was around 50 with a 'hard core' attending most of the sessions. The parallel workshops for the first two sessions were both well attended.

Where to now?

A discussion session was held on the topic **'Where To Now?'** The main action points were:

- It was agreed to propose to the CC that Thomas Knorr-Siedow should replace Darinka Czischke as the fourth working group coordinator joining Anita Blessing, Gerard van Bortel and David Mullins. Nick Falvo volunteered as our 'North America correspondent'. The group passes on best wishes to Darinka in her new job and thanks her for her contributions since 2005 including as last minute discussant in a session in Tarragona!
- Several themes were suggested for the 2014 workshop. The two preferred themes were **'Blurred Boundaries – implications of affordable housing policies for institutions and governance'** (Nick Falvo and Anita Blessing), **'The relationship between research and policy'** (Thomas Knorr-Siedow and Gerard van Bortel) - organisers suggested in brackets to be confirmed.
- The six papers on **'Self-help and civil society participation in the post-crisis housing market'** will be developed for a proposal for a special issue of IJHP or book. David Mullins will communicate with the IJHP editors and the six authors with a timetable. He will also seek further contributors based on IJHP editors advice that it is advisable to start with more than the six required papers to allow for drop outs. Thomas Knorr-Siedow will assist David with the editorial work.
- A call for Consortium Partners from Gerard van Bortel (TU Delft) for a project submission to the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) Urban Europe on **'Urban and governance impacts of affordable rental housing provision by private sector actors'** was discussed. A copy of the full call has now been circulated. Interested partners to contact Gerard as soon as possible as submission date for pre-proposal is September 18 2013.
- We discussed the potential to improve theoretical framing of our work through **'Linked in' discussions of key theories and concepts**. Possible areas where this could build on conference exchanges are in relation on Ostrom's theory of the commons (Francesco, Nelle and Rosa), Baumann's liquid modernity (Thomas), strategic action fields (David), refining theories of hybridity (Elizabeth, Julie, Bo, Anita and David), and Habermas' life worlds and system worlds (Ton, Gerard and Mark). David to send invites to the WG Linked-In Discussion.
- **The scope of the WG** was discussed and the need to critically reflect on broad trends such as the shifting boundary between social and affordable housing (next conference), multiple layers of analysis of housing institutions from organisational to global, connections with urban planning and nature and role of third sector actors. The distinctiveness of the group will continue to be reflected in its interest in institutions and governance.
- There was a strong interest in the **future of the working group** and several early career researchers are considering deeper participation. This is very encouraging.

Results

In response to a call from the organisers for workshop conclusions on the conference theme 'Overcoming the Crisis' the following four bullets from WS-07 were included in Sergio Nasarre Aznar's Final Plenary:

- The crisis is defined for us not so much by severity of impact as by the absence of solutions, old models are broken and have not been replaced.
- The crisis has created some opportunities for civil society organisations to become more directly involved in housing themselves. These initiatives can make a small but important contribution to solutions.
- Large hybrid housing organisations have found it difficult to develop independent responses to the crisis - they have found the state and market dependencies even stronger.
- The crisis has created some short term opportunities for housing organisations to get cheap acquisitions from bankrupt builders and some benefits from early stimulus spending programmes - but in the longer term the foundations of hybrid models of providing social and affordable housing such as cross subsidy and trading have been undermined.

Beyond this the workshop highlighted wide-ranging interests in:

- Policies for social and affordable housing and regeneration across Europe, and in varied political and economic contexts inside and outside Europe (with workshop papers included on South Africa, Ecuador and Bolivia, Canada and US).
- In governance arrangements at several scale levels from the organisational to the global.
- In the interface between citizens and policy actors in fields such as mixed communities, neighbourhood regeneration and organisational customer insight programmes.


There was much common ground and scope for sharing interests and approaches. Inevitably there were disagreements and debates, but all of them carried out in a constructive and supportive fashion. It was a real pleasure and privilege to convene this workshop.

Thanks to Albert, Bo, Claire, Darinka, Hugo and Thomas for carrying out your key roles as chairs and discussants with wisdom and good humour.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

So far, ENHR has 99 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

 <p>DINÂMIA'CET CENTRO DE ESTUDOS SOBRE A MUDANÇA SOCIOECONÓMICA E O TERRITÓRIO ISCTE-IUL</p>	<p>DINÂMIA-CET - Centro de estudos sobre a Mudança Socioeconómica e o Território Av. das Forças Armadas, Ed. ISCTE-IUL 1649-026 Lisbon, Portugal http://dinamiacet.iscte-iul.pt/</p>
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DINÂMIA'CET-IUL – Centre for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies – is an ISCTE-IUL research unit with the primary aim of conducting multidisciplinary and comparative research and studies on processes of social, economic and territorial change in the European and international contexts. It currently has over 100 researchers, including around 50 PhDs, from many different disciplinary backgrounds (economics, sociology, law, architecture, regional and urban planning, anthropology, geography, management, quantitative methods, etc.).

The DINÂMIA'CET-IUL researchers combine extensive involvement in advanced international studies with commitment to furthering knowledge about the Portuguese reality in the belief that this is the best way to contribute to the country's socioeconomic and territorial development process. The Centre belongs to many international and national networks, including European networks of excellence. Its researchers participate regularly in conferences, colloquiums and scientific seminars in Portugal and abroad and disseminate the outcome of their work in journals, books and other national and international publications.

In addition to fundamental and applied research and the provision of services to the community, the Centre is firmly committed to scientific dissemination and organises dozens of seminars and conferences every year. DINÂMIA'CET-IUL also publishes an on-line journal on urban and territorial studies and a series of Working Papers – both of which are peer-reviewed.

DINÂMIA'CET-IUL has the following three main areas of research, each organised into multi-annual research programmes:

- Innovation, Knowledge and Labour
- Cities and Territories
- Governance, Economy and Society

DINÂMIA'CET-IUL is an associate centre of ISCTE-IUL's Master's and PhD programmes in the areas of economics and public policies (more specifically in monetary, territorial, innovation and human resources fields and supporting the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of policies), economic and social development, urban and territorial studies, architecture and urbanism, and law. All these areas are built upon a solid knowledge base and are thus able to support many PhD scholars and to frame post-doctoral studies. It is a part of the ISCTE-IUL School of Social and Human Sciences.

The unit is certified and evaluated by FCT – Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Foundation for Science and Technology), and classified as Excellent. It has received funding from public and private entities – both national and European; these include the FCT, the Gulbenkian Foundation, Portuguese public entities and institutions, IPSS, professional and employers' associations, trade unions, the European Commission, European foundations, among many others. It works regularly in partnership with a range of Portuguese and foreign research centres.



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<http://www.diba.cat/web/hua/observatori-local-d-habitatge>

The Local Housing Observatory of Barcelona Provincial Council handles production, management and dissemination of information and knowledge about housing from a local perspective in order to meet the needs of local authorities in the processes of design, implementation and evaluation of local housing policies.

The observatory operates from neutrality and rigor to ensure local access to all the information and knowledge needed to ensure local leadership in defining housing policies.

The observatory applies different lines of work, such as using municipal statistical information and legal resources. Furthermore, it identifies and disseminates cases of good practice and of innovation in terms of local housing policies. Last, but not least, the observatory is open to work with all those actors and professionals in the field of knowledge around the house.



**Institut der deutschen
Wirtschaft Köln** *Cologne Institute
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The Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft Köln (IW, Cologne Institute for Economic Research) is Germany's leading private economic research institute. Its task is to promote a better understanding of economic and social processes among politicians, opinion makers and the general public. The institute analyses facts, reveals trends, explains economic developments and publishes its proposals in newspapers as well as in academic journals.

IW is a registered non-profit organization. Its members are employers' and industrial associations as well as individual companies across most sectors of the economy. The approximately 370 employees of the institute and its publishing house work at the headquarter in Cologne, in the capital office in Berlin and in the liaison office in Brussels, the seat of the European Commission.

With its Research Unit for Real Estate Economics, the IW has established a competence centre for research on real estate markets & finance. The aim of the Research Unit is to investigate the interactions between real estate markets, financial markets and the economy by means of scientific methods.



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The Human Geography Department at Stockholm University employs about 50 people, 25 of whom are academic staff and about 20 PhD students. The Department is a dynamic research setting with three research profiles, namely Urban and Regional Planning; Environment, Gender and Equity; Historical Geography and Landscape Studies; and Population Geography, Migration and GIS. Research on housing and urban questions are mainly conducted in the fields of planning, population and migration research.

News from Institutional Members



Australian Housing
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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.
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About AHURI research reports

The dissemination of AHURI funded research is central to our mission of providing a high quality evidence-base for policy development. Typically, AHURI funded projects result in three research reports: *Positioning Papers*, *Final Reports* and *Research and Policy Bulletins*.
[Find out more here...](#)
[View recently released research reports here...](#)

[AHURI Research and Policy Bulletin No. 164](#)

Preventing homelessness for women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *Homelessness prevention for women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence: innovations in policy and practice*.

[AHURI Research and Policy Bulletin No. 161](#)

What role does assertive outreach play in ending homelessness for people who are sleeping rough?

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *The role of 'assertive outreach' in addressing primary homelessness*.

[More AHURI Research and Policy Bulletins...](#)

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 events

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

National Housing Conference 2013
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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**Institute for Housing & Urban Development
Studies (IHS)
Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

IHS Alumni International launches live stream lectures

The alumni from the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies have been very actively involved in upgrading alumni services, benefits and networks for urban professionals around the globe who share common roots at IHS. This year they launch a live stream facility, and a fund for talented urban professionals to study at IHS. Learn more about this at www.ihsai.org.

Green Cities for Eco-Efficiency

This course will take place for the first time at our Institute from 14 October to 2 November 2013. We are counting on climate change and energy efficiency specialists from all over the world to join this programme www.ihs.nl/eco.

IHS Research

- A new IHS working paper is published. Jan Fransen wrote a working paper titled 'Absorptive capacity, local innovation systems and global value chains in home accessories in Jogjakarta, Indonesia'. See more on page 28.
- As from the second half of 2013, IHS will lead a ground-breaking research project titled ['The Determinants of Green FDI in South-East Asian Cities'](#).

Refresher Courses in India and in Ethiopia this fall

- [Post disaster shelter provision and urban resilience](#) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia(21-30 October 2013). Partners: ECSU, EIABC & NAAE
- [A rights-based approach to resettlement, \(inter\) national standards and local practises](#) in Delhi, India(9-20 December 2013). Partners: IHSAAI, HSMI & Jawaharlal Nehru University



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

OTB

As of June last OTB - Research for the Built Environment (new name) joined as a department of the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment of Delft University of Technology. Our contact details remain unchanged.

Taking the long view on moving house

Professor Maarten van Ham, keynote speaker at the Understanding Society Conference 2013 (24-26 July), talks about his research on residential mobility, visualising complex data and the important role Understanding Society will play in future research for academics, policy makers and practitioners alike. Listen to the podcast here:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/podcasts/2013/11>

PhD defences

In Spring the following PhD defences took place:

- 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 Mlecnik - 20 March
Innovation development for highly energy-efficient housing, Opportunities and challenges related to the adoption of passive houses'

Read more about the books on page 25.



University of the
West of England

University of the West of England (UWE)
Bristol, United Kingdom

University of the West of England, UWE, Bristol, UK Expands Research and Launches New Residential Property Degree

The accelerated marketization of the UK's remaining social housing and increasingly blurred boundaries between social and private rented housing in England, following the Localism Act 2012 and other Coalition measures, pose a challenge for the organisation and delivery of housing education in the UK. Traditionally professionally accredited Housing courses have focussed heavily on the public and charitable housing sectors and the majority of their students have been employees of organisations from such spheres. This market has been increasingly challenged by the diversification of public sector housing organisations in the UK and the greatly increased fees introduced for English Higher Education (HE) courses since 2012, putting them beyond the means of public sector employers. As a result several university level Housing courses have closed over the past few years with potentially serious impacts on both professional standards in the housing sector and future housing research.

The University of the West of England (UWE) Bristol has over 30 years experience of providing professional HE level Housing education and a strong research record in this area. UWE Bristol has faced the current challenges by developing a new undergraduate degree programme that focuses on both public and private sector housing. The new BSc in Residential Property sits alongside a portfolio of programmes focusing on the commercial property sector and will prepare students for both Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) and

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) professional qualifications. Recruitment will target the full time undergraduate market and seek to attract those aiming for careers in both private and public sectors – recognising that there is increasingly crossover between organisations with affordable providers now actively developing market rental and market sale products.

The programme will be led by academics active in research in the private rented and affordable housing sectors with current projects looking at the changing local authority role in relation to the Private Rented Sector in England and the experiences of tenants in lower income groups in the Private Rented Sector. Through our Flooding and Sustainable Communities Research Centre we are also developing work exploring water usage/flooding and the particular issues of implementing policy and preventative measures in private rental housing. Research in housing at UWE, Bristol continues with The Bristol Housing Futures (BHF) project that has undertaken research a range of current issues that meet the interests of The Bristol Housing Partnership (BHP) – a partnership involving Bristol City Council (BCC) and several Housing Associations. Furthermore, interesting research has begun with the national Community Self Build Association (CSBA) and the Forces-in-Mind charity to study the impact of self-build in supporting military ex-service personnel.

If you have further enquiries about the **new programme** please feel free to contact bryony.stevens@uwe.ac.uk and for further enquiries regarding this and future **research** please contact graham.squires@uwe.ac.uk

New Individual Members

The past few months ENHR welcomed the following members:

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Sherry Ahrentzen	University of Florida	United States of America	Social ecology
Martin de Bettignies	Union Sociale pour l'Habitat	France	Finance
Aleid Brouwer		Netherlands	Economic geography, housing
Gala Isabel Cano Fuentes		Spain	
Anna Coyne		Ireland	
Sven Damen		Belgium	Housing economics, finance
Betty-Jean Dee-Price		Australia	Disability and housing
Carole Després		Canada	Housing: planning, programming and design
Aitziber Etxezarreta Etxarri		Spain	
Melissa Fernandez		United Kingdom	Social housing; c-housing; private rental sector; gender studies; post colonialism
Lucie Galčanová	Masaryk University, Faculty of Social Studies	Czech Republic	
Rose Gilroy	Newcastle University, School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape	United Kingdom	Older people and their environments
Katrin Großmann		Germany	Shrinking cities, energy transitions, large housing estates, sustainability, methods
Thomas Harborth		Germany	Housing
Anne-Sophie Iotti		Australia	
Outi Jolanki		Finland	Ageing research, social gerontology, qualitative research, family care, care services
Petra de Jong		Netherlands	Housing, migration, ageing
Bruce Judd		Australia	Architecture, Urban Design

European Network for Housing Research

Nahoko Kawata		Japan	
Jesus Leal		Spain	Sociology
Kadri Leetmaa		Estonia	Population and migration studies
Marko Marskamp		Switzerland	Science and technology studies, urban planning
Carlos Medive		Uruguay	Housing policy
Marta Modelewska		United Kingdom	Public finance, urban economics; land value finance; revolving funds; EU structural funds
Jill Morgan		United Kingdom	Housing law, landlord and tenant law
Lookman Oshodi		Nigeria	Housing and urban development
Kay Saville-Smith		New Zealand	Housing, home ownership, dwelling performance and ownership, rental housing.
An-Sofie Smetcoren	Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences	Belgium	Belgian Ageing Studies
Adolf Sotoca		Spain	Urbanism
Asimina Tsalpatourou		France	Droit public
Catalina Turcu	University College London, Bartlett School of the Built Environment	United Kingdom	Urban sustainability, indicators, urban regeneration, energy, housing, communities
Jeroen van der Veer		Netherlands	Research, urban geography
Jana Verstraete		Belgium	

NEWS FROM PARTNERS

Housing Studies Association



In Spring ENHR and Housing Studies Association (HSA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for closer cooperation and collaboration to the mutual benefit of their respective members.

For more information about Housing Studies Association go to www.york.ac.uk/chp/hsa/index.htm

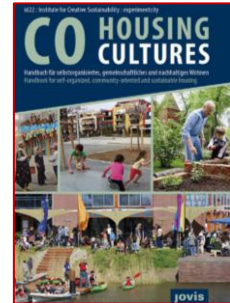
NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

COHOUSING CULTURES: SELF-ORGANIZED, COMMUNITY-ORIENTED AND SUSTAINABLE

Edited by id22: Institute for Creative Sustainability

Integrating, non-speculative and open to the neighbourhood. Innovative projects motivated by a search for ecological, affordable and socially designed homes. This book illustrates a colourful diversity of European examples including a cooperative's barrier-free renovation of an old school in Berlin, collective housing for the 40+ generation in Stockholm and passive architecture planned by and for immigrants in Brussels. Become active! A contact list offers tips for further research.

2012, 208 p., CoHousing Platform, ISBN 978-3-86859-148-4
<http://co-housing-cultures.net/>



COMPETITION BETWEEN SOCIAL AND PRIVATE RENTAL HOUSING

By Christian Lennartz

In the context of shifting regulatory approaches and changing provision structures in many Western rental housing systems, the notion of competition between social and private rental housing has received increasing attention from practitioners and academic researchers. This thesis explores and theorises the concept of inter-tenure competition in order to advance understanding of what it means in local and national market realities, as well as in business and political practices.

Results indicate that competition in mixed markets is a complex matter, much of which is explained by the distinctive properties of social and private rental services. Inter-tenure competition is shown to be the interplay of structural and political conditions, individual and organisational business goals, and the perceptions and strategic decisions of both providers and consumers. The results suggest that the degree of competition relates to specific points in time and is mainly a question of which rental market segment one is looking at.

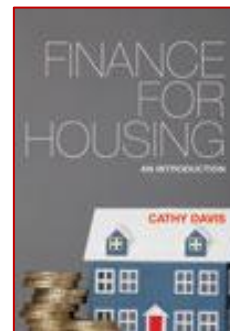
2013, 296 p., IOS Press, ISBN 978-1-61499-193-9
<http://ebooks.iospress.nl/volume/competition-between-social-and-private-rental-housing>



FINANCE FOR HOUSING – AN INTRODUCTION

By Cathy Davis

The global financial crisis of 2007-08 was triggered by sub-prime mortgage mis-selling in the US and the global sale of these debts as new bonds. Austerity programmes are designed to reduce the borrowing that governments undertook to stabilise failing banking systems but the UK's Coalition government is using 'austerity' as a cover to dismantle the welfare state. Housing is at the forefront of these changes. Mortgages and rental costs are rising as 'the market' dictates them, while people with low



incomes now receive substantially less financial help from the welfare state. In this much-needed text by an experienced author with a policy background, current housing finance issues (and their history) are linked with broader social policy and political themes. It covers the finance of building and refurbishment, managing and maintaining property for all the different tenures (owner occupation, council housing, housing association and private renting), and discusses whether current arrangements are sustainable. Written for housing, social policy and politics students and staff, it is also accessible to anyone concerned about housing in Britain today.

2013, 328 p., Policy Press, ISBN 978-144-730-6481
<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781447306481&>

FINANCING RENTAL HOUSING THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT

By Vivienne Milligan, Judith Yates, Ilan Wiesel and Hal Pawson

This Investigative Panel considered private financing models that can deliver additional supplies of quality, well located rental housing in areas of need that is affordable to low- and moderate-income households. This included provision initiated by both for-profit and not-for-profit providers, as well as cross sector partnerships.

2013, 34 p., AHURI Final Report 202, ISBN 978-1-922075-22-2
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p71016>



HOW INTEGRATED ARE HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA?

By Paul Flatau, Elizabeth Conroy, Monica Thielking, Anne Clear, Sarah Hall, Alicia Bauskis and Matthew Farrugia

This research project examined the integration of homelessness services with mental health, and drug and alcohol services in WA and Vic.

2013, 114 p., AHURI Final Report 206, ISBN 978-1-922075-28-4
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p82013>



INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT FOR HIGHLY ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOUSING

By Erwin Mlecnik

In previous years we have seen a recognition of the significant potential that exists for reducing energy use through innovation in residential buildings. This study investigates innovation challenges and identifies opportunities that could lead to a rapid increase in the adoption of highly energy-efficient housing concepts, particularly that of the passive house. To this end, it exemplifies, interprets and develops the innovation adoption theory through an investigation of views and experiences on the supply side, the demand side and the policy side. It highlights successful innovation trajectories and barriers experienced by businesses.

It addresses both problems and positive experiences from the perspective of the end user and investigates different policy approaches. As such, the



research reveals important features of innovation-adoption strategies in the building sector. It shows how multi-player enterprise collaboration plays a key role, and the study also recommends the development of quality assurance schemes. It makes a valuable contribution to discussions about how active the role of government policymakers and enterprise networks should be.

2013, 422 p., IOS Press, ISBN 978-1-61499-235-6

<http://ebooks.iospress.nl/volume/innovation-development-for-highly-energy-efficient-housing>

LARGE HOUSING ESTATES: IDEAS, RISE, FALL AND RECOVERY

By Frank Wassenberg

Large housing estates: for some people these three words symbolise all that is wrong in urban planning. *Large* is wrong, because many people prefer a living surrounding that reflects the human scale. *Housing* as a single function is wrong, because mixed areas are more lively. And *estates* are wrong, as these refer to top-down planned areas which the residents themselves have no say in.

Although many such estates function well, others have proved to be in serious problems. The question is how to deal with this legacy. For these estates to recover, an integrated solution is needed. Large-scale problems require large-scale interventions.

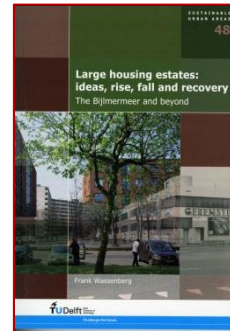
The Amsterdam Bijlmermeer area has been the most deprived and stigmatised area in the Netherlands for at least a quarter of a century, despite its glorious design in the 1960s. The area can now be considered as a leading case for area regeneration.

Frank Wassenberg has followed this fascinating area for years and provided an analysis of its construction, fall and recovery. He has carried out over twenty research projects in more than twenty years in the Bijlmermeer area, which enabled him to provide a broad reflection on this famous area. He calls it a shining example of high expectations, that nonetheless suffered deprivation and stigmatisation, but at last became Holland's largest urban renewal area. It even became a forerunner for other renewal areas in the country and abroad in many respects.

Frank Wassenberg successfully defended his PhD study on 12 March 2013. He compares the Bijlmermeer with many other large housing estates in the Netherlands and abroad, and analyses what conclusions may be of use for other areas. His book might be of use for all who deal with large housing estates, especially those in problems.

2013, 334 p., IOS Press, ISBN 978-1-61499-232-5

<http://ebooks.iospress.nl/volume/large-housing-estates-ideas-rise-fall-and-recovery> or download via <http://repository.tudelft.nl/view/ir/uuid:667bb070-f469-442b-8d72-54c61f61d884/>

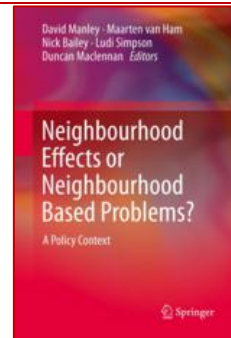


NEIGHBOURHOOD EFFECTS OR NEIGHBOURHOOD BASED PROBLEMS?

Edited by D. Manley, M. van Ham, N. Bailey, L. Simpson and D. Maclennan

This edited volume critically examines the link between area based policies, neighbourhood based problems, and neighbourhood effects: the idea that living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods has a negative effect on residents' life chances over and above the effect of their individual characteristics.

Over the last few decades, Western governments have persistently pursued area based policies to fight such effects, despite a lack of evidence that they exist, or that these policies make a difference. The first part of this book presents case studies of perceived neighbourhood based problems in the domains of crime; health; educational outcomes; and employment. The second part of the book presents an international overview of the policies that different governments have implemented in response to these neighbourhood based problems, and discusses the theoretical and conceptual processes behind place based policy making. Case studies are drawn from a diverse range of countries including the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Australia, Canada, and the USA.



2013, 296 p., Springer, ISBN 978-94-007-6694-5
<http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/population+studies/book/978-94-007-6694-5>

The experience of marginal rental housing in Australia

By Robin Goodman, Anitra Nelson, Tony Dalton, Melek Cigdem, Michelle Gabriel and Keith Jacobs

Increased demand from students, retirees and families excluded from private rental has put new pressures on marginal rental accommodation. However residents—especially those with high needs—remain vulnerable in this tenure and often experience poor management, lack of safety and low quality or expensive housing. Better regulation and governance of the sector, licensing of operators and effective outreach programs to relocate the most vulnerable to more secure accommodation are required to address these problems.



2013, 140 p. AHURI Final Report 210, ISBN 978-1-922075-36-9
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p30699>

WORKING PAPERS

INNOVATION IN SMES. THE CASE OF HOME ACCESSORIES IN YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA

By Jan Fransen

This paper analyses how exporting firms in home accessories in Yogyakarta innovate by absorbing knowledge from local innovation systems and global value chains. Absorptive capacity emerges as the only variable that significantly explains variation in innovation. Innovation does not depend on the type or depth of interactions in local innovation systems, nor on the governance of global value chains, but merely on the ability of a firm to absorb and use the almost endless amount of knowledge available. Absorptive capacity of the sector increases primarily due to the entrance of medium-sized firms with highly educated, local entrepreneurs. This conclusion has important policy and research implications. The policy implication is that innovation is best improved by attracting new firms with highly educated entrepreneurs. This redirects policy attention to the business environment, venture capital and business development support. The research recommendation is to include the notion of absorptive capacity in studies of innovation systems.

2013, IHS Working Paper
http://www.ihs.nl/fileadmin/ASSETS/ihs/IHS_Publication/IHS_Working_Paper/IHS_WP_027_Fransen_Innovation_in_SMEs_The_case_of_home_accessories_in_Yogyakarta_Indonesia_2013.pdf

OTHER NEWS

Changes fee structure and fees 2014

In its March-meeting the Coordination Committee decided upon some changes in the ENHR fee structure. A new division of countries was determined:

Group 1

- Europe: Austria, Belgium, 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, Bulgaria, Moldavia, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, countries of former Soviet Union (except Russia)
- Africa
- South America

For any country not mentioned, the ENHR Office will decide which group is applicable. The third group (by application) has been abolished.

For some members this new classification has some consequences. They will be informed separately.

During the General Assembly in Lillehammer, 2012 it was agreed that in 2014 and 2015 the fees should be indexed with inflation in the Netherlands.

Taking these two decisions into account, the ENHR membership fees for 2014 will be:

Institutional members:

All the prices below are in Euro

Group	Number of members	Full / Associate
		2014
1	1-5	258
	6-10	517
	11 plus	775
2	Regardless of size	129

Individual members:

All the prices below are in Euro

Group	Type of individual member	
	Full	PhD
	2014	2014
1	51	26
2	13	13

World Habitat Awards 2014

The annual World Habitat Awards recognise innovative and sustainable solutions to housing challenges around the world. Entries are now open for the 2014 competition.

Previous winners range from projects delivering environmental sustainability to others focused on the scaling up of innovative practices. Full details of previous winners and finalists are available on our website www.worldhabitatawards.org/winners-and-finalists

Darinka Czischke, BSHF's Director said: "The World Habitat Awards are a great way of identifying and celebrating good practice in housing worldwide. Previous winners have included projects which really demonstrate the wider benefits of good housing, for example health improvements or energy saving.

"For the winners, the benefits include receiving international recognition for their innovative practices and a cash prize of £10,000, as well as a trophy. Winning projects also have the opportunity to transfer their award-winning approach through peer-exchange activities sponsored by BSHF."

Housing projects which demonstrate practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing needs are invited to submit their entries via the World Habitat Awards website www.worldhabitatawards.org. Entries must be received by 1st November 2013.

Who uses the ENHR Website – and how?

Using Google Analytics, we've been monitoring the use of the website for almost a year now. This short review uses data for the 6 months' from February this year during which time we held our successful Conference in Tarragona. There's an immense amount of data so I've just selected a few 'highlights' and added a few interpretations - others are most welcome!

How many people accessed the website, how often and for how long?

The website is accessed by plenty of people but not for long. It was accessed 7,600 times by over 4,000 people, and almost half were new visitors which is encouraging. However, almost half of all people made only one visit; 20% made 2 or 3 visits and less than 10% made 4 or 5 visits.

Over 70% of visits lasted only 10 seconds or less; another 5% lasted up to 30 seconds and another 4% up to 3 minutes. That means that over 20% of visits lasted more than 3 minutes, so either the website is fascinating; people got lost in it - or they just fell asleep.

New visitors accessed the site for an average of 1 minute 23 seconds and viewed 1.7 pages, OK that's an average. Returning visitors spent more time; they accessed the site for an average of 1 minute 54 seconds but also viewed 1.7 pages. Do returning visitors take more time - or are they slower readers?

Who accessed the website?

Users accessed the website from 99 countries including 15 from which only one visit was made. There may be some very lonely housing researchers out there but at least the Network can connect us. Most visits were from the Netherlands (13.6%) who just beat the UK (13.3%) then from Spain (11.1%). Of concern is the low number of visits from central and east European countries, the Czech Republic came in at number 17 in the visits pop chart beating Hungary and Slovenia into 24th and 25th places. There's a serious message here about needing to encourage engagement with that region.

How was the website accessed and which pages?

Surprisingly, only 10% of visits were made using a tablet, mainly an iPad, or a mobile phone, most people are still using PCs. Over 25% of 'page views' went straight to the Home Page; 15% to 'Conferences' and 14% to the 'News'. Only 2% went straight 'Membership' but let's hope some are reading this now!

OK, that's enough data. I'll be keeping an eye on patterns and trends and will bring you more exciting highlights as they emerge. Which I'm sure they will .

Richard Turkington, Coordination Committee member, 13th September

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

From Evidence to Action The Housing Research Conference 8 November, Cardiff, UK



Policy makers, practitioners and advocacy organisations rely on sound, credible research to inform and push for changes. As the first ever Welsh Housing Bill enters scrutiny stage this autumn, Cardiff University, the Welsh Government and Shelter Cymru are co-hosting a conference that will be a platform for current housing research, policy and practice and provide inspiration for further development in this important field.

Do you wish to attend?

This conference will be useful to local authority housing professionals, representatives from housing associations and third sector organisations, political researchers, academics and students in housing and related fields.

Please email events@sheltercymru.org.uk or visit the website www.sheltercymru.org.uk

The Value of Housing Housing Studies Association Annual Conference 2014 15 – 17 April, York, UK

Call For Papers: Housing Studies Association

Papers are invited from academics and practitioners in housing and related disciplines for the HSA's 2014 Conference. The *value* of housing in recent years has focused on the negative financial aspects arising from economic recession. As we move towards recovery, important debates are on-going around access to and availability of affordable and appropriate housing across all tenures and all generations. This draws attention to the wider value that we place on housing in society. Individually a house is valued for meeting the most basic of needs – something that is starkly exposed by the multitude of problems that arise from being homeless or repossessed. The value of housing also becomes inextricably linked with neighbourhoods, social environments and landscapes of opportunity; access to communities, labour markets, education, health. Increasingly housing is being re-positioned from wobbly pillar to lynch pin of asset-based welfare policy. In this new era, the HSA conference provides an opportunity to discuss and debate these economic, social and moral values of housing.

Keynote Speakers will focus on three main themes:

- The value of housing to welfare
- A discussion around who is best placed to judge the value of housing
- The value of housing to the national economy

Confirmed Speakers include:

- Julia Unwin, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Professor Susan J Smith, University of Cambridge
- Paul Tennant, Orbit (and President of CIH)
- Vidhya Alaekson, Resolution Foundation
- Ruth Davison, National Housing Federation
- Ben Harrison, Centre for Cities

Papers addressing aspects of housing policy, practice or theory are welcome on (but not limited to):

- The value of housing in poverty eradication
- Value of housing to occupants - sociological, identity, family, health, etc
- Costs of not having housing - homelessness, temporary accommodation, and welfare benefit changes
- Measuring the value of housing
- Value for money of investment in housing
- Protecting the value of housing wealth
- The value of home across the life course
- The moral discourse of housing supply and availability
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An **Early Career Stream** will run in parallel with the main conference. Abstracts for this stream (also 200 word limit) should be sent to **Gareth Young** (gjyoung1@shef.ac.uk) and **Ben Pattison** (bmp248@bham.ac.uk) by **Friday 31 January**. Early Career delegates will be invited to submit a written paper after the conference in order to be considered for the Valerie Karn Memorial Prize.

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17 September, St. Polten, Austria
Impulstag der NO Wohnbauforschung
Leistbare Qualität im Wohnbau
[Click here for more information \(in German only\)](#)

17-19 September, Roskilde, Denmark
NSBB Conference 2013
Suburbs - transformation and development
www.sbi.dk/nsbb

19 September, Berkshire, United Kingdom
International Centre for Housing and Urban Economics Workshop
Housing and the Economy: the Crisis and Beyond
[Click here for more information](#)

20 September, Berlin, Germany
European Research Conference
Housing first. What's second?
Organised by ENHR WG WELPHASE and FEANTSA
www.feantsaresearch.org/spip.php?article181&lang=en

14-16 October, Tilburg, The Netherlands
ECSR Conference 2013
Developments in Social Inequality and Social Cohesion
www.tilburguniversity.edu/about-tilburg-university/schools/socialsciences/organization/departments/sociology/ecsr-tilburg2013/callforpapers/

30 October - 1 November, Adelaide, Australia
8th National Housing Conference
www.nhc.edu.au/invitation_sa/

8 November, Cardiff, UK
From Evidence to Action
The Housing Research Conference
www.sheltercymru.org.uk/training/conferences/from-evidence-to-action

28-29 November, Derry-Londonderry, United Kingdom
The Conference of the Isles
The Bright Brand New Day Housing Conference
www.bigbrightstar.com/current-events/Conference-of-the-Isles/Index.html

1-5 December, Gorlitz, Germany
Workshop **The Housing Markets of Southern Europe in face of the Crisis**
Click [here](#) for the invitation and call for papers.
Click [here](#) for the Support for a DAAD Project application form.

CALENDAR 2014

20-21 March, Copenhagen, Denmark
ENHR Private Rented Markets Working Group meeting
www.enhr.net/private.php

15-17 April, York, UK
Housing Studies Association Annual Conference 2014
The Value of Housing
[Call for papers](#) - deadline paper submission: January 31 2014
www.housing-studies-association.org

30 June - 4 July, Edinburgh, Scotland
ENHR Conference 2014
Beyond Globalisation. Remaking Housing Policy in a Complex World
Main conference - 1 - 4 July
New Housing Researchers' Colloquium - 30 June - 1 July

13-19 July, Yokohama, Japan
ISA World Congress
Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology
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