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EDITORIAL

URBAN NATURE AND HEALTH: GREEN FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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In Europe and elsewhere, many people believe that parks and other seemingly natural places in and around cities serve the health of their residents. This belief is not only widespread; it is also long-lived. Over time, however, the explanations for health benefits of urban green space have changed, in line with changes in the prevalence of different diseases and theories about the sources or determinants of those diseases. Explanations for benefits of engaging with “urban nature” have thus varied, from classic notions that parks improve air quality and so help to prevent common diseases then attributed to miasmas, to more contemporary ideas about how parks and other green spaces provide opportunities for physical activity, social contacts, and stress reduction that counter so-called life-style related diseases.

Recent years have seen a surge of public interest in the possible salutogenic values of urban nature. This growth of interest seems to have its origins in some familiar and closely related concerns. One is the concern about the quality of the living environment for the large and growing proportion of humanity that has concentrated in urban areas. The other has to do with negative consequences of urban densification. As the population of a city grows, outward expansion at low residential densities may have a variety of negative ecological and public health consequences, but efforts to constrain sprawling development can backfire if densities in the more central areas become so high that residents find them to be crowded and so push back out toward the periphery. A third concern is the “extinction of experience” as people come to have little contact with the natural world in an everyday urban context. In the USA, Netherlands, and other countries, numerous initiatives have been launched to “reconnect” people, especially children, with the natural world, in the hope that they will then become more strongly motivated and better able to protect nature.

Compared to previous go-arounds, the current growth of interest in nature experience and health is distinguished by the scientific methods used to describe the relationships of interest. Experiments that have found faster and more complete psychophysiological stress recovery among people who viewed images of natural versus urban scenes, or who walked in a peri-urban park versus along city streets, may have received so much attention because they seem to confirm with “hard evidence” some popular beliefs about how contact with nature can promote health. These rather small scale studies do affirm the plausibility of a particular kind of “mechanism” through which nature experience can serve health; however, they say little about whether contact with nature actually does prevent stress-related diseases over the long run, and they do not provide much guidance for those who are concerned with how best to design parks and other green spaces and integrate them into urban areas to best serve public health and sustainability goals. So, while many advocates of urban nature may appreciate having scientific evidence with which they can strengthen their arguments, awareness of the limitations of the available science is growing in tandem with the amount of scientific evidence being generated. This awareness, I might add, can be considered aside from the long-running critical discussions across the social sciences and humanities concerning the changing meanings of “nature” and “health.”

One example of work that encourages caution in drawing practical implications from nature-and-health research is provided by Elizabeth Richardson and colleagues (2012). They used aggregate data for 51 large cities in the USA to estimate associations between the amount of green space and different causes of mortality. On the basis of studies with individual-level and neighborhood-level data, they had expected that cities with more green space would

have lower rates of mortality from causes such as heart disease and diabetes. Yet no such associations were uncovered. Rather, they found that all-cause mortality was significantly *higher* in greener cities. Considering possible explanations for this unexpected finding, they observed that, in the USA, greener cities are also more sprawling cities, and that any positive effects of green space might be overshadowed by negative effects of sprawl. They concluded as follows:

“If green space is a health amenity in cities, as evidence suggests, its scale and context are likely to be important. The provision of green space at the neighbourhood scale should be balanced by attention to density, connectivity, mixed land use, transportation infrastructure and other metropolitan scale predictors of good health. Improving green space provision without consideration of the implications for other societal functions, such as transportation, may not produce the predicted population health benefits” (p. 165).

Helpful work with a complementary critical message comes from the Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research in Leipzig, Germany. Colleagues there recently hosted a meeting of the ENHR Coordination Committee, and they shared with the CC members some results from their work in Leipzig and other European cities that have in recent decades seen substantial losses of population. With population decline has also come the abandonment and removal of housing and other structures. The resultant areas are then open for spontaneous and uncontrolled regeneration of nature. Although positive ecological and other values can be identified for this “urban wilderness,” some people may find it threatening and undesired, for example as a symbol of further decline (Rink, 2009). Work on urban wilderness and re-urbanization offers an instructive counterpoint to a narrative of continuously growing cities with densifying central areas where even small bits of (highly planned and controlled) nature are positively valued. It also illustrates how the evaluation and re-evaluation of urban nature for public health purposes occurs in a complex process in which political, economic and technological transformations can also play significant roles (see also e.g., Haase et al., 2008).

Haase, D., Haase, A., Kabisch, S., & Bischoff, P. (2008). Guidelines for the “perfect inner city”: Discussing the appropriateness of monitoring approaches for reurbanization. *European Planning Studies*, 16, 1075-1100.

Richardson, E. A., Mitchell, R., Hartig, T., de Vries, S., Astell-Burt, T., & Frumkin, H. (2012). Green cities and health: A question of scale? *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 66, 160-165.

Rink, D. (2009). Wilderness: The nature of urban shrinkage? The debate on urban restructuring and restoration in Eastern Germany. *Nature & Culture*, 4, 275-292.

NEWS FROM THE ENHR COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Highlights Coordination Committee meeting Leipzig, Germany, October 18 & 19, 2013

Collecting fees

The Coordination Committee agreed with the suggested adjustments in the fee collecting procedure to make it less labour intensive and thus cheaper. These are:

- to strictly streamline the process (1 reminder for individual members, 2 reminders for (associated) Institutional Members.
- to offer members the possibility to become a member for 1, 2 or 3 years.

ENHR Working Groups

The CC welcomes all proposed coordinators subject to being an ENHR-member:

- Aleid Brouwer and Blanca Deusdad join as coordinators of the WG Housing and Living Conditions of Aging Populations.
- Padraic Kenna and Julian Sidoli del Ceno as new coordinators of the WG Legal Aspects of Housing, Land and Planning.
- Sasha Tsenkova and Viviana Fernandez as coordinators to the WG Social Housing and Globalisation (in preparation).
- Thomas Knorr-Siedow as coordinator for the WG Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance.

The CC also agreed with the new name of the WG Legal Aspects of Housing, Land and Planning: Legal Aspects of Residence and Rights.

Most of the Working Groups have sent in their annual report. They can be found here: <http://www.enhr.net/annualassessment2.php> (for members only).

ENHR Conference 2013

Sergio Nasarre Aznar presented his report on the conference. The following is a selection of results:

- 463 abstracts were submitted, 441 accepted. On average 18 abstracts were submitted per workshop. NHRC had 19 abstracts.
- 35% of papers came from Spain, then UK, NLs, Turkey, Norway and France: conference organizing countries keep attending the conferences in the years after their 'own' conference. The CC observes that this a positive and very welcome trend.
- 174 members, 110 non-members and 93 students.
- NHRC had 15/16 papers, quality was quite divers. There was a big French delegation.

ENHR Conference 2014

Mark Stephens reported on the progress in the organisation of the 2014 ENHR Conference which will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland from 1 – 4 July 2014. The NHRC will take place on 30 June – 1 July.

Locations ENHR Conferences 2015 & 2016

- The 2015 ENHR Conference will take place in Lisbon, Portugal. It will be organized by a consortium led by CECODHAS Portugal.
- The 2016 ENHR Conference will take place in Belfast, UK. It will be organised by the University of Ulster.

As a result of this, João Carvalhosa of CECODHAS Portugal has been added to the Coordination Committee as an ad hoc member.

Elections Coordination Committee

Next year the elections for members of the Coordination Committee will take place. There is a maximum of 5 candidates to be elected. Voters have to vote for a minimum of 3 candidates. The call for the elections is published in this Newsletter.

Bengt Turner Award

The deadline for sending in papers for the 2014 Bengt Turner Award has been fixed on March 1, 2014. The call for the Bengt Turner Award is published in this Newsletter.

Statement on the behaviour of ENHR members

The Coordination Committee has formulated the following code of ethics:

Code of ethics

Statement on the behaviour of ENHR sponsored activities

The ENHR is an inclusive and democratic organisation that exists to promote research in the area of housing. ENHR strives to bring together people, and accord to them equal respect regardless of their gender, ethnicity, disability, age, opinion, religious or sexual orientation. Consequently behaviour that can be construed as being discriminatory, offensive, predatory or bullying is inconsistent with ENHR's ethos. Participants at ENHR sponsored activities are reminded that behaviour that respects their colleagues is fundamental to the network's ethos.

Next meetings

- 21 & 22 March, 2014, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 4 July, 2014, Edinburgh, Scotland

BENGT TURNER AWARD 2014

Call for papers

Aim of the Bengt Turner Award

To encourage new researchers to write research papers on housing and urban issues linked to the topics of the ENHR Working Groups, to increase awareness of ENHR, and to keep alive the memory of Bengt Turner.

Eligibility

Papers should

- be linked to ENHR Working Group topics
- not be in the process of publication (sent to publisher or accepted for publication)
- contain original research not more than three years old
- be on a suitable academic/professional level
- add a new perspective to their topic, containing original ideas
- be written by a single author
- be written in English
- normally not exceed 8000 words including all text, figures and tables. Diagrams and tables usually occupy the equivalent of 300 words each, and you should allow for this in your total. Legal-related papers are excepted from this limit.

Authors should

- be less than 36 years old, OR have received a PhD in the preceding three years
- be based in an European country, or have carried out their research in Europe.

Applicants' CVs, which should be submitted with their papers, should contain information demonstrating their eligibility.

Time-table of the BTA process

- The Bengt Turner Award will be announced as soon as the deadline has been set. **This round the deadline is 1 March 2014.** Please send submissions (paper, CV and [application form](#)) to the ENHR Office (enhr@tudelft.nl) by that date.
- The ENHR Office will send to the members of the Coordination Committee all those papers (in anonymous form) that satisfy the conditions.
- At the Spring meeting the Coordination Committee can decide to give the award. If so, the winner will be decided on.
- In April, the Coordination Committee will contact the winner of the BTA to make arrangements for his/her participation in the ENHR conference.
- The winner of the BTA will be announced in a formal ceremony at the ENHR conference.

The content of the Bengt Turner Award

The winner of the Bengt Turner Award will receive:

- a waiver of the conference fee by the conference organizer,
- an advice from senior researchers about submitting the paper for publication in the International Journal of Housing Policy or any other journal which is relevant
- a special certificate in a decorative frame
- a one-year membership subscription to ENHR and
- a report about them in the ENHR Newsletter.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE ENHR COORDINATION COMMITTEE

2014 Elections

The ENHR Election Committee and the ENHR Office invite you to nominate candidates for the ENHR Coordination Committee (CC). The purpose of this call for nomination is to identify candidates who will stand for election for the ENHR Coordination Committee. Five seats are up for the 2014 election.

According to the ENHR Charter (http://www.enhr.net/documents/ENHR_Charter.pdf) there should be between 13 and 15 members on the Coordination Committee. Ten of the current CC-members will remain on the CC until 2016. Their profiles are summarised as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Elected until</i>
Peter Boelhouwer	Geography	Male	The Netherlands	2016
Gunvor Christensen	Sociology	Female	Denmark	2016
Terry Hartig	Environmental psychology	Male	Sweden	2016
Lena Magnusson Turner	Geography	Female	Norway	2016
David Mullins	Geography / Policy studies	Male	United Kingdom	2016
Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway	Economics	Female	Spain	2016
Richard Sendi	Architecture	Male	Republic of Slovenia	2016
Mark Stephens	Economics	Male	United Kingdom	2016
Christiane Thouzellier	Geography	Female	France	2016
Richard Turkington	Sociology	Male	United Kingdom	2016

The aim is to achieve a balanced composition, enabling diversity in terms of discipline, country and gender. The final elections will take place during the General Assembly at the conference in Edinburgh, United Kingdom in July 2014.

There are a number of important things to consider when nominating a candidate to the Coordination Committee.

- It is important to have as many candidates as possible to ensure a fair and representative election. You are therefore urged to consider standing for the election. If so, please find an ENHR-member who will nominate you. You are also urged to think about nominating another ENHR member. If so, please contact that ENHR-member to find out whether (s)he would be willing to be a candidate.
- It is important to remember that members of the Coordination Committee are expected to attend, at their own expense, a number of meetings during the year and to be active at ENHR conferences.

How to nominate

ENHR members can nominate a candidate or be nominated as a candidate provided that they have paid their membership fee for 2012. Members from associate institutional members are excluded.

Please fill in the nomination form on the ENHR website (www.enhr.net/elections.php) with the names of nominee and nominator and send the form together with a short biographical sketch (± 200 words) and a photo to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). If you are nominating someone else, make sure that they send in a biographical sketch and photo.

When composing the sketch, it is helpful to mention the candidate's academic position, their activities in the Network, a maximum of three key publications, and any issues that he or she feels are important for the future of the Network.

The deadline for receipt of nominations (including the biographical sketch and photo) is **31 March 2014, 00.00 CET.**

Voting

The nominees will be introduced to all ENHR members by e-mail and on the ENHR website shortly after 31 March 2014. All ENHR members except for associate Institutional Members are allowed to vote, provided they have paid their membership fee for 2014. We will inform you about how to vote in a later stage.

Election Committee

If you have any questions about these elections please contact the ENHR Election Committee. The members are:

- Marietta Haffner (m.e.a.haffner@tudelft.nl)
Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture for the Built Environment, OTB - Research for the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS.
- Nils Hertting (Nils.Hertting@ibf.uu.se)
Institute for Housing & Urban Research, Uppsala University, Gävle, SWEDEN.
- Chris Watson (c.j.watson@bham.ac.uk)
Birmingham University, Birmingham, UK.

Or contact the ENHR Office at ENHR@tudelft.nl.

FUTURE ENHR CONFERENCES

ENHR CONFERENCE 2014

Information about deadlines, fees and conference website will be distributed soon.

ENHR CONFERENCES 2015 & 2016

In its October meeting the ENHR Coordination Committee decided that the 2015 Conference will take place in Lisbon, Portugal. It will be organized by a consortium led by CECODHAS Portugal. The 2016 ENHR Conference will take place in Belfast, UK. It will be organised by the University of Ulster.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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NAME CHANGE

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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.

News from Institutional Members



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...](#)

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...](#)

Recently released AHURI research reports

The use of guarantees in affordable housing investment—a selective international review

Author: Julie Lawson ([Positioning Paper: No. 156](#))

This project aims to build critical capacity among policy-makers concerned with the design of public or private sector sponsored guarantees. Such guarantees can play a role bearing and reducing the risk of long-term credit for affordable housing providers.

[More AHURI Positioning Papers...](#)

AHURI Evidence Review

Evidence Review is 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 organises a range of [events](#) throughout the year to engage the policy and practice communities with our research.

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

Material from the recent **National Housing Conference** in Adelaide—including PowerPoint slides, results from the live polling and photos—has been uploaded to the website. Audio and video recordings of the main sessions will be uploaded soon.

[More information...](#)

You can also find audio and video downloads from our other events on our website. All files can be found [here](#).

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

Expertise Centre on Housing Value

Recently OTB Research for the Built Environment together with the Dutch Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) started the Expertise Centre on Housing Value. The Centre is managed by three housing experts: prof. Peter Boelhouwer, prof. Marja Elsinga and prof. Jan de Haan. Objective of the Expertise Centre is bundling and developing existing scientific knowledge in the field of determining housing values, explaining and predicting price developments and assessing risks in the housing market. State of the art scientific findings are translated into solutions to social and policy issues.

In 2013 three PHD projects were launched within the Centre on 'financial risks of home ownership', 'spatial structure and housing prices in urban areas' and 'price developments on the Dutch housing market'.

<http://www.bk.tudelft.nl/over-faculteit/afdelingen/otb/expertisecentrum-woningwaarde/> (*in Dutch only*)

PhD Defence

On December 4, Leeke Reinders will defend his thesis: Hard city, soft city: modern architecture and the anthropology of a post-war neighbourhood. More information can be found in the 'New books/studies' section.

New professor

OTB researcher Dr Jantien Stoter has been appointed as professor 'Spatial Data Infrastructure'.

New Individual Members

The past few months ENHR welcomed the following members:

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Leminar Nairt Arends Morales		Spain	Social housing Policy
Lynda Cheshire	University of Queensland	Australia	Neighbours, community, renewal
Youngeun Choi		United States of America	Housing policy
Adrienne Csizmady		Hungary	Housing, segregation
Blanca Deusdad	University Rovira i Virgili	Spain	Elder care, ageing
Viviana Fernandez		Chile	Participatory Planning / Urban and Housing Policies / Urban Regeneration
Shilan Gharanfoli		Turkey	Architectural design
Jacopo Gresleri		Italy	Collective housing, cohousing, housing for elderly
Judith Knabe	Cologne University of Applied Sciences	Germany	Poverty and inequality, social work
Jamileh Manoochehri		United Kingdom	Housing policy and standards

NEWS FROM PARTNERS

Housing Studies Association



From 15 – 17 April the 2014 Annual Conference will take place at the University of York, York, UK. The theme is 'The Value of Housing'. More information can be found in the 'Forthcoming events' section.

International Federation of Housing Policy



On February 28, 2014 the second Hague Housing Conference will take place in The Hague, The Netherlands. The theme is 'Neo-liberal ideas and social housing realities. Affordable when government participation is shrinking'. More information can be found in the 'Forthcoming events' section.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

HARD CITY, SOFT CITY: MODERN ARCHITECTURE AND THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF A POST-WAR NEIGHBORHOOD

By Leeke Reinders

There is something irrevocable in architecture. In contrast with a painting or a musical play, one cannot alter an architectural work of art other than by blowing it up or pulling it down. Streets, buildings, squares and parks are part of the hard, physical environment in which we organize our lives. But why conceptualize architecture as a finished product? What happens when the plans have been drawn, the buildings completed, the public space decorated and the pictures taken for design journals and marketing advertisements? How does the 'hard' city of architecture and urban planning relate to the 'soft' city of residents and users? The thesis 'Hard city, soft city' is an anthropological study on the role of images and symbolic representations in the social production of urban space in Nieuwland, a post-war neighborhood of Schiedam, which is undergoing a process of large-scale restructuring. A central theme of the book is the intersection between the city as object of planning and policy and as an object of everyday identity formation. The architecture and urban structure of post-war neighborhoods have been subject of numerous publications, but it is striking how little we know about everyday life that has unfolded in the years after completion. The book sets out to approach urban space not only from a physical and architectural point of view, but also as a social and cultural domain which is claimed by various groups and institutions. This is examined through the images, symbols and stories used by professionals and residents to give form, meaning and substance to urban space, such as in branding and narrative cartography.

As of December 4, 2013 available via <http://repository.tudelft.nl>



HOUSING EQUITY WITHDRAWAL: USES, RISKS AND BARRIERS TO ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS IN LATER LIFE

By Rachel Ong, Therese Jefferson, Gavin Wood, Marietta Haffner and Siobhan Austen

This project considered the financial costs and risks of alternative housing equity withdrawal mechanisms. It provides recommendations about mitigating risks associated with mortgage equity withdrawal products for older Australians.

2013, 92 p. Ahuri, Final report no. 217, ISBN 978-1-922075-46-8
(<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p81004>)



PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFERS: PAST, PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE

By Hal Pawson, Vivienne Milligan, Ilan Wiesel and Kath Hulse

This project investigated stock transfer models in Australia to identify enabling factors and barriers to more substantial transfers to third sector housing providers. It looked at transfers in three jurisdictions (NSW, Tas and Vic) and involved in-depth interviews with stakeholders and focus groups with former public housing tenants that transferred to not-for-profit landlords.

2013, 90 p., Ahuri, Final report no. 215, ISBN 978-1-922075-43-7
(<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p71008>)



THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR IN THE NEW CENTURY

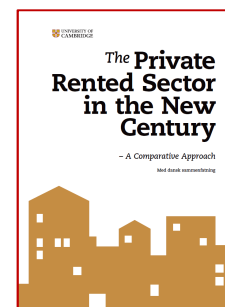
By Christine Whitehead et al.

The Knowledge Centre has sponsored an analysis of regulation of private rented housing across 11 Western European countries which has been carried out by the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research (CCHPR) at the University of Cambridge in conjunction with researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

One purpose of the report is to inform the debate around regulation of private rented housing by placing the Danish regulatory framework in an international context. Another purpose is to gain an overview of shifts in the structure of regulation and look at the impact of regulation on the size of the private rented sector.

The report concludes that other factors such as the structuring of taxes and the prevalence of other types of housing play a larger role in determining the size of the sector than regulation does.

2012, 200 p., Boligøkonomisk Videncenter, ISBN 978-87-994127-5-4
(<http://www.bvc.dk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Analyser/The%20Private%20Rented%20Sector.pdf>)



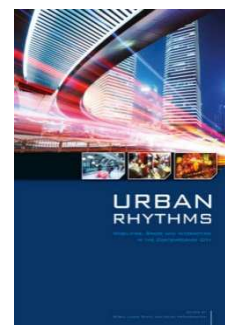
URBAN RHYTHMS: MOBILITIES, SPACE AND INTERACTION IN THE CONTEMPORARY CITY

Edited by Robin James Smith and Kevin Hetherington

This insightful collection of papers on the contemporary cityscape explores the rhythms of urban flows, temporalities and interactions. It interprets the city as a complex whole, interwoven with networks and constant movement, and offers case studies of global metropolises from Manchester to Rio de Janeiro, Cardiff to Jakarta.

- Wide-ranging interdisciplinary analysis
- Combines urban theory with informed empirical research
- Includes studies of cities across the urbanizing world, from Rio de Janeiro to Jakarta
- A profound and engaging commentary on the constantly evolving rhythms of the city

2013, 174 p., Wiley, ISBN 978-1-118-54054-1
(<http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1118540549.html?dmmsmid=80535&dmmspid=10401682&dmmsuid=2138348>)



OTHER NEWS

Membership fee 2014

In the coming weeks we will be sending out the invoices for your membership 2014. As of 2014 ENHR can offer the possibility to renew your membership for 1, 2 or 3 years. The fee is based on the year in which you renew your membership and the number of years.

Collecting the ENHR fees takes a lot of time (produce & send invoice, send reminder, check balance, etc.). In order to make this process more efficient the Coordination Committee has decided upon the following procedure:

- Invoices are sent out by e-mail in November / December.
- Only one (Individual Members) or two (Institutional Members) reminders are sent out.
- If your payment is not received by a certain date, your membership will be discontinued.

It would be great if you can help us to keep the process manageable and pay your fee as soon as possible. If there is any (administrative) reason why you cannot make the payment in time, please contact us as soon as possible.

Individual Members and contact persons of (Associate) Institutional Members were informed about this last month by e-mail.

Papers ENHR Conference 2013 online

The papers (if available) of the 2013 ENHR Conference in Tarragona, Spain are now online (for members only): <http://www.enhr.net/enhrconferences.php>.

ENHR Office closed

Because of the holidays the ENHR Office is closed from Friday December 20, 2013 until Monday January 6, 2014.

We wish you all the best for the New Year!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Neo-liberal ideas and social housing realities. Affordable housing when government participation is shrinking
Hague Housing Conference 2014
28 February, The Hague, The Netherlands



Worldwide, the housing sector has gone through structural adjustments that have affected both supply and demand sides. In some countries like Brazil, Mexico, Chile and China, just to mention a few, there has been a variety of policy responses, creative subsidy schemes to increase accessibility and affordability and huge investments in housing production. These policies have generated jobs and economic development but also externalities such as the fragmentation of urban areas due to land prices and location choices, a sizeable stock of vacant houses and the disruption of social safety nets. In the developed world, responses varied. The decrease in annual housing production, increasing stimulus to homeownership and consequent decrease in social housing and particularly social rental housing and measures to activate stagnant housing markets are some of the policy responses we observed in European countries. The second Hague Housing conference will stimulate an in-depth discussion about

the continuing retreat of the state from housing assistance, its impact on housing policies and on the performance of the housing sector as a whole. The conference will provide a dynamic and professional environment for participants to explore the impacts of liberalization policies on social housing provision and overall housing affordability and accessibility in different countries. The conference will further explore various mechanisms and experiments in the actual context to provide affordable housing opportunities at scale.

More information can be found at: <http://www.ifhp.org/event/hague-housing-conference-2014>

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

The Value of housing



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

Confirmed Speakers include:

- Julia Unwin, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Paul Tennant, Orbit (and President of CIH)
- Misa Izuhara, University of Bristol
- Vidhya Alaekson, Resolution Foundation
- Ruth Davison, National Housing Federation
- Ben Harrison, Centre for Cities
- Alex Marsh, University of Bristol

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
- The value of housing for asset-based welfare
- Land values; housing shortages
- The value of housing's wider-role

Offers of papers (a title and 200 word abstract) should be emailed to **Anna Clarke** (acc44@cam.ac.uk) and **Beverley Searle** (b.a.searle@dundee.ac.uk) by **Friday 31 January**. (Please note the organisers reserve a right to edit abstracts that exceed the 200 word limit).

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.

Six bursaries, jointly funded by the HSA and Housing Studies Charitable Trust are available providing financial support for attending the conference. Details can be found on the HSA website.

For further details see the HSA website: www.housing-studies-association.org

CALENDAR

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.

10 December, London, UK
One day symposium
Recent Advances in Research on Housing Transitions and the Life Course
www.bristol.ac.uk/cmm/research/housing/symposium/index.html

CALENDAR 2014

23-24 January, Glasgow, UK
ESRC Seminar Series
Entrepreneurship in Homes and Neighbourhoods
Click [here](#) for the call for papers.
Deadline abstract submission: 18 November 2013
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/homebusiness/

January 31 - February 1, Alicante, Spain
ENHR Housing Economics Workshop
www.enhr.net/housingecon.php

28 February, The Hague, The Netherlands
Hague Housing Conference 2014.
Neo-liberal ideas and social housing realities. Affordable housing when government participation is shrinking
www.ifhp.org/event/hague-housing-conference-2014

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

21 & 22 March, Edinburgh, UK
Spring meeting ENHR Coordination Committee

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

4 July, Edinburgh, UK

Summer meeting ENHR Coordination Committee

13-19 July, Yokohama, Japan

ISA World Congress

Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology

[Call for papers](#) - deadline paper submission: 30 September 2013

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