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EDITORIAL

The tip of the iceberg. Squatting of public tenures and rental unaffordability in Italy

After the economic crisis, housing issues are once again under the spotlight. In the most populated municipalities the squatting of public tenures is rising dramatically. In Milan and Rome unauthorized occupancy affects about 3,575 and 5,000 dwellings respectively. According to newspapers in the first semester of 2014 squatting in Milan increased by 2/3 compared with the whole 2013. In some cases it is perpetrated by gangs who manage to deliver the dwellings to households in need in return for money. Newspapers and even popular talk-shows put daily great emphasis on these events. The threat of criminal sanctions (arts. 633 ff. of the Italian criminal code) is clearly not enough to prevent this escalation. The Italian Supreme court has recently affirmed that no sanction is applicable whenever squatting is done under necessity. Apart from that, repeated ex post amnesties by local municipalities counteracts the preventive function of criminal law.

The 2014 Housing Plan will likely be more effective as it prevents squatters from being domiciled in the occupied dwellings and connected to gas and electricity, although of course it won't solve the problem at the root.

This situation depends upon several concurrent factors.

Firstly, the increasing demand of affordable tenures as a consequence of the economic crisis. Between 2007 and 2013 unemployment swelled at a rate of 5,100 employees per week, Italy accounting for 21% of the rise of unemployment in the entire Eurozone.¹ The unemployment rate affected particularly under-25 year olds, reaching the 36.6% in 2013.² Households incomes have fallen by some 2,400 euros since 2007, reaching 16,200 per head in 2012.³

Secondly, the current supply of public tenures is not prepared to tackle the growing demand of affordable dwellings. In 2013 650,000 households were still on the waiting list. Since 1980s investments in public housing have been drastically reduced and, in addition, there have been repeated waves of privatization of the public housing stock to get liquid assets. The right-to-buy repeatedly granted to tenants of tenures with public task at giveaway prices has further reduced the supply of social housing and prevented the turnover of households in need. More importantly, a large rate of public tenures is vacant due to the lack of certificate of habitability and, therefore, this gives squatters the chance to find a roof through illegal means.

Finally, rental affordability in the private market dropped, notwithstanding the decrease of rent levels due to the crisis (-4% to -5% per year), as the increase of evictions for non-payment of the rent since 2008 clearly shows. This sector is traditionally underdeveloped in Italy as in most southern European countries, counting around 16% of the total number of

¹ <http://www.oecd.org/italy/OECD-SocietyAtaGlance2014-Highlights-Italy.pdf>, 5.

² HYPOSTAT_2013, 51.

³ <http://www.oecd.org/italy/OECD-SocietyAtaGlance2014-Highlights-Italy.pdf>, 5.

households.⁴ Even before the crisis these were mainly composed by low-yearly-income households such as single-parents with children, immigrants, young families.

The Italian Government has reacted to the current housing crisis by reiterating the national rent supplement scheme (60 million euros as a whole for the years 2014-2015) as well as tax allowances for tenants of public tenures. In addition, law no. 124/2013 implemented a new fund addressed to 'innocent' tenants in arrears (40 million as a whole for the years 2014-2015). These are defined as tenants who cannot pay the rent because of supervening unemployment or significant reduction of working hours, serious diseases affecting their earning capacity.⁵ Ultimately this fund turns into an anti-eviction measure, as Prefects are allowed to delay the enforcement of eviction orders issued against tenants held to be 'innocent' at the expenses of such fund.

Conversely, too limited resources have been allocated to renovate existing public tenures even in the 2014 Housing Plan (only 5 million euros for the year 2014!). Some new good measures were introduced in 2013 and 2014 to induce private landlords to rent tenures at an affordable price (for instance, through fiscal incentives) are too fresh and probably still inadequate.

In order to tackle the current situation more resources should be allocated so as to reduce the shortage of social housing and renovate existing public tenures. A more efficient regulation of the social rental sector is required, for instance by reducing or stopping the rent-to-buy of tenants and ensuring the turnover of households fulfilling the requirements to apply for a social dwelling, and more targeted measures to increase the supply of private residential tenures should be implemented.

Elena Bargelli
University of Pisa and
ENHR, Southern European Housing Working Group in preparation

⁴ According to the National Census carried out in 2011, the rental sector counts 21.8% households. In 2010 these were 21.1%, a slight increase after many years of progressive decrease. Households living in private rented tenures are about 16.3%, those living in public tenures are 5.5%. As a whole, about 5 million households live on rent.

⁵ Ministry of Infrastructure and Transports Decree 14 May 2014.

NEWS FROM THE ENHR COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Highlights Coordination Committee (CC) meeting Lisbon, Portugal, October 24 & 25, 2014

ENHR Conference 2014

Mark Stephens presented the report of the Edinburgh local organising committee (LOC). The following is a selection of results:

- It was a very large conference; the number of attendants had to be capped at 500 and a waiting list was opened.
- Turkey, Australia and Korea came with large numbers of participants.
- Eastern Europe attendance seemed to be a little disappointing.
- Relatively low student fee attracted many students.
- 548 abstracts were submitted.

Beth Watts and Janice Blenkinsopp, organisers of the New Housing Researchers Colloquium (NHRC), wrote a detailed report about the NHRC. Mark Stephens presented it. Also a survey was held amongst the participants of the NHRC. Both the report and the survey pointed out some points of improvement, but overall the colloquium was considered a great success.

ENHR Conference 2015

João Carvalhosa showed the conference venue to the CC members and updated them on the preparations of the organisation. Registration for the conference will open early January 2015.

ENHR Conference 2016

Paddy Gray informed the committee about the preparations for the 2016 Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The proposed dates are 27 – 30 June 2016.

Membership update

Possibly for the first time in history ENHR has more than 1,000 individual members. The CC members expressed their positive surprise considering the less good economic times.

Financial statement

The financial overview 2014 up to and including the third quarter was discussed. Possibly a small surplus can be achieved over 2014.

Call for ENHR Conference location 2017

The deadline for sending in proposals to organise the ENHR conference 2017 was set for October 1st, 2015.

ENHR Working Groups

The Coordination Committee discussed the annual reports of the working groups which are available at <http://www.enhr.net/annualassessment2.php> (for members only).

The proposed new name for the WG Legal Aspects of Residence and Rights was accepted: Housing Law.

The Coordination Committee also agreed upon a new WG in preparation: [Housing and Family Dynamics](#) (Rory Coulter, UK and Michael Thomas, Netherlands).

The following new working group coordinators were welcomed:

- Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing (Catalina Turcu, UK)
- Housing Finance (Andreja Cirman, Slovenia)
- Housing Law (Michel Vols, Fanny Cornette, both Netherlands)
- Welfare Policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (Magdalena Mostowska, Poland and Yoshihiro Okatmoto, Japan)
- Housing and Urban Sustainability (Nessa Winston, Ireland)

Bengt Turner Award 2015

In their previous meeting, the Coordination Committee decided that the Bengt Turner Award 2015 will be a best conference paper award. The call for papers will be sent out as soon as possible. (NB. See <http://www.enhr.net/howtoapply.php>)

Next meetings

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 & 7 March, 2015 | – Berlin, Germany |
| 29 June, 2015 | – Lisbon, Portugal |
| Autumn 2015 | – Belfast, Northern Ireland |

PROPOSALS WELCOME FOR ENHR CONFERENCE CITY 2017

The ENHR Coordination Committee (CC) 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 2017.

A formal hard copy proposal for the year 2017 should be submitted **by October 1st, 2015** to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). In the CC-meeting in the **fall of 2015** candidates will be asked to present their proposal. The Coordination Committee will make a final decision after the presentation(s).

Interested organisations are invited to attend the Lisbon Conference from 28 June to 1 July 2015, when there will be the opportunity to discuss proposals with the Coordination Committee chair, Peter Boelhouwer, and with Committee members.

Guidelines for ENHR conferences are available on the ENHR website (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 €
2014	Edinburgh, UK	± 380 €	± 470 €	± 465 €	± 580 €	± 285 / 355 €	± 150 / 190 €

Research institutes or research centres which are interested in organising a conference in 2017 are encouraged to contact the ENHR Chairman Peter Boelhouwer (P.J.Boelhouwer@tudelft.nl).

BENGT TURNER AWARD 2015

Call for papers

Aim



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

The 2015 Bengt Turner Award will be a **best conference paper award for those colleagues who are eligible.**

Eligibility

Papers should

- be linked to ENHR Working Group topics
- contain original research not more than three years old
- be on a suitable academic/professional level
- add a new perspective to their topic, containing original ideas
- be written by a single author
- be written in English
- normally not exceed 8,000 words including all text, figures and tables. Diagrams and tables usually occupy the equivalent of 300 words each, and you should allow for this in your total. Legal-related papers are 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
- be registered for the annual ENHR Conference.

Time-table of the BTA process

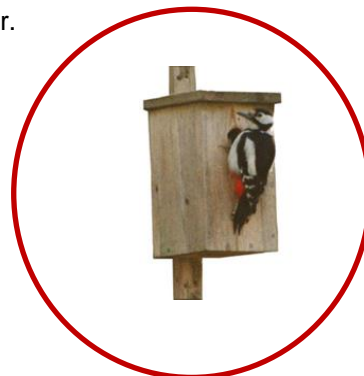
- The Bengt Turner Award will be announced as soon as the deadline has been set. **This round the deadline will be early June 2015 (to be announced).**
- The winner of the BTA will be announced in a formal ceremony at the ENHR conference.

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
- 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 the winner in the ENHR Newsletter.

Registration
will open early
January



ENHR WORKING GROUPS

Basic information concerning the aims, activities and membership of the various Working Groups is available on the ENHR website at www.enhr.net. In this section the Working Groups report on recent activities such as seminars (to be) held, books to be published, etc. The names and addresses of the coordinators are given at the end of the Newsletter in the Who is Who? section. Members of ENHR are encouraged to contact these persons in order to join a particular Working Group or to obtain further information about its activities.

News from Working Groups

NEW COORDINATORS

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

- Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing (Catalina Turcu, UK)
- Housing Finance (Andreja Cirman, Slovenia)
- Housing Law (name change) (Michel Vols, Fanny Cornette, both Netherlands)
- Welfare Policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (Magdalena Mostowska, Poland and Yoshihiro Okamoto, Japan)
- Housing and Urban Sustainability (Nessa Winston, Ireland)

ANNUAL REPORT

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).

NAME CHANGE

The Coordination Committee also agreed with the new name of the Working Group Housing Law which replaces Legal Aspects of Residence and Rights.

HOME OWNERSHIP AND GLOBALISATION

Caroline Dewilde, John Doling and Richard Ronald (coordinators)

After a very successful meeting in Paris in May 2014 we are planning to hold another meeting at the University of Bucharest in Romania from 20-21 May 2015. More information can be found at the section Forthcoming events on page 31.

HOUSING FINANCE

Christine Whitehead, Jens Lunde, Andreja Cirman (coordinators)

We are very happy to welcome Andreja Cirman as a co-coordinator for the group.

We are progressing well with the Milestones project - almost all the final drafts are in. We will have papers from some 21 countries as well as three cross Europe chapters involving almost 40 members of the group and expect to launch the publication at the Lisbon conference.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the Lisbon conference where we will be looking for contributions especially on private finance and regulation where there are many interesting innovative initiatives emerging.

RESIDENTIAL CONTEXT OF HEALTH

Terry Hartig and Roderick Lawrence (coordinators)

The Residential Context of Health Working Group will convene its next workshop at the ENHR Conference to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, June 29-July 1, 2015. 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; the delivery of health care services in the home; and gardens, nearby parks and urban green spaces as health resources. The workshop will follow the format used in the previous workshops in this series: draft manuscripts submitted in advance of the meeting, assigned discussants, and maximal time for discussion of the manuscripts. If you want to participate, or if you have other questions about the Working Group, please contact either of its co-convenors, Terry Hartig (terry.hartig@ibf.uu.se) or Roderick Lawrence (Roderick.Lawrence@unige.ch).

SOCIAL HOUSING: INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

David Mullins, Anita Blessing, Gerard van Bortel, Thomas Knorr-Siedow (coordinators)

2015 ENHR conference in Lisbon: Call for Abstracts

We are planning to invite abstracts that connect the main conference theme (Housing and Cities in a time of change: are we focusing on People?) and the central themes of our working group. We are planning to organise two main thematic sessions (dependent upon the mix of submitted abstracts) from which we would hope to progress selected papers to publication after the conference:

- i. Community-led housing in a time of Globalisation. Why and how is an increased emphasis on localist, community based housing solutions emerging at a period of heightened globalisation and neo-liberalism. What lessons can be transferred between European jurisdictions on the effective promotion of community-led housing? What do we know about individual household motivations to engage in community-led solutions?
- ii. Hybrid Solutions to the Affordability Crisis. What new blends of commercial and social drivers are emerging to respond to the deepening crisis of housing affordability and access in Europe's cities? How are hybrid solutions reshaping both traditional non-profit housing providers and other institutions including financial investors, the construction industry and municipal governments. Why is the distinction between social and affordable

housing being blurred and with what effects? What are the consequences for the governance, accountability and democratic anchorage of these hybrid housing solutions?

All enquiries about the workshop to be held at the 2015 ENHR conference in Lisbon should be sent to: David Mullins (d.w.mullins@bham.ac.uk) or Anita Blessing (a.p.blessing@uva.nl).

News from Working Groups in preparation

NEW WORKING GROUP IN PREPARATION

The ENHR Coordination Committee welcomes a new WG in preparation: [Housing and Family Dynamics](#). The coordinators of the group are Rory Coulter, UK, and Michael Thomas, Netherlands.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

So far, ENHR has 92 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



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

About AHURI

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) is a national not-for-profit independent network organisation. We are a unique venture. A professional research management company at the centre of a collaborative network of researchers, universities and policy and practice communities nationwide. We fund, conduct, tailor and disseminate high quality research on [housing](#), [homelessness](#) and [related urban](#) issues, 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. [Find out more here...](#)
Recently released AHURI research reports can be found in the New Books section on page 25. [More AHURI Final Reports...](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 176](#)

Housing equity withdrawal in Australia

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

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *Housing equity withdrawal: uses and risks of alternative options for older Australians*.

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 179](#)

Downsizing amongst older Australians

Authors: Bruce Judd, Edgar Liu, Hazel Easthope, Laura Davy and Catherine Bridge

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *Downsizing amongst older Australians*. [More AHURI Research and Policy Bulletins...](#)

AHURI Evidence Review

AHURI's *Evidence Reviews* are short online articles 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 Reviews look at AHURI's research in a new way, and encourage everyone to (re)visit and use AHURI's 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 will be able to find out more [here as details are released](#). You can also find audio and video downloads from our past events on our website. All files can be found [here](#).

National Housing Conference 2015

The next National Housing Conference will be held in Perth, Australia by AHURI in partnership with the [Western Australian Department of Housing](#) from Wednesday 28 October to Friday 30 October 2015. [Subscribe](#) to our weekly e-update to receive further details.

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**Cambridge Centre for Housing & Planning Research
University of Cambridge
Cambridge, United Kingdom**

The Centre's new Director, Professor Michael Oxley took over in January 2014. We have had a very successful year and have recently been awarded funding for a major research project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council of Britain. This is one of four major new research projects that will advance understanding of effective strategies for tackling poverty. This important new research is part of the What Works in Tackling Poverty programme which is being led by the Public Policy Institute for Wales.

[Read More...](#)

We have also published many new reports and outputs including:

- [Interim Report: Landlords' written strategies to address poverty and disadvantage](#)
This is a review of the written strategies of social landlords, local authorities and private landlords' written strategies exploring the focus on poverty within these documents. It has been produced as the second stage in a wider project exploring the role of poverty in housing organisations' strategic and business plans. [Read More](#)
- [Increasing land supply for housing](#)
This research, for the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors identified case study examples where the mechanisms to increase land supply for housing have successfully been used in England and Wales. [Read More](#)
- [Evaluation of Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy: Interim Report](#)
The Interim Report from the Evaluation of the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy (often referred to as the 'bedroom tax'), carried out jointly by CCHPR and Ipsos Mori, has been published. The report explores the effects of the cuts to Housing Benefit for working age social housing tenants who are deemed to be under-occupying their home. [Read More](#)

- [FirstStop Evaluation: Report on progress of the funded local partners 2013/14](#)
This report explores the progress of the local housing options services which are currently funded by FirstStop. The research suggests the local projects have empowered older people to make informed decisions, have given them full knowledge of all the options available and have supported them in appraising these options effectively. Further research is ongoing. [Read More](#)
- [Affinity Sutton Affordability Research](#)
CCHPR have published a research paper into the methodology for understanding local affordability and rents among social tenants. The research, which was commissioned by Affinity Sutton, is being published to contribute to the affordability debate across the sector. [Read More](#)
- [Housing need and effective demand in England – the ‘big picture’](#)
The purpose of this note was to review current concepts and measures of housing need in use in England, and how they relate to effective demand. It looks at what is likely to be the new supply of housing that would be required to meet the need generated by population and household growth and change and how it could be delivered. [Read More](#)

We have also made a short film on promoting policy change to boost the supply of affordable housing. The film sets out the problem of a low level of house building in the UK, relative to needs, and looks at the policy options to address the low level of production. [Read More](#)



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Following Dr Tim Brown's retirement from De Montfort University, Professor Jo Richardson has taken over as Director of the Centre for Comparative Housing Research. Dr Peter King and Ros Lishman continue to contribute to the work of the Centre and Dr Tim Brown is undertaking some research and teaching activities in his new role as *Senior Research Associate in Housing and Local Government*.

Research

CCHR has several new research projects, for example:

- Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange, which is a three year project evaluation of Asset Based Community Development. It started in September 2014 and runs to through to July 2017; and
- an evaluation of 'Me and My Learning' project for Melton Borough Council (2014 to 2015). Our ESRC project on boosting affordable housing supply (visit <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/my-esrc/grants/ES.K007564.1/read> and <http://housingsupply.our.dmu.ac.uk/>) has completed and is in the dissemination stage.

Education

Staff continue to provide professional and postgraduate housing education including a BSc (Hons) which is moving towards a distance learning mode, an MSc Housing Studies, a housing pathway to Public Administration degree for students at City University in Hong Kong, and a new MBA (Housing) programme.

News

We regularly Tweet about our activities via @DMUCCHR and have more detailed updates in the Department of Politics and Public Policy newsletter available via <http://issuu.com/dmupolitics>.



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

Change of address

As part of the faculty, OTB – Research for the Built Environment will now move into the building of the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment.

As of January 1st, 2015 our new address will be:

Visiting address

Julianalaan 134
2628 BL Delft
The Netherlands

Postal address:

P.O. Box 5043
2600 GA Delft
The Netherlands

The phone numbers and e-mail addresses will not change. www.otb.bk.tudelft.nl



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About Housing and Communities Research Group



Now recognised as a research group in the School of Social Policy at the University of Birmingham, the Housing and Communities Research Group is led by Professor David Mullins and comprises seven research staff and fellows and four PhD students, and has six

current research projects, mainly focused on community-led housing and the community investment role of housing associations. It has hosted international visitors from Italy, Hong Kong, Japan and Austria and holds regular seminars for policy and practice communities through the Housing and Communities Research Network. Amongst our new research commissions is an exciting new programme on the Future of Social Housing led by Dr James Gregory with David Mullins. This programme is funded by Webb Memorial Trust, encouraging us to go back to first principles of why the state first intervened in housing. Further details of our research and publications and events can be found at:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/housing-communities/index.aspx>

In the Autumn term 2014 we celebrated two PhD awards and appointed three Honorary Research Fellows. Dr Vanessa Wilkes-Pritchard completed her thesis on 'Social Impact Measurement: Creating an institution' following her viva in July; and who also started in her new post as External Affairs Manager with Housing and Care 21 in July. Darinka Czichke, who is well-known to many in ENHR members, completed her thesis at TU Delft, co-supervised by David Mullins on 'Social Housing Organisations in England and the Netherlands, Between State, Market and Community'.



The book of Darinka's PhD was launched at a roundtable with housing policy advisers held at the University of Birmingham's Brussels office. This was one of two new books published by Honorary HCR fellows this Autumn. The other one being by Chris Watson with Richard Turkington on 'Renewing Europe's Housing' (see New Books section on page 25).

New Individual Members

The past few months ENHR welcomed the following members:

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Frank Alexander	Emory Law School	Georgia, USA	Real estate finance
Mirslaw Belej	University of Warmia and Mazury	Poland	Real estate valuation
Matthew Daly	Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology	Australia	Cohousing, sustainable community, social practices, ecological foot printing
Karien Dekker	School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University	Australia	Ethnic diversity, Community participation, Neighbourhood regeneration, Neighbourhood satisfaction, Urban Governance, Social cohesion, Social capital, Quantitative studies using multilevel regression analysis
Anne Wenche Emblem	School of Business and Law, University of Agder	Norway	Housing economics, health economics, economics
Roland Goetgeluk	Bureau Goetgeluk Onderzoek en Marketingadvies	Netherlands	Methodology, Housing Policy, Residential Mobility, Migration, Care, Elderly, Methodology, Marketing, Branding, urban sustainability, Urban Change, Markets, Governance, Poverty Neighbourhoods, Residential Context of Health, Residential Environments and People
Nguyen Hung	RMIT University	Australia	Multi-story housing
Gerald Ledent	Université Catholique de Louvain, Faculté LOCI	Belgium	Architecture, housing typologies
Brian Lund	Manchester Metropolitan University	United Kingdom	Housing politics
Magdalena Mostowska	University of Warsam	Poland	Homelessness
Deirdre Ni Fhloinn	Trinity College Dublin	Ireland	Construction law
Rachel Russell	SURFACE	United Kingdom	Improving health and well-being through home modifications

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Marta Santos Silva	Centre of European Law and Politics	Germany	Comparative law and obligations, social rental agencies
John Stewart		United Kingdom	Private rented sector
Gregory Suttor	University of Toronto	Canada	Social housing, welfare state, socio-spatial, housing system
Michael Thomas	Department of Demography, University of Netherlands Groningen		Demography and geography
Sandra Treija	Riga Technical University	Latvia	Large housing estates
Richard Waldron	University College Dublin	Ireland	Housing Markets; Homeownership; Mortgage Markets; Financialisation; Neoliberalism

OTHER NEWS

Membership fee 2015



Mid-October the following e-mail was sent to all individual members and contact persons of institutional members. We would like to remind you to inform us as soon as possible if you want to remain an ENHR member. Thank you for your help!

Time has come to start collecting the membership fees for 2015 (and 2016 and 2017 is possible), we would like to ask you to kindly inform us **as soon as possible**

1. For how many years (1-2-3 years) you would like to extend your ENHR membership (please check the fees below)
2. And if yes, please inform us whether your membership details (contact details, invoice address, in case of an Institutional Member: number of members, etc.) are correct on the ENHR website via my membership (<http://www.enhr.net/mymembership.php>) and if a purchase order number or reference should be stated on the invoice.
3. If you are registered as a PhD student, please send us also a copy of your student pass or any other document stating that you will be a PhD student in 2015 in order to pay the reduced fee.

This procedure should allow us to streamline the process of fee administration and to do it as efficiently as possible in the interest of the ENHR-community.

Past changes (see [ENHR Newsletter 2013-3 and 2013-4](#)) have helped to realise these aims, but we hope to do even better this round. Sending off invoices twice because of any incorrect details is very costly.

If you will not provide the requested information (1 and 2 – and 3 if applicable), ENHR Office must assume that you would like your ENHR-membership **to be ended as of December 31, 2014**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Membership fee 2015

- ENHR offers members to continue their membership for 1, 2 or 3 years. The fee for each year equals the fee of year 1.
- 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. Thereafter the fees will be evaluated. Taking these decisions into account, the ENHR membership fees for 2015 will be:

Institutional members:

All the prices below are in Euro

Group	Number of members	Full / Associate
		2015
1	1-5	265
	6-10	530
	11 plus	794
2	Regardless of size	132

Individual members:

All the prices below are in Euro

Group	Type of individual member	
	Full	PhD
	2015	2015
1	52	27
2	14	14

Group 1

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

Group 2

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

ENHR Office closed

Because of the holidays the ENHR Office is closed from Friday December 19, 2014 until Monday January 5, 2015.

We wish you all the best for the New Year!



ENHR Office is moving!

As of January 1st, 2015 the ENHR Office will be located at:

OTB – Research for the Built Environment
Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment
Delft University of Technology
Julianalaan 134 / 2628 BL Delft / The Netherlands
P.O. Box 5043 / 2600 GA Delft / The Netherlands

Our e-mail address and telephone number remain unchanged:

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BREMEN TRAC – COFUND Fellowship program



Universität Bremen*

The University of Bremen, a mid-sized university with approximately 250 professorships and 19,000

students, offers a broad range of disciplines and competes internationally in top-level research. With its ambitious institutional strategy the university was successful in the national Excellence Initiative as one of only eleven universities in Germany. Funded from the University's own Central Research Development Fund (CRDF) and from the Marie Curie COFUND fellowship program, the University of Bremen offers fellowships for postdoctoral researchers.

Our offer:

- **2 year incoming fellowship for postdoctoral researchers**
- Open to all research areas
- The development and implementation of an independent research project

Who can apply?

- **International postdoctoral researchers** (at most two years after having received their doctorate) are encouraged to apply for a two year BREMEN TRAC - incoming COFUND Fellowship.
- Applicants can be of any nationality but at the time of application, they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Germany for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline.

How does it work?

- Further information on our webpage <http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/research/research-funding/bremen-trac-cofund-fellowship-program.html>
- Next call for proposals will be open from **December 2014 to 1st April 2015 at 11:59 p.m**

We are looking forward to your application.

Nordic Housing & Research Conference, Tallinn, October 8th-10th 2014

Urban renewal - diversified responses to the development of housing and public spaces in cities

Focusing on the theme of urban renewal, this well-established conference was again successful in attracting over 70 researchers, practitioners, policy makers and a number of students across a wide range of disciplines. A diverse programme included 3 key note presentations and 30 papers in 3 thematic workshops enabled close examination of live research projects and place-based case studies from across the region and more widely. Located in a residential area of Soviet-era blocks, the recently-completed Tallinn University of Technology provided an ideal venue for a conference organised with warmth, confidence and style by Katrin Paadam and her team, Liis Ojamäe and Kristel Siilak.

The success of the conference in combining research with practice was reinforced by a half day study tour of waterside renewal in Tallinn, a city which is a microcosm of the challenges facing post-socialist cities in seeking to establish a global identity.

All participants were impressed by the quality of renewal work; by the considered and gradual approach being followed, and by the effectiveness of integrating the new with the old in established neighbourhoods.

The status of the conference was confirmed by a speech from the city's chief architect and planning officer; study tour guidance from the city's planning co-ordinator and a presentation from the Chairman of the Estonian Architecture Centre. Located in a former power station, the Centre provided the perfect venue for a review of the new 'golden age' of Estonian architecture led by radical young architects.

This is a conference which deserves wider attention and greater profile. Although the focus is placed on a key area of northern Europe, there were wider messages concerning housing and urban cultural change; the consequences of the financial crisis of 2007; the varied trajectory of post-socialist countries and the connections between countries across Europe resulting from globalisation. Watch out for this conference next year - and go!

Dr Richard Turkington, conference participant, ENHR Co-ordination Committee and
Chris Watson, conference participant

International Housing Finance Program 2015

International Housing Finance Program 2015 Course and Workshop is accepting applications! More information can be found at

<http://housingfinance.wharton.upenn.edu/Execed.htm>

Early Registration: March 27th, 2015

Registration Deadline: May 1st, 2015

Venue: Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, United States



International Housing Finance Program
The Wharton School of Business at University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States **June 1 - 13, 2015**

Housing Finance in a Changing Global Environment & Workshop on Securitization and Mortgage Bonds

Application Deadline: Friday May 1, 2015
Early Registration Deadline: Friday March 27, 2015

Program Fees*	
Standard	\$5,500
Early Registration	\$5,000
Workshop	\$1,200

Accepting Applications Now!

* 10% discount groups of 4 or more from the same organization
* Include training materials, refreshment breaks and some special lunches and dinners.
* Participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations and other meals.
Note: Special rates at the Club Quarters hotel, Philadelphia for participants of IHFP

For additional information:
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email: housingfinance@wharton.upenn.edu
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fax: 215 573 2220



International Journal of Housing Policy – Call for Papers

Perspectives on self-organised and civil society participation in housing provision in an international context

Guest Editors: David Mullins, Tom Moore and Thomas Knorr-Siedow

The International Journal of Housing Policy, one of the leading forums for the critical analysis of housing policy, is pleased to announce a call for papers on *Perspectives on self-organised and civil society participation in housing provision in an international context*

While forms of self-organised and community-led housing provision have long histories and trajectories, including cooperative, informal, squatter and activist-based movements, there has been an apparent re-emergence of these organisations in recent years around the globe. This has occurred in part as a response to the global financial crisis of 2008 and the failure of existing state and market models of housing provision to recover in any sustainable way. This has created a space for civil society to become more directly involved in housing. Some commentators see these participatory initiatives as a remedy to the damaging effects experienced by communities at a time of heightened globalisation and hegemonic neoliberalism, while others see them as a potential route to more substantial social change.

Yet, whilst there may now be more space for civil society organisations to contribute to the resolution of housing problems, there remains a lack of certainty as to the extent that these initiatives can make in comparison to the scale of housing crises, nor is there a full understanding of the origins and evolutions of these organisations. While terms relating to the community-led, participative nature of these organisations are often used, there is little clarity as to how the use of this terminology translates into practice nor as to how these are interpreted or implemented by the actors themselves. This is important in a field where meanings may differ in relation to competing ideologies associated with the neo-liberal project, withdrawal by the state or failure of the market, and pro- and anti-development interests competing within civil society as 'localist' policies are shaped. Moreover, meanings may be contested and culturally contingent within and between different local, national and international contexts, which has implications for the transferability of ideas and meanings between different jurisdictions. This is especially critical as actors consider methods of 'scaling up' local initiatives while balancing their independence and community base with technical and financial support requirements. There is a further need to understand the balance between inclusive and exclusionary practices inherent within notions of self-organised communities.

If you plan to submit a paper, please notify the Guest Editors by March 1st 2015. The deadline for paper submissions is: July 1st 2015

Editors:

- David Mullins, Housing and Communities Research Group, School of Social Policy, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2 TT
- Tom Moore, University of Sheffield
- Thomas Knorr-Siedow, Brandenburg Technical University Cottbus/Senftenberg

Timeline

- **December 2014** Call for Papers uploaded to IJHP website/Guest Editors circulate within networks
- **March 1st 2015** Deadline for abstracts / confirmation of existing papers for consideration and refereeing

- **March 2015** Submission and Peer Review Refereeing Process for Special Issue commences with existing papers
- **June 2015** ENHR Lisbon
- **July 1st 2015** Deadline for new papers for Submission and Refereeing Process for Special Issue
- **September 2015** Refereeing process completed and amendments identified for papers accepted subject to minor amendments.
- **October/November 2015** Resubmission of drafts by authors following responses to peer review
- **November 2015** Revised Editorial for Special Issue
- **December 2015 Full Manuscript completed for publication early in 2016**

We would not envisage adding new papers after July 2015 and would expect to have good drafts of all papers for resubmission by October 2015, to enable final post review editing to take place in Autumn 2015 for publication in early 2016.

EHF welcomes the continuation of the Intergroup on URBAN Issues



The European Housing Forum (EHF) strongly welcomes the continuation of the European Parliament Intergroup URBAN and is looking forward to collaborating with its members in the future.

Today (11th of December) the list of the European Parliament Intergroups was validated by the Conference of the Presidents of the European Parliament's political groups. "Urban issues" is among the 28 cross-party and cross-committee groups approved.

The members of the EHF strongly welcome this outcome and congratulate MEP Jan Olbrycht, President of this intergroup during the previous legislature, for his tremendous effort to ensure the continuation of URBAN.

The URBAN Intergroup at the European Parliament has been working successfully since 2005 to ensure that urban related issues are reflected in European Parliament's discussions and to stimulate exchange of views between MEPs and civil society on topics relevant for urban development, **including housing related issues**.

Although the European Union does not have a mandate to take action on housing issues, EU policies are not housing neutral. In the past, the URBAN Intergroup has been a privileged platform to discuss housing related topics. Hence, the strong support of Europe's housing actors for the continuation of URBAN.

The European Housing Forum, an informal platform gathering 15 EU-wide associations active in the field of housing, are looking forward to collaborating with the intergroup and the 70 and more Members of the European Parliament who have already expressed their interest to participate in URBAN.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

ATLAS VAN DE VERSTEDELIJING IN NEDERLAND – 1000 JAAR RUIMTELIJKE ONTWIKKELING (in Dutch only)

Edited by Reinout Rutte, Jaap Evert Abrahamse

Nederland is een stedenland. In de loop van tien eeuwen ontstond een dicht patroon van kleine, grote, oude en nieuwe steden. Hoe is dat patroon ontstaan en hoe heeft het zich ontwikkeld? En waarom zien onze steden eruit zoals ze eruitzien?

Deze monumentale atlas brengt 1000 jaar stedenbouw in Nederland voor het eerst samenhangend in beeld. Aan de hand van foto's, schilderijen en nieuw getekende kaartreeksen worden groei en krimp van de Nederlandse steden inzichtelijk gemaakt. Ook worden enkele actuele thema's uitgelicht, waaronder herbestemming, wederopbouw en de ontwikkeling van binnensteden en stadsranden.

2014, 320 p., THOTH, ISBN 978-90-6868-615-9,
<http://thoth.nl/Rubrieken/Architectuur---stedenbouw/Atlas-van-de-verstedelijking-in-nederland-1000-jaar-ruimtelijke-ontwikkeling>

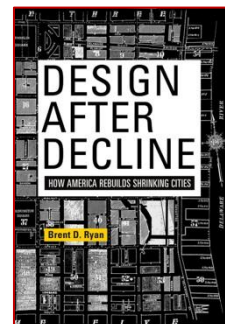


DESIGN AFTER DECLINE – HOW AMERICA REBUILDS SHRINKING CITIES

By Brent D. Ryan

Almost fifty years ago, America's industrial cities—Detroit, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Baltimore, and others—began shedding people and jobs. Today they are littered with tens of thousands of abandoned houses, shuttered factories, and vacant lots. With population and housing losses continuing in the wake of the 2007 financial crisis, the future of neighbourhoods in these places is precarious. How we will rebuild shrinking cities and what urban design vision will guide their future remain contentious and unknown. In *Design After Decline*, Brent D. Ryan reveals the fraught and intermittently successful efforts of architects, planners, and city officials to rebuild shrinking cities following mid-century urban renewal. With modern architecture in disrepute, federal funds scarce, and architects and planners disengaged, politicians and developers were left to pick up the pieces. In twin narratives, Ryan describes how America's two largest shrinking cities, Detroit and Philadelphia, faced the challenge of design after decline in dramatically different ways. Depicting the ideal shrinking city as a shifting patchwork of open and settled areas, Ryan concludes that accepting the inevitable decline and abandonment of some neighbourhoods, while rebuilding others as new neighbourhoods with innovative design and planning, can reignite modernism's spirit of optimism and shape a brighter future for shrinking cities and their residents.

2014, 280 p., University of Pennsylvania Press, ISBN 978-0-8122-2304-0 <http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/14995.html>



GENERATIONAL CHANGE IN HOME PURCHASE OPPORTUNITY IN AUSTRALIA

By Terry Burke, Wendy Stone and Liss Ralston

This report shows that Australian households have adapted to poorer housing affordability by borrowing more, deferring home purchase, switching into cheaper accommodation (such as apartments and townhouses) and moving to more affordable locations. Despite this, low-income and single-income working age households are increasingly being pushed out of the home purchase market.



2014, 50 p., AHURI Final report no. 232, ISBN 978-1-622075-65-9,
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p51002>

GOOD CITIES, BETTER LIVES – HOW EUROPE DISCOVERED THE LOST ART OF URBANISM

By Peter Hall

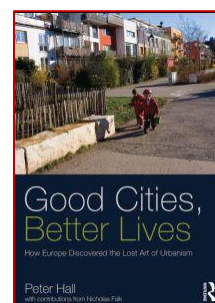
This book has one central theme: how, in the United Kingdom, can we create better cities and towns in which to live and work and play? What can we learn from other countries, especially our near neighbours in Europe? And, in turn, can we provide lessons for other countries facing similar dilemmas?

Urban Britain is not functioning as it should. Social inequalities and regional disparities show little sign of going away. Efforts to generate growth, and spread it to the poorer areas of cities, have failed dismally. Much new urban development and redevelopment is not up to standard. Yet there are cities in mainland Europe, which have set new standards of high-quality sustainable urban development. This book looks at these best-practice examples – in Germany, the Netherlands, France and Scandinavia, – and suggests ways in which the UK and other countries could do the same.

The book is in three parts. Part 1 analyses the main issues for urban planning and development and probes how practice in the UK has fallen short.

Part Two embarks on a tour of best-practice cities in Europe (Germany, the Netherlands, France and Scandinavia).

Part Three sums up the lessons of Part Two and sets out the key steps needed to launch a new wave of urban development and regeneration on a radically different basis.



2014, 356 p., Routledge, ISBN 978-0-415-84022-4
<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415840224/>

HERITAGE AS AN ASSET FOR INNER CITY DEVELOPMENT – AN URBAN MANAGERS' GUIDEBOOK

By Jean-Paul Corten, Ellen Geurts, Paul Meurs, Donovan Rypkema, Ronald Wall

Drawing on the experience of urban management teachers and students, this book evaluates the role of cultural heritage in the development of contemporary cities, and examines how a city's existing resources might benefit its future.

2014, 192 p., NAI Booksellers, ISBN 978-94-6208-116-1
<http://www.naibooksellers.nl/heritage-as-an-asset-for-inner-city-development-an-urban-managers-guidebook.html>



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY DYNAMICS: NEW INSIGHTS FROM THE LAST DECADE

By Gavin Wood, Rachel Ong and Melek Cigdem

This is the first report of a project that explores the duration of housing affordability stress in Australia.

2014, 50 p., AHURI Final report no. 223, ISBN 978-1-922075-66-6
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p53021>



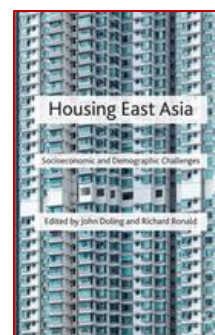
HOUSING EAST ASIA – SOCIOECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES

Edited by John Doling and Richard Ronald

Housing and home ownership has been strongly embedded in East Asian socioeconomic and policy models. Based on the primacy of national economic growth objectives, it was promoted as a means of, on the one hand, contributing directly to economic growth through the motor of the construction industry, and, on the other, supporting a low-taxation, low-public-expenditure economy with minimal social protection measures based on the support of the family. In recent years, however, this housing pillar is facing new social, economic, political and demographic challenges, including a decline in the political authority of authoritarian states, the undermining of traditional developmental logic, fragmentation of families and household types and the growing volatility of housing markets. Most of these have been generated or exacerbated by intensified globalization and economic crises in recent years.

Through contextual, conceptual and empirically focused chapters, nine of which deal with a different country – China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand – this book explores the development of housing policies and practices that have responded to dynamic socioeconomic and demographic restructuring.

2014, 284 p., Palgrave, ISBN 978-0-2303-5858-4
<http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/housing-east-asia-john-doling/?K=9780230358584>



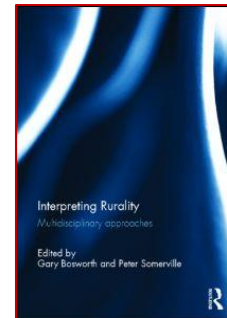
INTERPRETING RURALITY – MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

Edited by Gary Bosworth and Peter Somerville

The British countryside is a national institution; most people aspire to live there, many people use it for leisure and recreation and we can all watch rural life played out on our television screen, read about it in novels or consume its imagery in art and cinematography. The aim of this book is to explore the way that these aspirations and perceptions influence the way that the term "rural" is interpreted across different academic disciplines. Definitions of rural are not exact, leaving room for these interpretations to have a significant impact on the meanings conveyed in different areas of research and across different economic, social and spatial contexts.

In this book contributors present research across a range of subjects allowing critical reflections upon their personal and disciplinary interpretations of "rural". This resulting volume is a collection of diverse chapters that gives an emergent sense of how the notion of "rural" changes and blurs as the disciplinary lens is adjusted. In drawing together these strands, it becomes clear that human relations with rural space morph materiality into highly complex representations wherein both disadvantage and social exclusion persist within a rurality that is also commodified, consumed and cherished.

2014, 320 p., Routledge, ISBN 978-0-415-69672-2
<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415696722/>



RENEWING EUROPE'S HOUSING

Edited by Richard Turkington and Christopher Watson

In this important book expert contributors provide contemporary comparative accounts of housing renewal policy and practice in nine European countries. Shared concerns over energy conservation, social protection and inclusion, and the roles and responsibilities of public and private sectors, form the basis of a proposed policy agenda for housing renewal across Europe.

2014, 328 p., Policy Press, ISBN 978-14-4731-012-9
<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?ISB=9781447310129&>



SOCIAL HOUSING EXITS: INCIDENCE, MOTIVATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

By Ilan Wiesel, Hal Pawson, Wendy Stone, Shanaka Herath and Sean McNelis

This report explored the factors influencing tenant choices to remain in or depart from public housing. The research found that a small but significant cohort of social housing tenants, who are in paid employment and pay full market rent, would consider exiting the sector at their own initiative to become home owners, but not private renters.

2014, 63 p., AHURI Final report no. 229, ISBN 978-1-922075-62-8,
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p71026>



SOCIAL HOUSING ORGANISATIONS IN ENGLAND AND THE NETHERLANDS: BETWEEN THE STATE, MARKET AND COMMUNITY

By Darinka Czischke

The book is the result of a 6-year PhD research into the ways in which contextual developments impact on the mission, values and activities of social housing organisations. The research applied theories of hybridity, agency/structuration and strategic decision-making to understand how social housing organisations deal with tensions from (often) conflicting value-orientations arising from the State, market and community domains. Findings are discussed through a series of "theoretical propositions". Policy and practice recommendations featured in the book include those emerging from findings on the impacts of key regulatory developments on the strategy formulation, role and scope of activities of social housing providers in England and the Netherlands. In England, it dealt with the impact of the current government's welfare reform and the changes to social housing policy and funding since 2010; in the Netherlands, it addressed the impact of the Dutch government's ruling on social housing affecting income limits and the financing of the sector, following the EU decision on state aid to Dutch social housing providers. Both developments have proven to have wide-ranging consequences of on-going importance for the redefinition of the role and scope of social housing providers in two countries with significant social housing sectors in Europe. Evidence on how social housing providers are facing these challenges can bear important lessons for practice and policy in other European countries as well.

2014, 386 p., A+BE, ISBN 978-97618 638-74

<http://abe.tudelft.nl/index.php/faculty-architecture/issue/view/391>



WE OWN THE CITY – ENABLING COMMUNITY PRACTICE IN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING IN AMSTERDAM, HONG KONG, MOSCOW, NEW YORK AND TAIPEI

Edited by Francesca Miazzo and Tris Kee



Let us be honest. We do not own the city. And by we, we mean people who are pushing the boundaries of urban development by taking matters into their own hands – taking collective ownership. We are talking about people-driven urban initiatives that adopt an approach that is becoming an increasingly familiar phenomenon in our cities. Still, many conventional actors, such as institutions, architects, government offices and developers, find themselves out of touch and ill-equipped to effectively implement collaborative approaches that link the 'bottom-up' with the 'top-down' in development practices. *We Own The City* aims to bridge this divide. This book reveals the vitality of diverse and dynamic bottom-up initiatives, brought to life in five major cities: Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Moscow, New York City and Taipei.

We Own the City presents a collection of findings that provide insight into how top-down players are rethinking implementation processes in order to enable greater involvement from local communities and civil society. Our recommendations focus on people-driven practice. As this book examines actors both at the 'bottom' and the 'top', *We Own the City* is not only for professionals, practitioners and experts, but for all city dwellers, students and anyone interested or involved in progressive urban development. While the urban planning discourse faces a generational shift, *We Own The City* promotes an era of urban ownership.

2014, 304 p., Trancity, ISBN 978-907-8088-912

<http://www.trancity.nl/webwinkel/overzicht/product/31-we-own-the-city.html>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Housing Economics Workshop ENHR Working Group Housing Economics 5-6 February 2015, Oslo, Norway

We continue the successful series of winter workshops in Housing Economics. This winter's workshop will be held in Oslo on **Feb. 5-6, 2015**. These separate workshops have proven to be rewarding both professionally and socially. We hope to continue this good tradition also this year.

You are invited to present papers on any topic related to housing economics. The format will be the usual one with presentations followed by prepared comments and general discussion. The workshop will run from lunch on Feb. 5th till lunch or afternoon on Feb. 6th, pending attendance. We will also organize a dinner for all participants on Thursday evening. A more detailed schedule will be e-mailed you once we know how many papers will be presented.

The workshop will take place in the Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, which is NOVA's new home. The main address is Pilestredet 46, 0167 Oslo, see the map in the following link:

<https://www.google.no/maps/place/Pilestredet+46,+0167+Oslo/@59.9182298,10.7407714,16z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x46416e7913e2a529:0x15d03622a70f16df?hl=no>

We'll come back to the precise address of the venue later (it might be in another building).

Registration and abstract should be sent to Kristin (kristin.aarland@nova.hioa.no) or Viggo (viggo.nordvik@nova.hioa.no) by December 15th 2014. For planning purposes we would appreciate it if you could send us a short e-mail indicating whether you intend to participate as soon as possible.

There will be no conference fee. However, we are still working on obtaining funding to cover lunches and dinner for all participants, which means that there might be some out-of-pocket meal expenses.

We hope to see as many of you as possible in Oslo in February!

Best wishes, Kristin & Viggo

Housing Law Symposium ENHR Working Group Housing Law 6 February 2015, Groningen, The Netherlands

A housing law symposium will be held on the **6th February 2016**. This symposium will take place at the Faculty of Law, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. The main theme of the symposium will be the future of housing and the role of law in that future. The coordinators aim to attract both early stage (PhD) researchers as well as established researchers in the field of housing law.

Contact: [Julian Sidoli del Ceno](mailto:Julian.Sidoli.del.Ceno)

Seminar Private Renting after the Crisis
ENHR Working Group Private Rented Markets
19-20 March 2015, London, UK

The next ENHR (European Network for Housing Research) Private Rented Markets seminar will take place on **Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March 2015 at London School of Economics (LSE)**, from 11am on Thursday to no later than 3pm on Friday. The theme of the seminar will be **'Private Renting after the Crisis'**. Our sincere thanks to Christine Whitehead at LSE for kindly hosting this seminar.

We would be grateful if you could indicate whether you may be able to participate **by email**. Formal registration will take place in January.

Key dates:

- November/December 2014 - Initial expression of interest in participation
- 2nd February 2015 - Closing date for registration & submission of paper abstracts (max 250 words)
- 12th March 2015 – Closing date for submission of final paper (3,000 – 5,000 words)

There is no registration fee but you may be required to make a contribution towards the costs of meals (lunch, seminar dinner etc.) but this will be reasonable. Hotel and travel costs will be at your own expense.

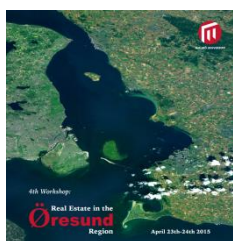
If you have any queries, please get in touch. We very much look forward to seeing you in London next year.

Warmest regards,

[Bob Jordan](#) & [Aideen Hayden](#),

Co-ordinators of ENHR Working Group on Private Rented Markets

4th Annual Workshop Malmö University
Real Estate in the Öresund Region
23-24 April 2015, Malmö, Sweden



Call for papers

The Öresund Region is known as a dynamic and transborder region that reflects the modern age. The area shelters around 3.8 million inhabitants and it generates a quarter of the combined GDP of Sweden and Denmark. As this region is extremely important to both countries, The Real Estate Science Group at Malmö University welcomes participants to the 4th annual lunch-to-lunch workshop with a focus on **Real Estate in the Öresund Region**, to be held on **April 23th-24th 2015** in Malmö.

This workshop aims to raise the quality, status of real estate research and education as well as to enable partnerships in facing real estate challenges in the Öresund region.

Well-known keynote speakers will open the workshop, followed by sessions with presentations of scientific papers, bringing together scholars in the field of real estate. Confirmed keynote speakers are:

Birgitta Gomez Nielsen
Department of Political Science
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Bo Bengtsson
Institute for Housing and Urban Research
Uppsala University, Sweden

The workshop will also include social events (a welcome reception, fika and dinner), an opportunity to meet and share ideas, visions and contact among the leading real estate experts from all over the region.

Papers submissions:

We encourage researchers to submit abstracts for papers in the broad area of real estate. Abstracts will be refereed before acceptance. We will notify participants ultimately by February 10th, 2015, on the acceptance of their work for presentation during the sessions.

Suggested Themes include, but are not limited to:

- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Management
- Corporate Real Estate
- Finance and Investment
- Real Estate Valuation
- Green Buildings & Environmental Policies
- Housing Finance
- Housing Market
- Housing Policy
- International Markets / Emerging Markets
- IT and Real Estate
- Land Economics
- Market Research, Analysis and Forecasting
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- Planning and Regeneration
- Property Rights / Legal Regulations
- Public Private Partnerships
- Case studies & Teaching Real Estate
- Ethics in Real Estate
- Tax & legal issues in Real Estate

Abstracts and full papers should be sent to RealEstateWorkshop2015@mah.se

Important dates:

- Deadline for abstract submissions: **25 January 2015**
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: **10 February 2015**
- Deadline for papers submission and registration: **30 March 2015**

Organizers and venue:

This workshop is hosted by the Real Estate Science Group, Department of Urban Studies at Malmö University, Sweden. The workshop is free of charge.

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**International Workshop: The Shifting Context of Home Ownership
ENHR Working Group on Homeownership and Globalisation
20-21 May 2015, Bucharest, Romania**

Call for papers on and around the theme 'The Shifting Context of Home Ownership'

In the last decade it has become increasingly clear that the social, economic and political roles of housing markets and owner-occupation have been transformed. Support of home ownership as a social project, characteristic of the 1980s and early-1990s, has been largely subsumed by a more neoliberal one demanding even greater efforts to both promote market housing and sustain housing markets. This has had a remarkable impact on the nature of state housing interventions, on the one hand, and the mobilization of families around the acquisition and distribution of housing goods and assets, on the other. Both governments and households have had to adapt to new conditions and adopt new expectations of homes, housing careers and property markets. At the same time, the impact of new global imperatives have been mediated by historical contingencies, socio-cultural practices and geographic dynamics that vary remarkably from country to country and city to city. The domestic and political economies of home ownership are thus being renegotiated in different contexts with significant outcomes in patterns of inequality. In this short workshop we will engage with new theoretical developments and the latest empirical research that inform the complex relationships between housing and society, and in particular systems of, and differentiation in, home ownership practices. We welcome participation and papers submissions covering a diversity of contexts and disciplines for the first meeting held by this working group in Eastern Europe.

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Deadline for Abstracts: February 27, 2015

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CALENDAR 2015

14 January, Reading, UK

Day Seminar on Housing and Well-Being: Exploring the Relationship and Policy Implications

Deadline abstract submission = December 10

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/day-seminar-on-housing-and-well-being-exploring-the-relationship-and-policy-implications-tickets-14160272757

5-6 February, Oslo, Norway

ENHR Housing Economics Workshop

Deadline abstract submission and registration = December 15, 2014

Click [here](#) for the call for papers

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6 February, Groningen, The Netherlands

Housing Law Symposium

Coordinated by the ENHR Working Group Housing Law

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13 February, Sheffield, UK

One-day seminar

Deconstructing 'Generation Rent': Young People's Housing Options and Future Welfare

Deadline abstract submission = December 12, 2014

housing-studies-association.org/2014/10/cfp-deconstructing-generation-rent-young-peoples-housing-options-future-welfare/

18-20 February, Hobart, Australia

Australian Housing Researchers Conference 2015

Housing Futures: Transforming Living, Changing Lives

[Click here for the call for papers](#)

ahrc2015.com.au/

6-7 March, Berlin, Germany

Spring meeting ENHR Coordination Committee

19-20 March, London, UK

ENHR Private Rented Markets seminar

Private Renting after the Crisis

www.enhr.net/private.php

8-10 April, York, United Kingdom

Housing the Generations: Justice, Inequality and the Implications of Political Change

Housing Studies Association Conference 2015

Deadline abstract submission = January 30, 2015

housing-studies-association.org/event/hsa-conference-2015/

8-11 April, Miami, FL, USA
45th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association
Transnationalism from Above and Below: The Dynamics of Place-making in the Global City
Deadline abstract submission = 1 October 2014
urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2015/

9-11 April, Gwangju, South Korea
2015 APNHR Conference
Housing 2.0: Search for New Paradigms for Collaborative Housing
Click [here](#) for the call for papers
Deadline abstract submission = 15 September 2014
www.apnhr2015.org/

23-24 April, Malmö, Sweden
4th Annual Workshop Malmö University
Real Estate in the Öresund Region
Deadline abstract submission = 25 January 2015
Click [here](#) for the call for papers

4-7 May, Athens, Greece
9th Annual International Conference on Sociology
www.atiner.gr/sociology.htm

20-21 May, Bucharest, Romania
The Shifting Context of Home Ownership
ENHR Working Group on Homeownership and Globalisation
Deadline abstract submission = 27 February 2015
houwel.uva.nl/workshops/enhr-working-group-bucharest/ws.html

29 June, Lisboa, Portugal
Summer meeting ENHR Coordination Committee

28 June - 1 July, Lisboa, Portugal
ENHR Conference 2015
Housing and Cities in a time of change: are we focusing on People?
www.enhr2015.com

28-30 October, Perth, Australia
9th National Housing Conference
www.nhc.edu.au

CALENDAR 2016

27-30 June (tentative), Belfast, Northern Ireland
ENHR Conference 2016

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