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EDITORIAL

Housing and Wealth Inequality

It's not often that an economics book hits the best seller lists – but this is exactly what happened when the English translation of Thomas Piketty's new book, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, was released in 2014.¹ Piketty's book reflects a decade or more of research on the dynamics of wealth distribution from the eighteenth century until the present and on the extreme inequality in income and wealth that existed for most of this time. He suggests that the dynamics of wealth distribution reveal powerful mechanisms that push alternately toward convergence and divergence but argues there are no natural spontaneous processes to prevent destabilising inegalitarian forces from prevailing permanently. The reduction in inequality observed in the early part of the twentieth century is seen as an anomaly. The resurgence of inequality since the 1970s is seen as a return to divergent forces that result in capital growing more rapidly than the economy and the inevitable consequence that economies will tend to have ever increasing ratios of wealth to income and increasing inequality.

Piketty argues that any tendency for the long run rate of return on capital to exceed the rate of growth will increase wealth inequality. He sees a tendency towards wealth accumulation and concentration, not as a product of market failure, but as an inevitable outcome of the working of a capitalist system. He makes it clear that public policy matters and the final part of his book outlines the different types of institutions that might be put in place to counteract these natural tendencies of a free market. Amongst these are a progressive taxation of wealth and inheritance, preferably at a global level.

His book has been strongly acclaimed and equally strongly criticised. However, whether or not his critics are right or wrong does not matter – the mere possibility that Piketty might be right raises serious issues for those concerned with rising inequality and, for ENHR members, with the role that housing might play in reinforcing these trends.

Historically, housing has been the key component of wealth accumulation for the majority of households and, as evidence shows, home ownership is strongly associated with higher levels of wealth at every point of the life-cycle. The ability to use housing wealth for consumption purposes positively affects living standards of home owning households and, through inheritance, of future households. Children of homeowners do better in school and in the labour market than do children of renters. The help that many homeowners provide to their children to gain access to home ownership reinforces inequality and socio-economic disadvantage associated with tenure. Intergenerational transmission is an important mechanism by which inequality is reproduced.

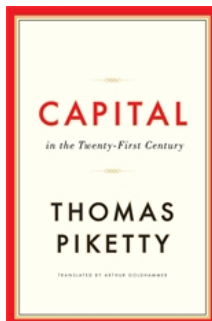
As housing prices have risen more rapidly than incomes in the vast majority of OECD countries for at least the past 40 years, the relative importance of housing wealth in determining household well-being has increased. This raises concerns about the declines in home ownership observed in many countries. To the extent that these declines are cyclical, brought about by post-crisis market dislocation, they are outside of the broad long-run trends that are the focus of Piketty's analysis. However, to the extent they are a reflection of underlying institutional factors and a contributor to long-run outcomes, it behoves us to examine the way in which they might affect access to housing and reinforce the divergent forces that Piketty is concerned with.

¹ Piketty uses capital and wealth as synonymous.

What role, for example, do our tax systems play in increasing the return on housing assets vis a vis other forms of wealth? What role do our social security systems play in providing incentives for those who are able to gain access to home ownership to do so? What role do our finance systems play in reinforcing existing income and wealth inequalities through the constraints they impose on access to mortgage finance? What role do our inheritance laws play in reinforcing entrenched privilege? What role do our systems of land rights which confer on owners of land the benefits (or costs) of changes in relative values brought about by structural change, urbanization, or even through provision of public infrastructure?

Piketty concluded (p571) that “a market economy based on private property, if left to itself, contains powerful forces of convergence, associated in particular with the diffusion of knowledge and skills; but it also contains powerful forces of divergence which are potentially threatening to democratic societies and to the values of social justice on which they are based.” As housing researchers, we need to ensure that these forces are identified and that convergent forces are harnessed and divergent forces reduced.

Judith Yates
University of Sydney



Piketty, T. (2014) *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, translated by A. Goldhammer, Cambridge, Mass: Belknap/Harvard University Press
<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674430006>

CALL FOR PAPERS ENHR 2015 LISBON CONFERENCE



The Registration, Call for Papers/Posters (both for the ENHR Main Conference and the New Housing Researcher's Colloquium) and the Bengt Turner Award is now open!
Please visit us at www.enhr2015.com and see all the details about the Conference!

When:

June, 28th 2015 - New Housing Researcher's Colloquium
June, 29th – July, 1st – ENHR2015 Lisbon Conference

Venue

ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa
Av^a das Forças Armadas
1649-026 Lisboa

Conference Theme

Housing and Cities in a time of change: are we focusing on People?

Plenaries

There will be 5 Plenary Sessions:

Opening Session

Jens Thomas Arnfred, Tegnestuen Vandkunsten DK
Vitor Reis – President IHRU – Institute for Housing and Urban Rehabilitation, PT

Plenary 1

Housing and Welfare State in a Time a Change
Peter Kemp, UK
Jesús Leal Maldonado, ES

Plenary 2

Urban Regeneration And Territorial Development: The Need For New Approaches
Karina Leitão FAUUSP, São Paulo, Brasil
2nd Speaker to be confirmed

Plenary 3

Housing market and territory: (new) tools for a better integration
Arnab Bathacharjee, UK
Taps Maiti, USA

Plenary 4

Social and Associative Involvement. Social dimension of space
Santiago Cirujeda, ES
2nd Speaker to be confirmed

Workshops

25 Workshops will be held in parallel!

Fieldtrips

At least 10 Fieldtrips will show you the Housing themes in and around Lisbon:

- Rehousing, promotion and management of social /public neighbourhoods
- LxFactory: creative city
- "Critical Neighbourhoods": Urban rehabilitation
- There is life in Mouraria: an integrated urban rehabilitation
- BIP/ZIP – Urban micro level projects
- Parque das Nações: contemporary and multi-functional city
- Historic part of Lisbon
- Alvalade: urban and residential sustainability
- The heritage of estate/national integrated urban plans
- City building: the example of "Alta de Lisboa"

Call for Papers/Posters

Deadline for Abstracts: 12 March 2015

Deadline for Papers: 12 June 2015

Registration for the ENHR2015 Conference

	Full Fee	Accessible Fee
Access to the conference plenary and workshop sessions	✓	✓
3x Lunch (29 th June – 1 st July)	✓	
Reception dinner	✓	
Gala Dinner	✓	
Early Bird		
ENHR members	150€	25€
Non members	200€	35€
Regular Fee		
ENHR members	200€	35€
Non members	250€	50€

Early bird registrations will only be available for the first 300 registrations. Grab the chance to have one!

Registration for the **NHR Colloquium**:

NHR Conference (early bird)	15€
NHR Conference	20€

Host Institutions (Local Organizing Committee)

- **Chair: CECODHAS.P** – Portuguese Liaison Committee for Social Housing
- **IHRU** – Instituto da Habitação e da Reabilitação Urbana
- **CEAU** – Centro de Estudos de Arquitectura e Urbanismo – Faculdade de Arquitectura da Universidade do Porto
- **CEGOT** – Centro de Estudos de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território – Universidade do Porto
- **CEACT** – Centro de Estudos de Arquitectura, Cidade e Território - Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa
- **eGEO** – Centro de Estudos de Geografia e Planeamento Regional - Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- **GETI** – Grupo de Estudos em Território e Inovação – Universidade de Aveiro
- **ISCSP** – Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas – Universidade de Lisboa
- **IST** – Instituto Superior Técnico – Universidade Técnica de Lisboa
- **IT** – Rede Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento do Território, Instituto do Território
- Laboratório de investigação em Arquitetura (**LABART**) – Departamento de Arquitectura [ECATI/ULHT] – Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias
- **LNEC** – Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil

Queries

If you have any questions about the conference, please email us on: lisbon@enhr2015.com

Social Network

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ENHR2015>

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 is June 12, 2015.**
- 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 is open!

www.enhr2015.com



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 €
2015	Lisbon, PT	150 €	200 €	200 €	250 €	-	120 €

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).

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

HOME OWNERSHIP AND GLOBALISATION

Caroline Dewilde, John Doling and Richard Ronald (coordinators)

**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.

Organisation:

Caroline Dewilde (Tilburg University)
John Doling (University of Birmingham)
Richard Ronald (University of Amsterdam, University of Birmingham)

Hosted by/Venue: Liviu Chelcea (University of Bucharest)

Deadline for Abstracts: February 27, 2015

Contact email: enhr-hog-fmg@uva.nl

Website: <http://houwel.uva.nl/workshops/enhr-working-group-bucharest/ws.html>

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.

New Institutional Members



Centre Scientifique et Technique du Bâtiment (CSTB)
Direction Economie et Sciences Humaines
Champs-sur-Marne, France
<http://www.cstb.fr>

Centre Scientifique et Technique du Bâtiment (CSTB) has as mission to collect, to develop and to share with the actors in the construction sector scientific knowledge and determining techniques to enhance the quality and safety of buildings and their environment. The role of supporting professionals is a priority and activities are organized with the aim to be accessible to all actors and partners in the world of construction.



Griffith University
Urban Research Program
Nathan, Australia
<http://www.griffith.edu.au>

The Urban Research Program (URP) seeks to lead Australia's effort to improve our understanding of urbanisation and urban questions, in their full historical, economic, spatial, social, environmental and institutional contexts.

The URP was established in 2004 as a Griffith University strategic research and community engagement initiative and has grown to be among the largest dedicated urban research groupings in Australia.

Our multi-disciplinary research seeks to produce new knowledge for scholarly, policy, practitioner and community spheres so they can respond to the ongoing transformation of our cities and regions and engender equitable and sustainable urban development.

Our locations across Griffith University's Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses in South-East Queensland - Australia's fastest growing urban region – offer a unique research perspective on Australian and global urban patterns and processes.

Our perspective is deliberately multidisciplinary with our team of leading researchers working across four inter-linked Research Groupings that cluster our key research strengths and specialties:

- [Architecture and Urban Design](#)
- [Urban Planning](#)
- [Transport Planning](#)
- [Resilient Communities and Environments](#)

As a body of scholars we welcome the opportunity to work with colleagues, students, policy makers, political representatives, communities and the media to improve national and global understanding of urban problems.

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 24. [More AHURI Final Reports...](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 180](#)

How is crowding in Indigenous households managed?

Authors: Paul Memmott, Kelly Greenop, Christina Birdsall-Jones

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *Crowding for Indigenous households in non-remote areas*.

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 181](#)

The edges of home ownership

Authors: Gavin Wood, Melek Cigdem, Rachel Ong, Susan Smith

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *The edges of home ownership*.

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 182](#)

How integrated are homelessness, mental health and drug and alcohol services in Australia?

Authors: Paul Flatau, Sarah Hall, Monica Thielking, Anne Clear, Elizabeth Conroy

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *Homelessness and services and system integration*.

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 183](#)

Understanding and addressing local opposition to affordable housing projects

Authors: Gethin Davison, Crystal Legacy, Edgar Liu, Hoon Han, Ryan van den Nouwelant, Peter Phibbs, Michael Darcy, Awais Piracha

This Research and Policy Bulletin provides details of the key findings and policy implications from the completed AHURI research project *Understanding and addressing local opposition to affordable housing projects*.

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. See here for further details www.nhc.edu.au.

How can you keep informed?

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

New research project: ESRC Funds Ground Breaking Research on What Works in Tackling Poverty from CCHPR

The Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research is delighted to announce that we have been selected by the ESRC to undertake 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 program which is being led by the Public Policy Institute for Wales.

Please click here [for further information](#).

CCHPR Launch Affordable Housing film

CCHPR has 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.

[To download or stream the film, please click here](#)

Sarah Monk elected a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences

CCHPR is delighted that Sarah Monk, who was our Deputy Director for several years, has been elected a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. The Academy have recognised Sarah as leading researcher in the field of housing and urban economics and planning.

Estimated net income distribution of working households by household type and locality

To help social landlord clients set viable affordable rents, CCHPR has developed a model to estimate net income distribution for eight household types at local market level. A sample report for Bromley level is available for download but we can supply similar reports for other areas to order. [Read More...](#)

The final publications of the Evaluation of the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) have been published

The Department for Work and Pensions has published the final research reports of the evaluation of the reforms to Housing Benefit (Local Housing Allowances) in the private rented sector in Great Britain. The reports are available on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-housing-allowance-monitoring-the-impact-of-changes>

The evaluation was led by Professor Ian Cole in CRESR and the research consortium included Professor Christina Beatty and Ryan Powell (CRESR) Professor Peter Kemp (University of Oxford), Carl Emmerson, Robert Joyce and Andrew Hood (Institute of Fiscal Studies) and Ipsos MORI.

The report found evidence that HB claimants were being forced out of higher value PRS markets, especially in central London. In lower value markets landlords were responding to lower HB rate though reducing their maintenance expenditure and seeking to let to households who were not receiving HB. The IFS analysis examined the incidence of the increased shortfall between HB and contracted rents. It found that nearly 90 per cent of the shortfall affected tenants (in terms of needing to increase their non-HB contribution to the rent) and around 10 per cent on the landlords (in terms of rent reductions).

For further information about the evaluation contact I.D.Cole@shu.ac.uk

The final publications of the Evaluation of the Direct Payment Demonstration Projects (DPDPs) have been published

The Department for Work and Pensions has published the final research reports of the evaluation of the Direct Payment Demonstration Projects which assessed the impact of the payment of Housing Benefit *directly* to social housing tenants, an approach which is a key feature of Universal Credit. The reports are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/direct-payment-demonstration-projects-final-reports>

The evaluation was led by Professor Paul Hickman and Dr Kesia Reeve in CRESR and the research consortium included Professor Peter Kemp (University of Oxford), Ipsos MORI, and Ian Wilson (CRESR), who undertook the analysis of landlords' rental accounts.

The key finding of the study was that rental arrears increased under direct payment: overall, tenants who went onto direct payment in the DPDP paid 95.5 per cent of all the rent owed, compared with a comparator sample (not on direct payment) who paid 99.1 per cent of rent owed (a difference of 3.6 percentage points). Controlling for other factors, overall, the net additional impact of direct payment was 5.5 percentage points less rent paid, i.e. tenants paid 5.5 percentage points less rent, on average, than they would have done had their HB been paid direct to their landlord.

For further information about the evaluation contact p.g.hickman@shu.ac.uk



**University of New South Wales
Faculty of the Built Environment
City Futures Research Centre
Sydney, Australia**

Researching rental landlord investor behaviour and impacts

Complementing an ongoing [study of long term private renters](#), and likewise funded by the Australian Research Council (ARC), City Futures is embarking on research into [the socio-spatial impacts of rental investor landlord activity in urban Australia](#). With investor landlord property acquisition surging to close on half of 2014 Australian house sales, the project will focus especially on such activity in low value housing markets. This picks up on [recent City Futures research](#) showing disproportionate recent private rental expansion in these areas, and builds on Bill Randolph's longer-running work on [the suburbanisation of disadvantage](#). Led by Hal Pawson and also involving (City Futures Visiting Fellow) Judy Yates as well as Kath Hulse (Swinburne University) this study of Sydney and Melbourne will run from 2015-2017.

ARCH ETH Wohnforum
ETH CASE



**ETH Wohnforum
ETH CASE
Zurich, Switzerland**

The next Master in advanced studies "ETH MAS in Housing" Programme 2015/16 at ETH Wohnforum - ETH CASE starts in September 2015. In the MAS ETH in Housing, interdisciplinary housing issues are explored, linked to the master's degree thesis, and examined from architectural, sociological, cultural-history, and regional planning and land use viewpoints.

Please note: Application deadline is April 30th 2015.

More info and application can be found here:

<http://www.wohnforum.arch.ethz.ch/en/mas-eth-housing-programme>



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

Symposium BEYOND BIG PLANS: Let's reinvent planning



Rapid urban development in Seoul has broken up existing urban layers and tissues, driving away original residents. In the aftermath of the worldwide financial crisis, however, many megaprojects were brought to a standstill, calling for the critical reflection on the past practice and alternative approaches. This is pointed out by TU Delft graduates Soran Park (architect) and Hyeri Park (urban designers) and OTB researcher Vitnarae Kang, all three of Korean origin. They have initiated "Beyond Big Plans; Let's Reinvent Planning", an international conference for urbanists and regional planners. It takes place in Seoul, South Korea, 12-15 March 2015.

The conference consists of a symposium, an expert workshop, and an exhibition (Aging Dragons). The expert workshop specially aims to deliver integrated strategies for the renewal of the Sewoon Arcade, a fifty-metre-wide and one-kilometre-long megastructure in the Seoul's historic centre. The form of the site was created by the Japanese colonial authority in 1945 to prevent fire spread in the old wooden city. The shopping malls built in the 1960s are now dilapidated. The previous approach of total demolition and comprehensive development turned out to be ineffective. The site itself embodies the complexity of the city in many ways.

International and local professionals, local planning authorities and diverse stakeholders take part, including Zef Hemel (University of Amsterdam), Kees Christiaanse (KCAP), Andries Geerse (WeLoveTheCity) and Bart Reuser (Next Architects) from the Netherlands. Prof. Willem Korthals Altes (TU Delft) gives a presentation at the symposium on "From Big Plans to Small Steps: Dutch Lessons".

- Beyond Big Plans is also a pre-event of the ISOCARP 2015 (International Society of City and Regional Planners) International Congress which takes place in the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium (19-23 October 2015). <http://www.isocarp2015.org/news/urban-experts-wanted-for-seoul-pre-congress>
- Beyond Big Plans is supported by the Creative Industries Fund NL, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Goethe Institute and other parties.
- For more information please visit the BBP website www.facebook.com/beyondbigplans or contact beyondbigplans@gmail.com.

Gavin Wood visiting professor at Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment



Gavin Wood, professor of Urban and Housing Studies at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia, is visiting professor at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment for one year. He will be present in Delft during several stays in the next twelve months working in close cooperation with Marietta Haffner and Marja Elsinga on the future of homeownership and its changing welfare role. Gavin Wood co-organized the recently-held seminar The edges of home ownership at TU Delft which was sponsored by the Urban Studies Foundation. Together with OTB staff members he is now preparing a special issue of Urban Studies containing the results of this seminar. During his next visit in April he will conduct a public lecture on one or more of his research subjects: government policy, urban developments, housing finance and labour market economies.

New Individual Members

The past few months ENHR welcomed the following members:

Name	Institute	Country	Expertise
Lorraine Copas	Social Planning Research Council of BC	Canada	Social planning, community planning, social housing, affordable housing
Carla Earhart	Ball State University	USA	Residential property management, housing education, influences on housing decisions / preferences
Elham Ghabouli Mankalpa		Spain	Urban planning and management
Zsofia Glatz		Switzerland	Architecture, housing, co-housing, teaching, social integration
Shabbir Hussain	WAPDA Employees Cooperative Housing Society	Punjab	Cooperative housing
Maria Idrovo	Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	Spain	Security policies, urbanism
Nnenna Ike	University of the Sunshine Coast	Australia	Housing affordability
Kagiso Jobe	Bath University	United Kingdom	Housing
Janne Margrethe Karlsson	Uppsala University, Department of Social and Economic Geography	Sweden	Urban, social and economic geography
Bence Komlósi		Switzerland	Architecture, research, teaching, housing, co-housing
Sabina Riss-Retschitzegger		Austria	Housing, social sustainability, university teaching
Anna Maria Santiago	Case Western Reserve University	United States of America	Urban Studies, Geography, Community Development
Jón Rúnar Sveinsson	The Reykjavik Academy	Iceland	Icelandic housing policy, rental housing
Richard Waldron	University College Dublin	Ireland	Housing markets; homeownership; mortgage markets; financialisation; neoliberalism
Barend Wind	Tilburg University	Netherlands	Housing wealth

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.

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 has moved!

As of January 1st, 2015 the ENHR Office we are 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:

enhr@tudelft.nl / www.enhr.net / +31 15 278 7618

Housing projects that make a difference: Enter the World Habitat Awards!

The annual World Habitat Awards are a great way of identifying and celebrating good practice in housing worldwide and entries are now open for the 2015/16 competition.

David Ireland, Director of BSHF, the Awards' funders and co-ordinators said:

"Previous winners have included projects which really demonstrate the wider benefits of good housing, for example health improvements, energy savings or improved community cohesion. Recent winners have included projects which have had a significant impact on people's lives by tackling topics as wide-ranging as chronic homelessness and the regeneration of historic cities."

"We run the Awards in partnership with UN-Habitat and this brings clear benefits for the winners. As well as this high profile, international recognition for their innovative practices, winning projects also receive a cash prize of £10,000, a trophy and have the

opportunity to transfer their award-winning approach through peer-exchange activities sponsored by BSHF.”

Housing projects which demonstrate practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing needs are invited to submit their entries via the World Habitat Awards website www.worldhabitatawards.org. Entries must be received by **30 April 2015**.

The World Habitat Awards were established in 1985 by the Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) as part of its contribution to the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Projects are sought that:

- demonstrate practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing issues faced by countries all around the world;
- can be transferred or adapted for use as appropriate;
- are already being implemented or are completed ie not at design or very early stages of development;
- view the term habitat from a broad perspective and bring other benefits as well, such as energy or water saving, income generation, social inclusion, community and individual empowerment, health benefits, capacity building or education.

The competition is open to any individual, organization or government agency that has an innovative and sustainable housing solution in any country of the world. Awards of £10,000 and a trophy will be presented to each of the two winners of the 2015/16 World Habitat Awards at Habitat III, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, to be held in Quito, Ecuador in 2016 (dates to be confirmed).

Call for Papers – European Journal of Homelessness Vol. 9, No. 2, 2015 – Open Edition



EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY ON HOMELESSNESS

The Editors of the European Journal of Homelessness [welcome](#) contributions to the Journal which analyse and interpret aspects of policy and practice in relation to homelessness and housing exclusion in Europe. Articles that explicitly address cross-national issues are particularly welcome.

To be considered for inclusion in the open edition of the Journal, papers must be submitted to Professor Eoin O’Sullivan (tosullvn@tcd.ie) by the **8th of May 2015**.

The distinctive readership of the Journal, which cuts across academic disciplines, national boundaries and includes NGOs and policy makers at the local, national and transnational level, makes the following points of particular importance to contributors. (1) Whatever the specific aspect of homelessness under discussion, the relevance of the conclusions to a broad understanding of policymaking should be made explicit; (2) whatever the national setting, the extent to which conclusions are generalisable cross-nationally should be explicitly discussed; (3) jargon should be avoided and technical terms not widely understood should be clearly defined; and (4) the conclusions of statistical analyses should be set out in prose, as well as being supported by relevant quantitative information in tables, footnotes and text.

Articles considered for publication in the European Journal of Homelessness will be double blind peer reviewed, and should be policy-relevant contributions not previously published. Articles should fall within the range 6,000-8,000 words, and include an abstract of between 150 and 200 words, up to six keywords, and a list of references (the word count includes the abstract and any footnotes but not the list of references). Any graphics should be produced in black and white only.

Author details and contact information should be included in the body of the e-mail, and should not appear on the manuscript in order to facilitate the anonymous peer reviewing process.

Developing Social Housing Project (DSHP)

Interested in participating in the DSHP Course at the Institute of Housing and Urban Development (IHS), Erasmus University Rotterdam?

<i>Duration</i>	3 weeks
<i>Dates</i>	4 Nov – 24 Nov 2015
<i>Tuition fee</i>	€ 2,750
<i>Language</i>	English
<i>IHS application deadline</i>	4 Oct 2015*
<i>NFP application deadline</i>	24 Feb 2015
<i>Abbreviation code</i>	DSHP5
<i>Course coordinator</i>	Ellen Geurts

Introduction

The course will draw on the long-term experiences and experiments of social housing in the Netherlands and of other international best practices. It focuses on the crucial elements that make social housing projects work.

Course curriculum:

1. Housing policy: The meaning of social housing will be explored from various perspectives. The social housing context in the Netherlands will be discussed in detail.
2. Key considerations, whom to deliver for and where: This module will discuss housing needs assessments tools.
3. Financing social housing and cooperation with public and private partners.
4. Technical and management aspects of social housing: sustainable housing from an environmental, social and economic perspective.

Course objective:

At the end of the course, participants will be able to successfully develop a social housing project proposal defining designs and plans, financial instruments, management structure and the institutional set-up.

Methodology

The course draws on the long-term experiences and experiments of social housing in the Netherlands and of other international best practices. It focuses on the crucial elements that make social housing projects work. The course will be a blend of lectures, expert's seminars, excursions/field visits and group exercises presenting international (best) practices and knowledge. The state-of-the-art knowledge and experience of social housing in the Netherlands is used in a case study of a Dutch social housing project which is the backbone to introducing all the complex aspects and actors. A series of workshops supports the skill development of participants to formulate their own plan or programme for the development of social housing in their own country.

Application:

Interested to apply? Please visit the IHS online application system at: www.ihs.nl/login

For more information, please visit: www.ihs.nl/dshp

International Housing Finance Program 2015 Wharton's

The [2015 International Housing Finance Program](#) course “*Improving and Expanding Housing Finance Systems*,” will be taught at the Wharton School from **Monday, June 1 through Thursday, June 11, 2015.** The “*Workshop on Securitization and Mortgage Bonds*,” will be held on **June 12 and 13, 2015.**

The focus of the [Housing Finance Systems’ course](#) is to provide comprehensive education for all players in the mortgage market—lenders, insurers, investors, regulators and policy-makers. Topics will include:

- principles and drivers of mortgage market expansion
- mortgage design and the valuation of mortgages
- innovation in primary mortgage markets
- risk management in financial institutions and the pricing of risk
- safety and soundness of financial institutions from a regulatory perspective (including a discussion of BIS’ regulatory regimes for mortgage lending)
- alternative ways to fund mortgages
- Shari’ah-compliant housing finance
- extending housing finance down-market, and rental finance

The [Workshop on Securitization and Mortgage Bonds](#) will provide hands-on financial calculations and legal/ institutional analyses of both securitization and mortgage bond preparations.

Both the course and the workshop use detailed case-study presentations from countries that have made interesting reforms in their mortgage sectors or regulatory systems or have developed specific capital market funding instruments. These cases are an integral part of teaching. Participants will also have the opportunity to present case studies of their country for discussion.

Due to the time it takes to acquire a visa to the United States, we recommend that you and your colleagues begin the course enrollment and visa application process as soon as possible. Each year we have several applicants unable to attend because their visas were not issued in time. Early applicants pay a reduced fee, as well. We will be very responsive to send acceptance letters immediately upon application.

[Details](#) and [application forms](#) are available on our website <http://housingfinance.wharton.upenn.edu/>. You can also reach us at housingfinance@wharton.upenn.edu; by telephone at (215) 898-3313 and (215) 898-2841; or via fax at (215) 573-2220.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN BRITAIN. VICTORIAN AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES

Edited by Sarah Pickard

Anti-social behaviour is a key issue in the social and political life of Britain in the twenty-first century, as were respectability and immorality in the Victorian era. Written by expert sociologists, historians, criminologists and political scientists, this interdisciplinary collection examines anti-social behaviour from a range of historical and contemporary perspectives.

The volume compares two essential themes, firstly the forms of anti-social behaviour and secondly the methods employed by governments to repress and control anti-social behaviour. Compelling parallels emerge through the interrelated chapters, which are divided into three main areas: the urban environment and public spaces, the vulnerable and the marginalised and recreation and leisure.

This comprehensive collection is the first to examine anti-social behaviour from such an inclusive and wide-ranging position. It establishes clear parallels between the two periods regarding types of ASB and how they have been dealt with by successive governments, arguing that anti-social behaviour and political responses to it are by no means new phenomena.

2014, 400 p., Palgrave, ISBN 9781137399304,
<http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/antisocial-behaviour-in-britain-sarah-pickard/?K=9781137399304>



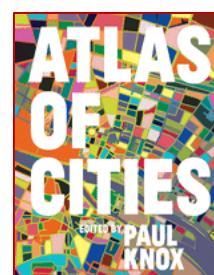
ATLAS OF CITIES

Edited by Paul Knox

More than half the world's population lives in cities, and that proportion is expected to rise to three-quarters by 2050. Urbanization is a global phenomenon, but the way cities are developing, the experience of city life, and the prospects for the future of cities vary widely from region to region. The *Atlas of Cities* presents a unique taxonomy of cities that looks at different aspects of their physical, economic, social, and political structures; their interactions with each other and with their hinterlands; the challenges and opportunities they present; and where cities might be going in the future.

Using stunning info-graphics, maps, charts, tables, and photographs, the *Atlas of Cities* is a comprehensive overview of the patterns of production, consumption, generation, and decay of the twenty-first century's defining form.

- Presents a one-of-a-kind taxonomy of cities that looks at their origins, development, and future prospects
- Features core case studies of particular types of cities, from the foundational cities of Greece and Rome to the "smart" cities of today



- Explores common themes of urban development, from transport and communication to lifestyle and culture
- Includes stunning info-graphics, maps, charts, tables, and photos

2014, 256 p., Princeton University Press, ISBN 9780691157818
<http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10307.html>

CHANGES IN THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR FOR LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, 2006–11

By Kath Hulse, Margaret Reynolds, Judith Yates

This is the first publication from a project that investigated the supply of, and demand for, private rental dwellings affordable to lower income households in 2011 and compared this with the situation in 2006.

2014, 82 p., AHURI Final Report No., 235, ISBN 9781922075734
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p51018>



FIRSTSTOP LOCAL PARTNERS: COSTS AND POTENTIAL SAVINGS TO PUBLIC BUDGETS OF CLIENT CASEWORK 2014

By Gemma Burgess

The aim of this research was to report on the costs and benefits of a sample of cases dealt with by the FirstStop local partners providing housing options services to older people.

2014, 36 p., CCHPR, [Please click here to download the report](#)



'GETTING-BY', COPING AND RESILIENCE IN DIFFICULT TIMES: INITIAL FINDINGS

By Paul Hickman, Elaine Batty, Chris Dayson and Jenny Muir

A report provided the initial findings from a research project that examined the resilience of households in Northern Ireland. Drawing on baseline survey data and qualitative interviews with households across four neighbourhoods, it outlined a range of challenges and the strategies used by households to 'get by'. The report said that, for these households, resilience was not about 'bouncing back', 'flourishing', or 'thriving' in the face of adversity, but was about not being overcome, 'getting-by', enduring, surviving, just 'getting on with things', and 'keeping their heads above the water'. The report noted the susceptibility of households to future stressors, such as welfare reform, especially those on means-tested benefits or with long-term illness or disability. Place, and relationships with family and friends, appeared to be important for resilience and future work would investigate this further. The report highlighted issues around the measurement of resilience and noted the importance of qualitative work.

2014, 85 p., Sheffield Hallam University,
<http://www.shu.ac.uk/research/cresr/sites/shu.ac.uk/files/getting-by-difficult-times.pdf>



HOUSES INTO HOMES: THIRD INTERIM EVALUATION REPORT

By Will Eadson, Stephen Green, Kesia Reeve, David Robinson and Ian Wilson

This report is the third major report to emerge from an ongoing evaluation of Houses into Homes and focuses on delivery and outcomes to emerge during the second full year of the scheme, from April 2013 to March 2014. Findings from the first year of the scheme were reported in October 2013, and a number of data bulletins have also been published.

2014, 50 p., Welsh Government Social Research, ISBN 9781473424227

<http://www.shu.ac.uk/research/cresr/sites/shu.ac.uk/files/houses-homes-3rd-interim-eval-report.pdf>



MIGRATION ANTHOLOGY

Edited by Bridget Anderson and Michael Keith

This anthology does not aspire to be a synthetic overview of migration research today, nor to provide a comprehensive range of geographical or theoretical perspectives. It is published online (although a limited number of conventional books are available), so that it might work as both an intervention and a resource that we hope will grow over time.

2014, 200 p., University of Oxford (COMPAS), ISBN

9781907271038 <http://compasanthology.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/COMPASMigrationAnthology.pdf>



INTERIM REPORT: LANDLORDS' WRITTEN STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS POVERTY AND DISADVANTAGE

By Anna Clarke, Sam Morris and Peter Williams

This is a review of the written strategies of social landlords, local authorities and private landlords' exploring the focus on poverty. It has been produced as the second stage in a wider project exploring the role of poverty in housing organisations' strategic and business plans.

2014, 67 p., CCHPR, [Please click here for download files](#)



PROCESSES FOR DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE MEDIUM-DENSITY HOUSING MODELS FOR GREYFIELD PRECINCTS

By Shane Murray, Nigel Bertram, Lee-Anne Khor, Deborah Rowe, Byron Meyer, Catherine Murphy, Peter Newton, Stephen Glackin, Tom Alves, Rob McGauran

This project sought to address three areas of policy concern in relation to dispersed and ageing public housing properties in inner and middle ring suburbs: how to find new ways to accommodate population increases; how to create affordable and diverse housing options; how to manage ageing housing stock; and how to maximise the use of existing infrastructure and amenity.

2015, 124 p., AHURI Final Report no. 236, ISBN 9781922075758
<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p52012>



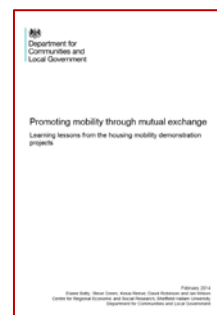
PROMOTING MOBILITY THROUGH MUTUAL EXCHANGE: LEARNING LESSONS FROM THE HOUSING MOBILITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

By Elaine Batty, Steve Green, Kesia Reeve, David Robinson and Ian Wilson

Mutual exchange or home swap can bring benefits for social landlords and tenants. It can provide an opportunity for tenants who wish to move home, whether to take up employment, be closer to family and friends or to downsize. For landlords, it can help with efforts to maximise efficient use of stock to best meet housing need and minimise problems such as rent arrears.

This guide draws on the experience of 12 mobility pilots which the Department of Communities and Local Government funded to test innovative and cost-effective ways of supporting mobility through mutual exchange.

2014, 55 p., Department for Communities and Local Government, ISBN 9781409841395
<http://www.shu.ac.uk/research/cresr/sites/shu.ac.uk/files/promoting-mobility-through-mutual-exchange.pdf>



REALITY DAWNS – THE IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM ON HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS: A MID-2014 VIEW

By Peter Williams, Anna Clarke and Christine Whitehead

The National Housing Federation commissioned research to assess how welfare reform impacts across the housing association sector in England. This is the third and final report of the series.

2014, 33 p., CCHPR, [Please click here to download the report](#)



SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY THE BENEFIT CAP: IMPACT ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES, LOCAL SERVICES AND SOCIAL LANDLORDS

By Anna Clarke

The Benefit Cap was brought in over the summer of 2013 and limits working age benefits for out of work households. The research will add to the DWP's understanding of the impact of the Cap on affected benefit claimants and can be found

2014, 42 p., CCHPR, [Please click here to download the report](#). See also [Benefit Cap: In-depth interviews with affected claimants](#)



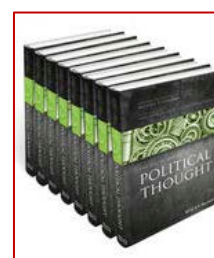
THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

Unrivalled in scope and scholarly rigor, the Encyclopedia examines the history of political thought, contemporary political theory, and political philosophy. The entries range in size from shorter definitions and biographies to extended treatments of major topics and traditions. Tracing the evolution of political thinking from antiquity to the present, the scope of this unprecedented resource emphasizes the richness and diversity of the field's traditions.

- Offers over 900 A-Z entries including shorter definitions and biographies as well as extended treatments of major topics from over 700 contributors from around the world
- Reflects diverse traditions in the evolution of political theory and political science
- Addresses the theorists, their key theories and methods from within the western canon as well as from non-western perspectives

2014, Wiley, ISBN 9781118474396

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/book/10.1002/9781118474396>



Understanding the spatial impacts of direct and indirect government housing expenditure

By Lucy Groenhart

This report is one of a series drawing on a major AHURI project on 'Addressing spatial concentrations of social disadvantage'. The project aims to develop an improved understanding of the spatial impacts of policies related to housing, both in terms of how they act to accentuate and encourage market-led dynamics, but also where they seek to mitigate the negative effects of market operation.

2014, 29 p., AHURI Final Report No. 234, ISBN 9781922075673

<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/myrp704>



UTOPIA REVISITED. TOWARDS A CARBON-NEUTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD AT BRØSET

By Eli Støa, Stig Larssæther, Annemie Wyckmans

This book summarizes eight years of research, evaluation, and hands-on experience in developing Brøset as a future carbon-neutral settlement. The project has from the outset tried to tackle one of the most burning questions of our time: how to reconcile the increasingly alarming messages from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) with everyday practices in modern societies. These include transport, energy, food, housing, and the general consumption of products and services following in the wake of all affluent societies.

The overall vision for Brøset is to demonstrate how a new urban district can be planned in accordance with the IPCC's 2°C target and thereby show the way towards a carbon-neutral society. In order to accomplish this very ambitious goal, it is necessary for cultural, social, and physical structures to work together. Herein lies the biggest challenge of the Brøset project and other initiatives that aim to close the gap between rhetoric and reality in this field.

2014, 344 p., Fagbokforlaget, ISBN 9788245017250

<http://fagbokforlaget.no/?isbn=9788245017250>



WORKING PAPERS

CAUSES AND EXPERIENCES OF POVERTY AMONG ECONOMIC MIGRANTS IN THE UK

By Simon Pemberton, Jenny Phillimore and David Robinson

Poverty is an important driver of migration. Many people migrate to escape poverty. However, far less is known about the incidence and experiences of poverty once economic migrants arrive in the UK. This Working Paper explores such issues, developing a series of assertions and recommendations from the evidence base.

The experience of poverty was found to vary according to the position of migrants in the labour market, coupled with their legal status and material and financial assets. Nevertheless, for as long as key sectors of the UK economy rely on a low paid, insecure, casualised workforce, economic migrants will encounter poverty. Current discussions around 'managing migration' therefore need to consider more fully the potential poverty impacts on both migrant workers and UK nationals, particularly in terms of levels and costs of service provision and accessibility, employer competitiveness and community relations.

[IRIS Working Paper Series](#), No. 4, 2014



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

The future of policy and standards for low and zero carbon new homes 22 April 2015, London, UK

This event will present and discuss the results from new RICS Research Trust funded research on the future of low and zero carbon homes. Dr Dan Greenwood from the University of Westminster and Dr Alina Congreve from Hertfordshire will give a pre-election presentation of their findings. Through a series of in-depth case studies and interviews with national stakeholders, the project has analysed the challenges, tensions and opportunities for the housing sector following significant policy changes. This work will inform debate across the sector about the role of compulsory and voluntary codes and standards and the main drivers for innovation in the future. It will be of interest to those involved in housing policy and practice including policy makers, designers, developers, assessors and other built environment professionals.

The event will be held from 16.30-18:00 with refreshments available from 16:00. Delegates are also invited to stay for drinks and networking after the event. There is no charge for attending but early booking is recommended.

Venue: University of Westminster, 309 Regent Street, W1B 2UW London, United Kingdom

You can book a place at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-future-of-policy-and-standards-for-low-and-zero-carbon-new-homes-tickets-15202218244>

Biographies

Dr Dan Greenwood is Senior Lecturer in Politics, and works on the Governance and Sustainability research programme at Westminster. His research expertise includes governance and policy evaluation. He recently worked on a project evaluating the zero carbon homes policy agenda in England. He took part in an industry placement with the Zero Carbon Hub in 2012/3

Dr Alina Congreve is a principal lecturer in Sustainable Planning at the University of Hertfordshire. Recent research includes: identifying and comparing local authorities in the US and UK that are leaders in climate change mitigation, carried out with Professor Pitt from VCU; resource efficiency in construction project for WRAP, carried out with Parsons Brinkerhoff.

CALENDAR

Information about interesting events can be sent to ENHR@tudelft.nl

CALENDAR 2015

6-7 March, Berlin, Germany
Spring meeting ENHR Coordination Committee

11-15 March, Seoul, South Korea
Beyond Big Plans: Let's Reinvent Planning
ISOCARP2015 pre-event
Contact: [Soran Park](#)
[Visit the Facebook page](#)

19-20 March, London, UK
ENHR Private Rented Markets seminar
Private Renting after the Crisis
Registration deadline = February 16, 2015 (extended deadline!)
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: February 13, 2015 (extended deadline)
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/

22 April, London, UK
The future of policy and standards for low and zero carbon new homes
www.eventbrite.com/e/the-future-of-policy-and-standards-for-low-and-zero-carbon-new-homes-tickets-15202218244

23-24 April, Malmo, Sweden
4th Annual Workshop Malmo University
Real Estate in the Oresund 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

7-8 May, Copenhagen, Denmark

Two-day conference and exhibition

Housing and Welfare: Boundaries - Encounters - Connections

Deadline abstract submission = 9 March 2015

www.housingandwelfare.com/

20-21 May, Bucharest, Romania

The Shifting Context of Home Ownership

ENHR Working Group on Homeownership and Globalisation

Deadline abstract submission = 27 February 2015

Contact: enhr-hog-fmg@uva.nl

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

25 September, Dublin, Ireland

10th Annual Research Conference on Homelessness in Europe

Families, Housing and Homelessness

Deadline abstract submission = March 10, 2015

Contact: teller@mri.hu

www.feantsaresearch.org/spip.php?article349&lang=en

28-30 October, Perth, Australia

9th National Housing Conference

www.nhc.edu.au

CALENDAR 2016

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