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EDITORIAL

Housing related impacts of the pandemic

The pandemic has shaken the world. People's health became a priority in most countries, adopting measures that hindered economic growth or the creation of jobs. Measures addressed to prevent social contact questioned the foundations of urban life in order to guarantee the health of population. The importance of relating to each other, the collective capital that the city embraces, the availability of urban resources, have been confronted by COVID-19. Quoting Sennet "A city isn't just a place to live, to shop, to go out and have kids play. It's a place that implicates how one derives one's ethics, how one develops a sense of justice, how one learns to talk with and learn from people who are unlike oneself, which is how a human being becomes human." (Sennett, 1989)¹. Replacing public spaces, offices, schools, the home became more than ever the place for work, for leisure, for education... All of a sudden, our lives were constrained to the boundaries of the houses we live in.

The ongoing pandemic has proven to be a catalyser for action. A diversity of tools and resources have been used: combined efforts from top-down strategies together with bottom-up initiatives became essential to counteract the first impact of the virus in people's lives. Policies and actions are still in place to guarantee a secured transition to a post-COVID society. However, although the impact is generalized all over the world, the capacity and willingness for intervention differs between and even within countries.

The ENHR field of study, housing, became central in people's lives around the world. People stayed at home more than ever and their house became the boundary to the world. Households also reacted, when possible, to the circumstances, changing their preferences on the place to live, moving for instance, their home in the inner city to the peripheral even rural areas, using second homes as main residences, creating urban gardens on the balcony, rehabilitating, and redecorating the house. The platform economy dealing with temporary subletting, especially for tourists, has also experienced variations, as there were no more tourists in the city. These changes, among others, have also affected the housing markets, creating unprecedented variations in the evolution of rents and housing prices. Probably, some of the negative effects of the pandemics, such as the rise in unemployment, palliated by public interventions and subsidies, will also have a direct impact on the conditions of the housing system in years to come.

The shock of the pandemic has clearly affected the evolution of housing dynamics, but there are evident disparities in the way households could react. The importance of living conditions has shed light on the problems of the increase of housing costs in the household budgets. It is ever clearer that not every household has the means to adequately adapt its home as a place to work, live and leisure. The traditional problems of housing affordability have been further exacerbated by the negative impact of the pandemic on employment and the economy. Many households are experiencing cuts in their income while their housing burden is getting higher. At the other end of the income ladder, families less impacted (or even benefited) by the economic situation, manifest their changing housing preferences by moving from their current place to greener, more spacious locations, further away from the dense core areas of the cities. The conceptualization of the 'community' is also challenged by the fact that to control the virus, secured enclaves are emerging as a solution to its spread.

¹ Sennett, R. (1989): The Civitas of Seeing. In: Places, Vol. 5, Nr. 4, p. 84.

As housing researchers, we felt the need to set up a platform for dialogue and conversation, engaging with key stakeholders and researchers from different parts of the globe. We also wanted to reflect how ENHR Working Groups saw their topic affected by the pandemic and the policies and measures addressed to preserve the health of the population.

For these reasons ENHR organized a series of online events, that took place during two weeks in February 2021, with the title 'Housing related impacts of the pandemic'. In the opening plenary on the 12th February the first roundtable included the ENHR Chair, Peter Boelhouwer, who spoke about possible effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our housing markets, Kim van Sparrentak, Member of the European Parliament who gave a speech on the importance of the European Parliament resolution on decent and affordable housing for all and Jose Miguel Calatayud, journalist and Housing Project director at Arena for Journalism in Europe who reflected upon the journalist's perspective on looking at housing from the transnational point of view.

The second roundtable aimed at discussing with housing experts from ENHR-related organisations the impact of COVID-19 in different geographical areas. Ed Goetz from Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota (former Chair of UAA) talked about the pandemic and housing precarity in the U.S. Shenjing He from the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Hong Kong (Vice-Chair of APNHR) talked about the community question in post-pandemic cities and finally, Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach, representative of Cities Alliance – Latin America and the Caribbean talked about housing policies and informal settlements in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Both roundtables were rich in content and perspectives. Despite the differences in backgrounds and places of origin, there were broad coincidences in the conclusions of all speakers. Housing is even more central now in people's lives than it was before the pandemic and it has become more interconnected than ever with mobility, work, education, and health. The pandemic highlighted the mounting social problems of housing: while housing investments are booming, homelessness and affordability problems reached critical levels. Under such conditions strong political ideas emerge, such as ending homelessness by 2030. Steps towards this direction are the adoption of the action plan for the EU Social Pillar, the organization of the Social summit in May, and Homelessness summit in June. Another important novelty is the new EU fiscal rulebook which should allow more investments into affordable housing.

It was a general view that local governments are more progressive than national ones. Based on local innovations, to spread their effects, international cooperation and rules have to be strengthened and in this the EU has to play a larger and more progressive role. The new EU Recovery and Resilience plan with strong push towards energy efficient renovation shows into good direction. Although the future housing situation in a post-COVID society is uncertain, the larger role of local communities (15 minutes city) and the changing circumstances in inner city areas (return of housing) can already be identified.

The ENHR conference called the attention that more research in housing and the reinforcement of synergies with other perspectives (health, work, education, mobility, etc.) are needed, as well as more collaboration between the academia and other stakeholders. All this should be on the ENHR agenda for the future. The ENHR Working Groups, some of which also held their meetings during the two-week period, are essential to spread around the contributions of our members. The next ENHR conference in Nicosia (Cyprus), is an invaluable opportunity to share knowledge and experiences and have our say with respect to the post-COVID society in general and the housing related aspects.

*Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway and Iván Tosics,
Vice-chairs of ENHR.*

ONLINE ENHR SEMINARS

HOUSING RELATED IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC 12-26 February 2021

Series of online seminars for ENHR members to explore the housing-related impacts of the pandemic

12 FEBRUARY

OPENING PLENARY MEETING (TWO 1-HOUR LONG WEBINARS)

Roundtable 1: discussion on the topic between ENHR housing experts from different fields (economic, environment, social)

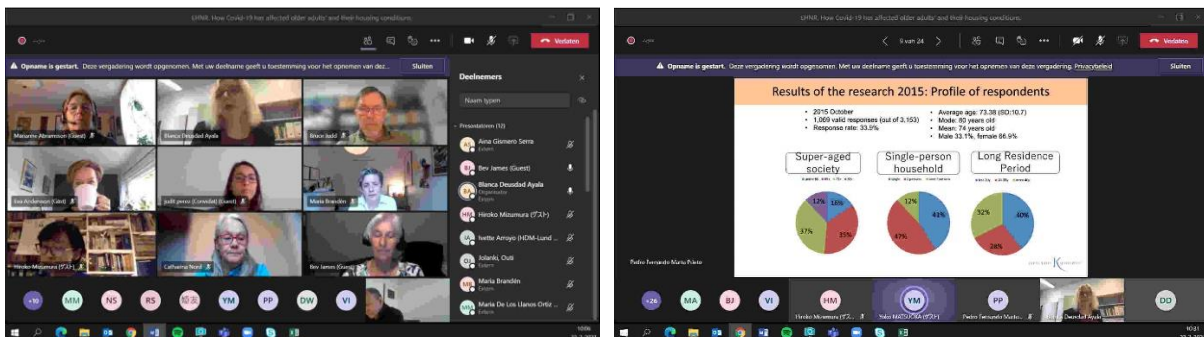
Peter Boelhouwer (Delft University of Technology and chair of ENHR): Possible effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our housing markets

Kim van Sparrentak (Member of the European Parliament): The importance of the EP resolution on decent and affordable housing for all

Jose Miguel Calatayud (freelance journalist and Housing Project director at Arena for Journalism in Europe): A journalist's perspective, looking at housing from the transnational point of view

Moderator:

Iván Tosics (Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest, ENHR vice-chair)



Roundtable 2: discussion on the topic between housing experts from ENHR and other networks

Ed Goetz, US (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota and chair of Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 2007-2009): The pandemic and housing precarity in the U.S.

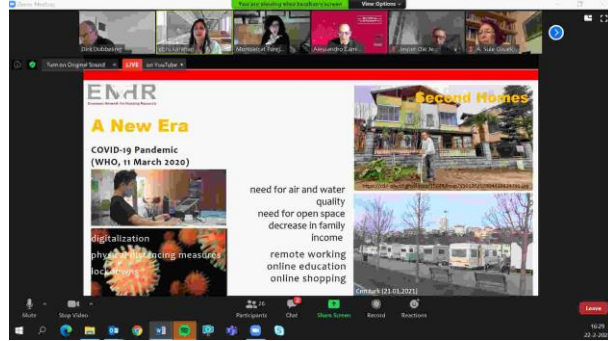
Shenjing He, Asia (Faculty of Architecture, University of Hong Kong and vice-chairman of APNHR): The community question in post-pandemic cities

Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach, Latin America (Cities Alliance – Latin America and Caribbean): Housing policies and informal settlements in Latin America and the Caribbean

Q/A, debate

Moderator:

Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway (University of Barcelona, ENHR vice-chair)



15 February

Working Group Metropolitan Dynamics: Urban Change, Markets and Governance & Working Group Land Markets and Housing Policy (joint workshop): “Effects of COVID-19 on metropolitan housing and land markets”

15 February

“Multiple-property investment in times of COVID-19”

Moderators: Christian Lennartz, Justin Kadi and Cody Hochstenbach

17 February

“Changing spatial preferences through COVID-19”

Moderators: Peter Boelhouwer and Christian Lennartz

18 February

Working Group Policy and Research: “The COVID-19 pandemic effects on housing and policy & research responses”

22 February

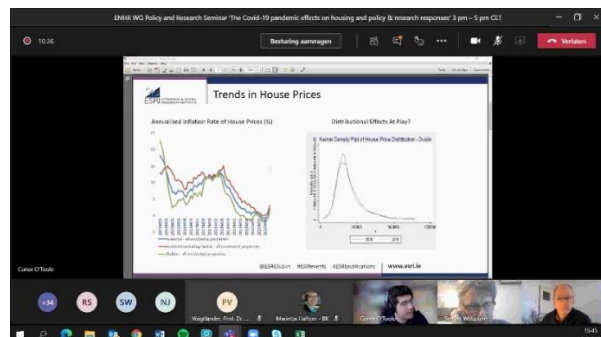
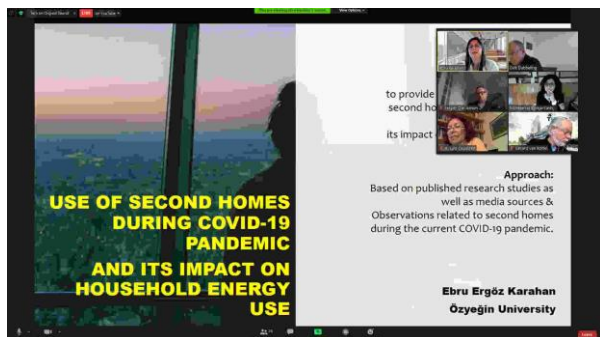
Working Group Towards Sustainable Communities and Housing: Actors, Interventions and Solutions & Working Group Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing (joint workshop): “The consequences of COVID-19 for sustainable communities and housing”

23 February

Working Group Housing and Living conditions of Ageing Population: “How COVID-19 has affected older adults and their housing conditions”

26 February

Working Group Southern European Housing: “COVID-19 and housing in Southern Europe”



26 FEBRUARY

CLOSING PLENARY MEETING (2-HOUR LONG WEBINAR)

Reporting back from the different ENHR Working Groups about the results achieved in their online meetings and moderated debate about the results.

Seminars	Participants	Presentations
Opening seminar	70	6 guest speakers
Effects of COVID-19 on metropolitan housing and land markets	25	10 presentations
Multiple-property investment in times of COVID-19	19	6 presentations
Changing spatial preferences through COVID-19	36	6 presentations
The COVID-19 pandemic effects on housing and policy & research responses	41	5 presentations
The consequences of COVID-19 for sustainable communities and housing	25	11 presentations
How COVID-19 has affected older adults and their housing conditions	35	7 presentations
COVID-19 and housing in Southern Europe	37	5 presentations
Closing seminar	46	7 summaries and evaluations

NEW WEBSITE



In January 2021 a new ENHR website was launched. Fresh, with easy-to-read information and compatible for pc, laptop, tablet and phone. As this is a website for members as well as non-members, the member pages can only be accessed using your username and password.

New on this website is the blog page, open for all members to start any housing-related discussion or give any opinion you may have (as long as you stay within the limits of ENHR's [code of ethics](#)). Send your contributions to the Secretariat (enhr@tudelft.nl).

ENHR CONFERENCES

Nicosia 2021: Unsettled settlements: Housing in unstable contexts

Important Dates

30.04.2021 Deadline for abstract submission:

31.05.2021 Notification of abstract approval:

30.06.2021 Deadline for Early bird for Registration:

30.06.2021 Full papers deadline

30.06.2021 Papers to be considered for the Bengt Turner Award:

<https://cyprusconferences.org/enhr2021/>

Theme

Having as a starting point the complexity of the factors that have shaped Nicosia through time, the conference seeks to understand conditions of the unsettled and the respective challenges posed to housing. Contemporary everyday life is characterized by diverse manifestations of instability, including urban conflicts and contestations, revolutions in political life, terrorism, migration, displacements and mobility, which continuously challenge and redefine cities' infrastructures. The experience of urban life in such contexts – transient, fragmented, changeable and unpredictable – contrasts to concepts of dwelling based on stability, permanence, locality and a sense of belonging, and has often been associated with an experience of displacement effect.



Traditional and modern Nicosia go side by side.

The umbrella topic aims to explore and understand uncertainties and instabilities which shape contemporary urban living, to unveil critical concerns on the impact of such unsettling practices on the production of housing environments and to foster an inquiry into potential responses in the form of policies, governance, social innovation, community initiatives and planners' investments.

Barcelona 2022: The Right to Housing Struggle: Cities under the Globalization Pressures on Affordability Justification

The situation of the housing market in cities like Barcelona expresses with crystal clarity the contradiction of the current globalization process. Different internal and external forces that combine to create a perfect storm are pressing the cities, revealing the limited capacity of the local governments to tackle the housing crisis. The Right to Housing is at stake.

One of the key drivers of this process is the financialization of the housing market. Producing the embeddedness of housing in volatile financial market cycles. The central question is: how to cut this house price-finance feedback? Going from the causes to the solutions, one hot topic in the current debate is rent control policy. The discussion is all about its effectiveness to control the rental bubble. Another key policy discussion is an intensifying shortage of affordable homes for lower income earners that is affecting all the global cities. How can governments and industry players most effectively nurture affordable housing supply?

Moving on, another new phenomenon to discuss is how touristification and gentrification are challenging the urban landscape of our cities. Finally, in response to the climate crisis, a new and innovative design for sustainable and energy-efficient housing will be discussed.



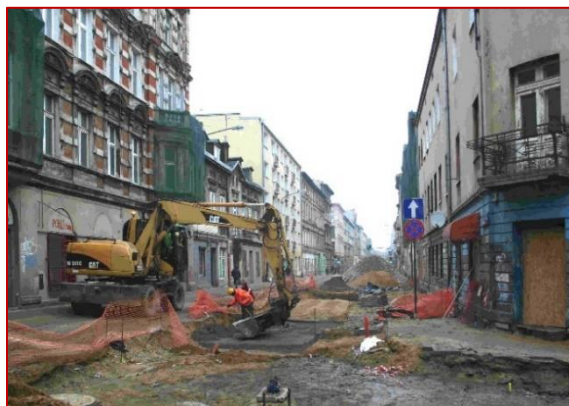
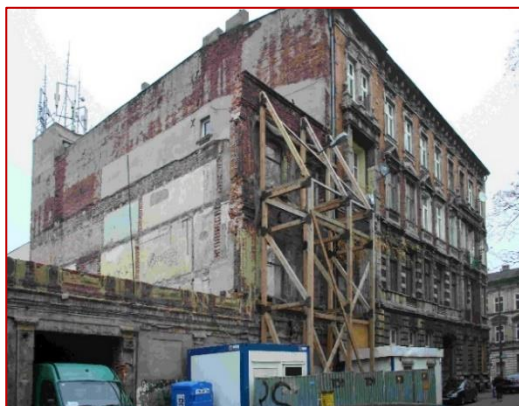
Lodz 2023: Urban regeneration – its shines and shadows

Lodz is a classic example of a city that was founded and developed thanks to the industrialization process of the nineteenth century, in particular textiles. Very favorable living conditions and the opportunity to work caused a significant influx of settlers. In 1840 the number of residents increased to 10,000. In 1900 the number of inhabitants of Lodz increased to 300,000, and in 1914 it approached 500,000 and set a world record for demographic growth. On the eve of the outbreak of World War II, the city's population reached 672,000. During the war, the city was not destroyed. After liberation, it served as the capital of the state for some time. The reconstruction of the textile industry contributed to the further development of Lodz, both economically and demographically. In 1989, the city had 851,700 residents.

The political transformation had a robust and negative impact on the social and economic conditions in the city. First of all, the closure of industrial plants caused a very high level of unemployment and an outflow of population.

Housing problems in Poland are very serious due to historical conditions, but also to the lack of a consistent and thought-out housing policy. Essentially, housing problems are pushed into the

background, it is believed that in the market economy people should meet their housing needs without help of public bodies, and only a small group of the most vulnerable households should be given direct help.



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

WG Housing Finance' and 'Private Rented Markets

Andreja Cirma, and Michael Voigtländer (coordinators)
Aideen Hayden and Paddy Gray (coordinators)

Recent Trends in Rental Market Regulation

Hosted by the ENHR Working Groups 'Housing Finance' and 'Private Rented Markets' in cooperation with the German Economic Institute (IW – Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft)

Pressured housing markets in many big cities in OECD countries mean that rent regulation is back on the political agenda. In Germany, stronger rent regulations were introduced in 2015. In 2020, Berlin not only introduced a 5-year rent freeze but also a rent cap that allows for rent decreases on a large scale. In Ireland, housing policy and specifically continued rental regulation was one of the major topics in the electoral campaign. Highly political discussions about rental regulation are also taking place in the US, UK, Sweden, Spain and other countries.

Against this background, a two day virtual workshop initiated by ENHR WG Housing Finance was organized on 20-21 January 2021. The aim of this workshop was two-fold. Firstly, the workshop should allow for the exchange of ideas and experiences on rental regulation. Secondly, the workshop should give researchers a forum to get feedback on potential submissions for a special issue of the International Journal of Housing Policy. Editors of this special issue are Christine Whitehead (London School of Economics) and Michael Voigtländer (German Economic Institute / Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft). All in all, 12 papers were presented by researchers from all over the world. Although the workshop was virtual, participants benefitted from intensive and fruitful discussions.

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Introduction	Michael Voigtländer/ Christine Whitehead
Short-term effects of the Berlin rent freeze	Pekka Sagner / Michael Voigtländer Discussant: Chris Martin
Regulation of the private rented sector in London: politics and economics	Christine Whitehead / Kath Scanlon Discussant: Pekka Sagner
Rent regulation in Australia during the COVID-19 emergency	Chris Martin / Alistair Sisson / Sian Thompson: Discussant: Kath Scanlon
Widening the diversity of private rented markets in Spain: the need for better knowledge to improve action	Montserrat Pareja Eastaway / Teresa Sánchez-Martínez Discussant: Jan-Philipp Weber

Does Rent Control policy Inhibit new construction? Some Answers from Long-Run Historical Evidence	Konstantin A. Kholodilin / Sebastian Kohl Discussant: Montserrat Pareja Eastaway
On the Cross Country Private Rent Regulation Index	Gabriel Lee / Jan Philip Weber Discussant: Sebastian Kohl

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Introduction	Michael Voigtländer / Christine Whitehead
Regulating rent through land policies: historical overview and recent trends in Austria and Vienna	Marco Peverini Discussant: Sónia Alves
Energy efficiency retrofit decisions in Victoria, Australia: A survey of small-scale private landlords	Michaela Lang Discussant: Marco Peverini
The impacts of recent reforms on Portugal's private rental sector	Sónia Alves / Alda Azevedo / Luís Mendese / Katielle Silva Discussant: Michaela Lang
Reviewing Rent Pressure Zones: An Exploration into Ireland's Recent Rent Control Regime	Conor O'Toole Discussant: Kenton Card
Rent regulation: Unpacking UK and Devolved Debates	Ken Gibb / Adriana Soaita / Alex Marsh Discussant: Conor O'Toole
How interest groups Influence Rent Control Policies: Comparing Tenant and Landlord Collective Action across Housing Regimes in Los Angeles and Berlin	Kenton Card Discussant: Ken Gibb

WG Globalization and Homeownership

Justin Kadi, Caroline Dewilde and Richard Ronald (coordinators)

Call for Papers Recent dynamics in homeownership and housing wealth

In the years following the Global Financial Crisis and up to the onset of the pandemic, the distribution of homeownership and housing wealth in advanced societies had become increasingly uneven. Property ownership and wealth accumulation processes have thus developed more clearly along socio-economic, generational and geographical lines than in the past, reshaping social, economic and political relations more broadly. To what extent the pandemic has intensified, mitigated or reversed these developments, and in what ways, is still unclear. Public debates suggest that COVID-19 has to some extent shifted housing preferences away from urban areas and reinforced the demand for second homes, but at a yet unknown scale. The aim of this workshop is to bring together research that explores recent dynamics in homeownership (including access, use, meanings, practices) and/or housing wealth and their societal consequences since the Global Financial Crisis, as well as research that specifically engages with the impact of COVID-19 on these dimensions.

We welcome presentations of work in progress, but encourage full paper presentations. The workshop will take place online. A zoom link will be sent to the participants.

Date: May 27th (time to be announced)

Submission of abstracts: by email by 30th of March to [Justin Kadi](mailto:Justin.Kadi@tuwien.ac.at)

See also https://ifip.tuwien.ac.at/veranstaltungen/call_for_papers/

WG Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics

Rory Coulter, Tomáš Samec, Michael Thomas and Isabel Palomares Linares (coordinators)

Successful online workshop

On the 28th and 29th of January 2021, the online Workshop on Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics was successfully celebrated. The workshop covered a broad range of research topics through four sessions with the following themes: (i) residential mobility and internal migration; (ii) international migration; (iii) young adults; (iv) and housing.

A total of 20 papers - 5 for each session - were selected to be presented at the workshop. The meeting was attended by around 40 people from across Europe and beyond. The high quality of the papers presented, the variety of methodological approaches (from qualitative to quantitative methods) and the variety of societal contexts covered by the presenters and participants, allowed us to have a rich picture of the state of the art. Participants also had a number of productive discussions about current and future opportunities and challenges for family and residential behaviour research.

The WG coordinators found that online workshops can be a powerful tool to keep in touch and to build links between researchers based in different countries. We now hope to make some form of online event an extra feature of the WG's annual activities.

WG Private Rented Markets

Aideen Hayden and Paddy Gray (coordinators)

ENHR Private Rented Markets workshop on the impact of COVID-19 on the private rental sector in Europe

Expressions of interest for a potential ENHR Private Rented Markets workshop on the impact of COVID-19 on the private rental sector in Europe. This will be a one to two-day online conference in April-June 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on economies across Europe. It has put a spotlight on those enduring housing affordability and quality gaps, particularly among low income and vulnerable households. People living in poor quality housing or unsafe living conditions face elevated health and safety risks, while workers experiencing sudden economic loss struggle to cover their monthly rent, mortgage or utility payments without assistance (OECD 2020). The impact of the pandemic however has been different across sectors and industries with workers in hospitality, accommodation, tourism, and food services particularly hardest hit. Households working in these areas are often living in the private rental sector. While many countries have introduced emergency measures to help alleviate immediate challenges for renting households, the impacts for longer term affordability and employment prospects is of considerable concern and require focus from an academic and policy perspective.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS



An Ghníomhaireacht
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The Housing Agency

The Housing Agency
www.housingagency.ie/

The Cost of Poor Housing in Ireland – by Simon Nicol, Justine Piddington & Helen Garrett

The Housing Agency is working with a consortium looking at the common hazards in Irish housing that impact on older people's health. As part of this work, the Building Research Establishment (BRE) Trust recently published a report estimating the impact of poor housing in Ireland on the health of older people which can be found [here](#).

For further information contact [Roslyn Molloy](#) of the Research Department at the Housing Agency:



About The Housing Agency

The Housing Agency was set up to support local authorities, approved housing bodies (housing associations) and government in the delivery of housing and housing services in Ireland. The vision of The Housing Agency is to enable everyone to live in good quality, affordable homes in sustainable communities, and it is driven by the understanding of the central role that housing plays in people's quality of life and life chances. One of the Agency's core activities is research, particularly to inform policy and practice. The Agency undertakes in-house research and data analysis, commissions research, works in partnership with other housing bodies on research projects and provides housing research support to other state agencies.

Contact: [Karl Burke](#).



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Healthy Ageing Month Event Summary



The Healthy Ageing and Care Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange (RIKE) Network held a month of free, online lunchtime webinars, discussions and talks during November 2020 to mark the start of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Decade of Healthy Ageing: 'Healthy Ageing: Visions for our Futures'. The programme contained 29 talks, webinars and panel discussions delivered by 87 panellists and within four themes:

1. Our Decade of Healthy Ageing - visions and future priorities
2. Ageing Well
3. Homes and neighbourhoods for healthy ageing
4. Work and Ageing

The programme showcased the breadth of expertise within Oxford Brookes on the Healthy Ageing agenda, and also facilitated some new multidisciplinary delivery. It drew on contributions from high profile external experts, including international academics. It demonstrated a collaborative approach with many sessions including panellists from different sectors, as well as individuals with lived experience. It facilitated new collaborations and partnerships amongst panellists.

A high number of people engaged in the programme: more than 2,000 bookings were taken, which translated into 1,326 attendances plus 636 viewings of the recordings of the session (by end December). These included academics and non-academics, people from different organisations, disciplines, geographical locations (including international) and including individuals and representatives of our local communities. The network has now developed an external mailing list for people interested in keeping up-to-date with future events and research programmes (currently 150 people).

Brookes Research Excellent Awards

Dr Youngha Cho and Dr Ben Spencer in the School of the Built Environment, won Brookes Research Excellent Award for a research project, The impact of the 'home office' environment on productivity and work well-being in an ageing workforce. The aim of the study is to determine to what extent the indoor home-office environment impacts an ageing workforce's productivity and work associated well-being in comparison to a younger workforce. The project will be completed in December 2021.

As part of OBU Healthy Ageing and Care RIKE Network, Research project competition 2020-21, Dr Youngha Cho (PI), Dr Juliet Carpenter in the School of the Built Environment and Dr Jo Brett in Faculty of Health and Life Sciences have awarded Brookes Research Excellent Award for a research project, Integration of fast track home modification services in health and social care

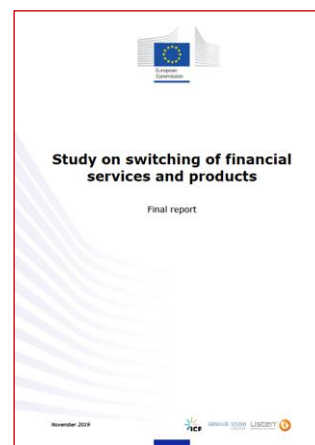
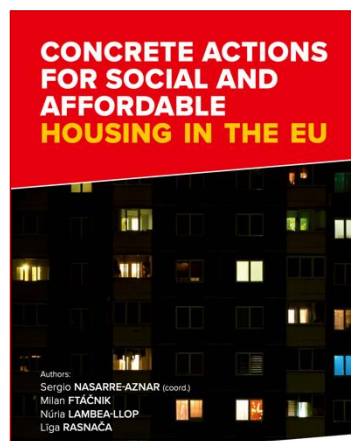
services. The team will work with various industry partners for the interdisciplinary research project for the next six months.

Exploring lessons from COVID for the role of the voluntary sector in Integrated Care Systems

Dr Juliet Carpenter in the school of the Built Environment and the team started a research project, 'Exploring lessons from COVID for the role of the voluntary sector in Integrated Care Systems'. The project aims to investigate how the experiences of mutual aid organisations responding to COVID-19 can be captured and capitalised upon, to strengthen integrated partnership working between the voluntary sector, local authorities and the National Health Service, with a particular focus on the older population. These objectives complement existing themes within the Healthy Ageing and Care Research Network, in particular 'Supporting social connections' and bring together researchers across disciplines with mutual research interests.



New books and studies



Concrete actions for social and affordable housing in the EU (2021). Prof. S. Nasarre-Aznar (coord.) (UNESCO Housing Chair – Rovira i Virgili University), Prof. M. Ftáčnik (Comenius University, Bratislava) N. Lambea-Llop (UNESCO Housing Chair – Rovira i Virgili University) and Dr. L. Rasnača (University of Latvia) authored this report edited by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS). It identifies the main challenges related to social and affordable housing and proposes practical and policy-oriented solutions to deliver tangible results for European citizens based upon successful multi-level experiences in a selection of countries. The report can be [here](#).

Study on switching of financial services and products (EU Commission, 2020). This report assesses the ability and willingness of consumers to switch products and services is central to well-functioning markets and detects that switching of residential mortgages is typically more challenging given the conditions required for early repayment or refinancing of mortgages. The full report may be accessed [here](#):

Youtube channel of the UNESCO Housing Chair – Rovira i Virgili University

The UNESCO Housing Chair launched its own Youtube channel, where any interested researcher may find the recording of past events, such as housing webinars, interviews,

activities, etc. You may access the channel and subscribe here:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCFTDIqq7QTTKJszbXH14prA

Book presentation

Presentación del libro

La sustitución de la renta por la rehabilitación o reforma de la vivienda en los arrendamientos urbanos

3 de marzo de 2021, 18h (CET)
En directo vía Teams: shorturl.at/tzLO

"La rehabilitación por renta puede llegar a ser una alternativa real al dominio y al alquiler con pago en dinero, favoreciendo el acceso a la vivienda de aquellos sectores de la población con menos recursos"

A cargo de:

Sr. Francisco Javier Martín Ramiro - Director General de la DG de Arquitectura, Vivienda y Suelo, Ministerio de Transportes, Movilidad y Agenda Urbana

Sr. Lluís Comerón Graupera - Presidente del Consejo Superior de los Colegios de Arquitectos de España

Dra. Rosa María García Teruel - autora del libro e investigadora postdoctoral en la Cátedra UNESCO de Vivienda - Universidad Rovira i Virgili

La sustitución de la renta por la rehabilitación o reforma de la vivienda en los arrendamientos urbanos [The replacement of the rent for renovations or reforms in the rented housing in urban leases] by Dr. Rosa María García Teruel (Ed.), Tirant lo Blanch, Housing Law Collection). The book presentation took place online on Wednesday, 3 March. The presentation was led by Mr. Francisco Javier Martín Ramiro, Director General of the DG of Architecture, Housing and Land of the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda of Spain, and Mr. Lluís Comerón Graupera, President of the Spanish General Council of Professional Associations of Architects. You find more information [here](#).

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In memoriam Jeroen van der Veer (1964-2020)



Jeroen van der Veer, born and raised in Amsterdam, had lost his heart to the city. He had all the numbers in his head. "His most important product" says Egbert de Vries, director of the Amsterdam Federation of Housing Corporations (now the new alderman for Traffic and

Transport), “was the federation's database, which contains all the details of the housing associations' 186,000 Amsterdam homes.” Anyone who wants to achieve something in public housing in the city can no longer ignore Van der Veer's work.

Jeroen was curious and unbiased. He was committed to affordable housing. That is the basis of our tolerant city. He was also considered an exporter of social housing. Van der Veer, married to the Japanese Ashimi, was often found in the Far East. “Delegations who had never heard of social housing wanted to know all about it thanks to Van der Veer. “We admired the apps with photos of Jeroen, giving lectures everywhere and shaking hands with one mayor after the other of yet another metropolis. On the other hand he was a modest man, who in the hospital was surprised by the enormous amount of tickets he received.”

A hard-working, slightly absent-minded public housing provider, Van der Veer could just show up for work wearing two different shoes. De Vries: “Jeroen was the federation. He often spoke of us as ‘his friends’. People with whom you like to drink a beer after work and send apps to during the weekend.”

Amsterdam has gained a new annual prize: the Jeroen van der Veer Prize for the best graduation thesis in the field of public housing. “We are honoring the contribution that young people make to thinking about the city,” says De Vries. But above all, it honors the namesake, urban geographer Jeroen van der Veer, who worked for the federation for 23 years as a researcher and promoter of social housing.

Jeroen de Vries was a long-term ENHR member.

(This In memoriam is based on information by AFWC.)



**University of Cambridge
Cambridge Centre for Housing
and Planning Research (CCHPR)**
www.cchpr.landecon.cam.ac.uk/

New research published by the Centre

Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research have published a number of reports and blogs over the last six months on a variety of topics, including a national market review of shared ownership and the geographies of modern methods of construction in the UK. All our publications can be downloaded from our website, www.cchpr.landecon.cam.ac.uk.

Follow [@CCHPR1](https://twitter.com/CCHPR1) on Twitter for our latest research news.



European Federation for Living (EFL)
www.ef-l.eu/

EFL Academy, Summer School and Course in Paris

One of the ways our network members and associates share knowledge is through the [EFL Academy](#). The EFL Academy provides online learning courses for housing professionals. Because we've already had webinars on various topics, we are expanding our knowledge-sharing and building services by giving our members access to exclusive online courses. And since 2017, we organise – together with EBZ Business School, IWO Eastern Europe and Housing Europe – a [Summer School](#). The Summer School offers young professionals from the European housing sector the opportunity to be part of an exclusive international exchange every summer. This year, the event will be online, but we hope to offer this educational and networking week at the premises in Bochum (Germany) again next year.

New in our assortment is the exclusive [Executive Course](#), hosted by Sciences Po University in Paris for EFL and Housing Europe members in September 2021. The course is called ‘Leading

in Uncertain Times: Leadership Programme for Housing Executives'. With a diverse range of interactive workshops given by esteemed experts, the course will offer tools to tackle the current and future challenges facing the housing sector. It will also provide a platform to network with high-level professionals working in the field.

Education: do you want to share your knowledge with us?

Our network is eager to learn, and therefore, we are always looking for professionals who would like to join and share their knowledge on topics related to the housing sector. So, if you have a course or want to develop one, or want to join a webinar as an academic professional and/or have a suggestion you would like to share, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at info@ef-l.eu. Think of the following themes: Housing and New Technologies, Trends in European Rental Market Regulation, Insights Pertaining to Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics, Post-Covid-19 housing Challenges in Southern Europe and Beyond, and: the Housing Related Impacts of the Pandemic Sessions.

EFL is a housing network combining knowledge, expertise and active co-creation for and from housing actors across Europe. We run educational courses on housing, offering professionals across the career spectrum the chance to build on their knowledge and collectively develop solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing the sector today.



The Institute for Urban Economics (IUE)
www.urbaneconomics.ru/en

25th Anniversary report IUE (1995-2020)

The Institute for Urban Economics began its work 25 years ago, guided by a mission that has remained constant throughout all these years – providing analysis and assistance for the socio-economic development of cities and regions. There have been many changes in our country over those 25 years, but the Institute has remained faithful to its ideals and principles. Over these years, the IUE has made a genuine contribution to Russia's economic and social development, providing expert support to the local and federal authorities, businesses and non-commercial organizations involved in the economic development of our cities.

The Institute has been an active participant in the drafting and implementation of key laws, strategies and programs aimed at improvement of housing and urban policies, housing and utilities reform, municipal socio-economic development, and spreading best practices in municipal governance.

The IUE Endowment provides a sound financial foundation, supporting opportunities to conduct pilot research, deliver the results of our research to a wider range of stakeholders, monitor the economic and housing situations in cities and metropolitan areas.

The results of all research financed through the IUE Endowment are available on our web-site and are accessible to all.

IUE has also established and strengthened its international reputation, and for the last five years has been in the Top 50 of the Global Go Think Tank Index in the "Leading Analytical Institutes of Central and Eastern Europe" and "Leading Analytical Institutes in Social Policy" categories.

In 2019, the Institute continued active work on its chosen areas of priority. An important milestone was the completion of analysis and preparation of complex proposals for improvement of the system of social housing provision for beneficiary categories of citizens in the Russian Federation, carried out to order of the Integrated Housing Development Institution (DOM.RF). Other significant projects for the Institute were the preparation of proposals for granting broader powers to Russian regional governments in the areas of urban planning, land and housing, as well as the evaluation of the implementation of regional housing construction

policy in the Moscow mega-region (both studies ordered by the Center for Strategic Development); analysis and preparation of proposals for improving state oversight of utilities connection for capital construction (ordered by the Department of Urban Planning Policy of the Moscow Government).

Last year, the Institute completed two grant-funded projects: Multi-apartment building management contract: Do It Yourself! (Supported by Grant from the President of the Russian Federation for civil society development and IUE endowment) and Practical Guide for building-neighbourhood activists: Roadmap for multi-apartment building overhaul (Grant from Moscow Major and IUE endowment). We believe these projects are highly important because they promote the development of civil society institutions and affect the lives of real people.

The achieved results, of which we are rightfully proud, would have been impossible without the support of our colleagues and partners. We express our deep gratitude to the state and local government agencies, leading centers of socioeconomic analysis, universities and businesses, and the media for their assistance in bringing our work to life, and also those who placed orders for work with the IUE, grantors and donors to IUE Endowment. The report can be downloaded [here](#).

Roundtable discussion

IUE Executive Director and Director of the Real Estate Market Department Tatyana D. Polidi took part in the roundtable discussion 'The economic effects of flexible work arrangements: trends and forecasts'

The online discussion was held by the Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects of the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia. The event was attended by experts from leading international organizations, think tanks and companies (OECD, ILO, Facebook, APEC, the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, EY, VEB.Ventures, etc.).

The wide spread of flexible work arrangements in the world economy (e.g. remote work, flexible schedules, occasional remote work, etc.) is forecasted to drive labor productivity, labor force participation, innovation and, as a result, GDP growth.

On top of the direct macroeconomic impact, the mass adoption of flexible work arrangements will also lead to sectoral tectonic shifts. To name but a few trends: approaches to calculating workers' compensation will change; taxation schemes will become more complicated; and urban policies will need to adapt to the inflow of remote workers to second tier cities and their outflow from the mega-cities. New consumer needs and, thus, business opportunities will arise from all of the above-mentioned trends.

As the Russian government embarks on the journey of devising measures supporting the adoption of flexible work arrangements, it is critical to take all the macroeconomic effects and sectoral shifts into account.

Tatyana Polidi shared her vision of the problem and presented a slide-show [Russian Metropolitan Areas: Economic Structure and Urban Spatial Models](#), based on the research made by the Institute for Urban Economics. The expert answered relevant and fundamental questions: Does the population movement trend that we see today mean there are going to be long-term changes in the urban planning? And if so, how should the governments adapt? An online translation record is available on a [FB page](#) and here's the [link to the agenda](#).



London School of Economics
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Current research

The LSE team has kept working on research on the Impact of COVID-19 on the use of temporary accommodation in London. The project is led by Professor Christine Whitehead and Dr. Nancy Holman. In November 2020, we estimated the effect of the pandemic on the number of homeless households and evictions in London and England. We published our findings in the report "[Where now for the Private Rented Sector?](#)". Our Deputy Director Christine Whitehead also discussed

findings in a short video, reporting the possible impact on the private rented sector of COVID-19 and rising unemployment.

We are continuing our research investigating how the coronavirus pandemic, in combination with selective licensing of private landlords, welfare reforms and increased taxation, is affecting the behaviour of individual private landlords, and rents and conditions for tenants, at the lower end of the private rental market. Read more on our [blog](#).

In November 2020, we published '[Thinking outside the box: Exploring innovations in affordable home ownership](#)' in collaboration with CaCHE. In this publication, Christine Whitehead together with Peter Williams from the University of Cambridge explored how government sponsored and market based 'affordable' products have worked to date and what can be done to improve the current situation.

Christine Whitehead was a member of the Archbishop's Housing Commission whose Report '[Coming Home: Tackling the Housing Crisis together](#)' was launched recently. This report sets out vital actions for the Church, Government and other stakeholders to take with a focus on building better communities and more truly affordable homes, not just houses.



Observatori Metropolità de l'Habitatge de Barcelona
www.ohb.cat/lse.ac.uk/

New research published by the Observatory

During 2020, the O-HB has carried out an extensive research working plan. The effects of COVID-19 on the housing sector in Barcelona and its metropolitan area have been analysed through a survey in which 6,084 households took part. The results of this survey have been divided into 3 research laboratories: [Questionnaire 'Living in lockdown': Negotiation of mortgages and rents](#) (launched by the O-HB in July 2020), [Questionnaire 'Living in lockdown'. Demand in the rental market of the metropolitan area of Barcelona](#) (launched by the O-HB in January 2021), and Questionnaire 'Living in lockdown, living conditions' (to be presented in the first half of 2021).

Also focusing on COVID-19, the laboratory '[Comparison of rental policies during the COVID-19 in Spain, Germany and France](#)' was developed. Furthermore, other research projects have been carried out, such as "Supply and demand in the rental market" (two editions: [July 2020](#) and [October 2020](#), a quarterly study based on data from real-estate webs were analysed to determine the evolution of the rental market), '[Structure and concentration of the rental market in Catalonia](#)' and '[Home ownership structure and concentration in Barcelona](#)'.

Further information in our website: <https://www.ohb.cat/?lang=en>

The Barcelona Metropolitan Housing Observatory (O-HB) is a supra-municipal instrument whose aim is to analyse and consult housing-related data to support the design of public housing policies in the metropolitan area of Barcelona. It was created in 2017 as a joint initiative of the Barcelona City Council, the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB), the Barcelona Provincial Council and the Government of Catalonia and with the support of the Association of Social Housing Managers (GHS). Since 2018, it is a unit integrated into the structure of the Barcelona Institute of Regional and Metropolitan Studies (IERMB).



Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

urbanaffairsassociation.org/

First Journal of Urban Affairs Special Issue for 2021 with video content

In our ongoing efforts to promote free access to the Journal of Urban Affairs content, articles from our special issue Cities, Networks, and Urban Policy are available now for download. We are grateful to Taylor & Francis and the UAA for supporting us in the efforts to promote open access to the JUA content. Articles in this issue will be available for free over the coming weeks. Video presentations by some of the special issue authors are also available on the JUABlog. All the videos published on the [JUABlog](#) will remain available on the site throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

The [post First Journal of Urban Affairs Special Issue](#) for 2021 with video content is now available.



**Uppsala University
Institute for housing and Urban Research**

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Online seminars resulted in broader outreach

Like everybody else, The Institute for Housing and Urban Research has been struggling to keep the work running despite the pandemic. Especially fieldwork and collaboration activities have been affected by the distance work. In addition, the institute's appreciated collaboration conference on housing, held every 18 months, was last year first postponed and then later cancelled. Instead, we tried a new concept with a popular scientific webcasted breakfast seminars on a new theme every month. The format have been one hour moderated talks and discussions with 4-5 researchers and other guest from our field. The audience have been municipalities, organizations, authorities and other researchers, who are encouraged to ask questions via the chat function. These new seminars, which sprung from the circumstances, have become a great success and helped us with a broader outreach for our research. The breakfast seminars will not be able to replace our housing conference, but they will be a great complement even in the future.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

ADVANCED INTRODUCTION TO HOUSING STUDIES

By William A.V. Clark

This Advanced Introduction explores the links between housing and households, including the complex process of how people sort themselves into houses and neighborhoods. It covers the choices that households make, why these choices are made, and the constraints faced in achieving housing aspirations, with a particular focus on the contemporary difficulties facing young adults and those unable to buy a house despite a reasonable income.

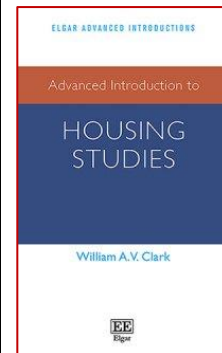
Key features include:

- using the concept of the life course to analyse residential decisions and choices
- discussing tenure choice, affordability and social housing, as well as how neighborhoods matter in urban studies
- reviewing what is known about how the housing market operates, and how families and individuals engage with the process of becoming homeowners
- providing new information on the urban housing environment in a time of rising inequality, low income growth and extensive regulation in the housing market.

William Clark is a research professor of geography at University of California, Los Angeles (USA) and a member of ENHR.

2021, 240 p., ISBN 978-1-78990-833-6, Edward Elgar

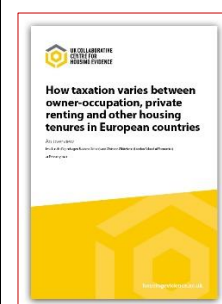
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HOW TAXATION VARIES BETWEEN OWNER-OCCUPATION, PRIVATE RENTING AND OTHER HOUSING TENURES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

By Jens Lunde and Christine Whitehead

Housing and land is once again rising near to the top of the taxation agenda in many countries as governments look for ways of raising additional revenue in a post COVID-19 world. Not surprisingly most of the discussion is around what might be politically acceptable rather than what would be best for the housing system. Yet in many countries, the housing tax system distorts decisions both with respect to tenure choice and the level of investment in housing, with significant negative impacts on productivity as well as on wealth and its distribution. In this context economists see housing as an asset and therefore would like to see it taxed as other investment goods. But from governments' point of view the main issues are, on the one hand, that it could be a significant source of additional revenue and, on the other, that voters are very sensitive to change. And from the owners' perspective any increase in housing taxation will reduce property values and therefore leave them with capital losses. In this paper, the authors explore some of these topics from a comparative perspective, examining some twenty European countries together with Australia and the USA as comparable developed economies.



<p>The material has been collected by country experts, who were also mainly involved in <i>Milestones in European Housing Finance</i> (Lunde & Whitehead (eds.), 2016).</p> <p>The purpose of the report has been to compare information about the full range of housing taxes across countries.</p> <p>Jens Lunde and Christine Whitehead are both members of ENHR.</p> <p><i>Free download of the report here.</i></p>	
<p>MIGRANTS AND NATIVES: 'THEM' AND 'US' MAINSTREAM AND RADICAL RIGHT POLITICAL RHETORIC IN EUROPE <i>BY Kristina Boréus</i></p> <p>The book contributes to understanding migration discourses of radical right and racist parties across Europe. This detailed analysis points out a frightening development: the normalization of right-wing populist and racist discourses among mainstream parties. The book is firmly grounded in political histories. Kristina Boréus (Uppsala University) uses a commanding knowledge of migration policy and an in-depth database on policy discourses to provide a forensic account of how these policies are discussed and shaped, both from the mainstream and fringes, in six key European country cases. There is reason for concern – and it's not only the radical right we need to worry about.</p> <p>Boréus shows in an accessible and methodologically accurate way that the rhetoric and the discourses that target migrants in a negative way contribute to naturalize discrimination and patterns of poisoning racialization.</p> <p><i>2020, 144 p., ISBN: 9781526475039, SAGE Swifts</i> http://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/migrants-and-natives-them-and-us/book266956</p>	
<p>NEW TOWNS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY A GUIDE TO PLANNED COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE <i>Edited by Richard Peiser and Ann Forsyth</i></p> <p>The latest book in the Penn IUR/Penn Press City in the 21st City series examines the potential for new towns – large, comprehensively planned developments on newly urbanized land – to address looming urban development challenges around the world. The contributors examine new town design, planning, finances, management, governance, quality of life, and sustainability.</p> <p>From garden cities to science cities, new capitals to large military facilities, hundreds were built in the twentieth century and their approaches to planning and development were influential far beyond the new towns themselves. Although new towns are notoriously difficult to execute and their popularity has waxed and waned, major new town initiatives are increasing around the globe, notably in East Asia, South Asia, and Africa.</p> <p>New Towns for the Twenty-First Century considers the ideals behind new-town development, the practice of building them, and their outcomes. Case studies provide histories of new towns in the United States, Asia, Africa, and Europe and impart lessons learned from practitioners. The volume identifies opportunities afforded by new towns for confronting future challenges related to climate change, urban population growth, affordable housing, economic development, and quality of life.</p>	

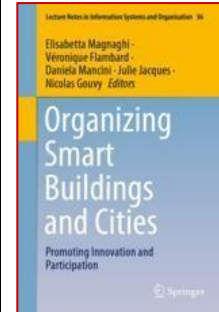
2021, 600 p., ISBN 9780812251913
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ORGANIZING SMART BUILDINGS AND CITIES. PROMOTING INNOVATION AND PARTICIPATION

By E. Magnaghi, V. Flambard, D. Mancini, J. Jacques and N. Gouvy (Eds.)

Focuses on key organizational success factors for smart buildings and smart cities Features examples of good practices in IT integration Includes a chapter on a living-lab experiment The United Nations included sustainable cities and communities in its 2030 SDGs. Cities and, on a smaller scale, neighborhoods, building managers and firms are now adopting technologies and information systems to help achieve the energy, economic, social and environmental transition. This volume gathers contributions on the key organizational success factors for this transition. To do so, it analyzes the role of information systems, use of data, and technological assistance solutions from multiple perspectives. The goal is to develop a framework that can successfully apply information systems to organizational and environmental issues for smart cities and smart buildings. Accordingly, the book addresses living-lab experiment evaluation techniques, and provides critical analyses of the role of the environment, context and users' behavioral responses. In addition, it discusses key questions on the efficient management of resources, need for appropriate IT solutions, and employing co-creation with users to improve planning and organization. Véronique Flambard is professor of Economics at Lille Catholic University and member of ENHR.

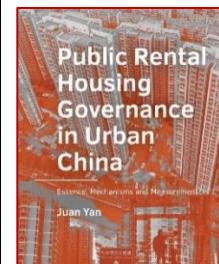
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PUBLIC RENTAL HOUDING GOVERNANCE IN URBAN CHINA ESSENCE, MECHANISMS AND MEASUREMENT (dissertation)

By Juan Yan

Housing has become inaccessible for many families in China since the privatization and commercialization of the sector. By delegating powers, improvements are possible, notes Juan Yan in her doctoral research. Leasing land to private parties brings local governments money. And that is important for municipalities that also have to build their own infrastructure. Realizing affordable housing shifted to the second plan, as it only costs money. The consequence is a glaring housing shortage. In 2010 the Chinese government launched the Public Rental Housing (PRH) policy to prevent further derailment. The government delegates its responsibility to other parties in the housing market and is listening more to the tenants. Part of the PRH policy is so called Inclusionary Housing (IH), which is also popular in UK. Commercial developers are thereby obliged to realize 5 to 30 percent of their projects in the social segment; they build them for the government. Juan's study reveals the essence of the current Chinese PRH governance and shows the structures and mechanisms for non-governmental actors to play a role in the governance of PRH. She



also shows the tenants' perspective is important and demonstrates the challenges of Inclusionary Housing in China.

2020, 182 p., ISBN 978-94-6366-374-8, Series A+BE | Architecture and the Built Environment

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SQUATTERS IN THE CAPITALIST CITY. HOUSING, JUSTICE, AND URBAN POLITICS

By Miguel Martinez

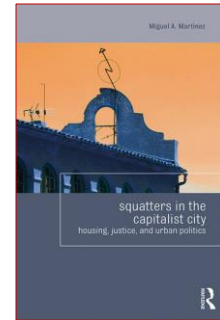
To date, there has been no comprehensive analysis of the disperse research on the squatters' movement in Europe. In *Squatters in the Capitalist City*, Miguel A. Martínez López presents a critical review of the current research on squatting and of the historical development of the movements in European cities according to their major social, political and spatial dimensions.

Comparing cities, contexts, and the achievements of the squatters' movements, this book presents the view that squatting is not simply a set of isolated, illegal and marginal practices, but is a long-lasting urban and transnational movement with significant and broad implications. While intersecting with different housing struggles, squatters face various aspects of urban politics and enhance the content of the movements claiming for a 'right to the city.' This book seeks to understand both the socio-spatial and political conditions favourable to the emergence and development of squatting, and the nature of the interactions between squatters, authorities and property owners by discussing the trajectory, features and limitations of squatting as a potential radicalisation of urban democracy.

Miguel A. Martínez is Professor of Sociology at the IBF (Institute for Housing and Urban Research), Uppsala University, Sweden.

2020, 294 p., ISBN 9781138856950, Routledge

www.amazon.com/Squatters-Capitalist-City-Housing-Politics-ebook/dp/B07X7FPG2L



CALENDAR

Send your information about interesting events to ENHR@tudelft.nl

25 March 2021, 15:30-17:30 CET

Housing affordability and the city. Trends, challenges and opportunities (Lecture series)

Lecture series aiming at exploring themes through the contribution of international scholars and at fostering a discussion among the participants. Speaker: prof. Christine Whitehead on the post COVID housing market in London. For (free) registration: [Rebecca Cavicchia](#) (PhD Candidate at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences) and [Marco Peverini](#) (PhD Candidate at the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU) at Politecnico di Milano).

14-15 April 2021

Housing Studies Association 2021 Conference 'Preparing for the future and learning from the past' (online conference)

This conference celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the HSA. The closing date for submitting abstracts is 26 February 2021.

More information [here](#).

21 April 2021, 09:30-11:30 CET

Housing affordability and the city. Trends, challenges and opportunities (Lecture series)

Lecture series aiming at exploring themes through the contribution of international scholars and at fostering a discussion among the participants. Speaker: Melissa García Lamarca on Real Estate Investment Trusts: socio-spatial inequalities and resistance in Barcelona. For (free) registration: [Rebecca Cavicchia](#) (PhD Candidate at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences) and [Marco Peverini](#) (PhD Candidate at the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU) at Politecnico di Milano).

23 April 2021, 9 am - 6 pm EDT

UAA Symposium Confronting COVID, racial injustice, and economic inequality

Five 1,5 hour sessions with selected speakers.

More about prices and registration [here](#). ENHR members enjoy a discount.

20-21 May 2021

Smart and Sustainable Cities Conference (webinar and possibly also some sessions in Lille, France)

Full paper or long abstract submission: 15 March 15, 2021. The best papers will be considered for publication in a Special Issue 'Economy and Finance in Smart-Cities' in Smart Cities.

No registration fees. More information [here](#) or contact [Fateh Beliad and Veronique Flambard](#).

15-18 June 2021

Third International Social Housing Festival 2021

Subscribe to the [festival newsletter](#) to stay informed on news and get a notification when the festival program is released and registration opens.

30 August – 2 September 2021, Nicosia (Cyprus)

ENHR annual conference Unsettled settlements: Housing in unstable contexts

More information will follow.

31 October – 3 November 2021

Housing Education & Research Association (HERA) conference in Minneapolis (USA): 'Cities on the Move: Transportation, Design, and Housing Opportunities'

Submit abstracts by 1 April 2021.

More information you find [here](#).

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