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EDITORIAL

East European Housing and Urban Policy Working Group: Time for a change

The East European Housing and Urban Policy working group (WG) is one of the oldest working groups within the ENHR. Initially called East European Housing Policy, it was created in 1989 and is one of the eleven initial working groups in ENHR (three of those are still active today). Its first coordinators were Iván Tosics and József Hegedüs, joined by Raymond Struyk (1996-2005), Sasha Tsenkova in 2003 and Richard Sendi in 2015. Upon its creation, the founders defined the main objectives of the WG as “to produce within two or three years a research document on the history and development of the East European policies”. It was anticipated that the WG would become “an information centre for the region, being able to provide a database and inventory on [research] projects”.

Over the last thirty years the WG created a very diverse multidisciplinary network of established and emerging researchers that actively participated in its workshops organised during ENHR conferences. Various scholars also collaborated within the WG on a series of edited volumes on comparative housing policy, peer reviewed articles, smaller country specific thematic workshops on topical issues such as social housing, housing finance, housing management, energy efficiency retrofits, informal housing. The technical assistance programs of multilateral agencies (World Bank, Council of Europe Development Bank and the United Nations, coupled with bilateral projects) provided a significant boost to the development of research capacity in the region and facilitated comparative research and diffusion of knowledge. Since the mid-2000s, the expansion of the European Union to include ten new member states created opportunities for joint research on a variety of issues where housing was incorporated into large scale research on urban regeneration, housing estates, social exclusion and urban energy poverty. Researchers from CEE countries added their voice to such studies and explorations. However, these might have been more opportunistic choices in housing research as opposed to authentic impetus from the region to address issues that matter most.

East European research institutions have undertaken the huge task of organising an ENHR conference (Noszvaj-Hungary, 1989; Budapest-Hungary, 1993; Piran-Slovenia, 1997; Balatonfüred-Hungary, 1999; Pultusk-Poland, 2001; Tirana-Albania, 2003; Ljubljana-Slovenia, 2006; Prague-Czech Republic, 2009, Tirana-Albania, 2017 and Łódź-Poland, forthcoming in 2023). Notwithstanding the achievements of the WG, its activities have gradually declined in the last few years. While it previously attracted larger numbers of participants, there has been a significant decrease in the level of engagement in recent ENHR conferences. Hugo Priemus noted that: “In Budapest [1993], one third of the participants came from East-Central European countries, a share unimaginable earlier – and also difficult to reach since then, as sponsorship (and, unfortunately, interest in housing research) has decreased in Eastern Europe” (ENHR Newsletter, May 2013). The initial objective to maintain a platform for the active exchange of knowledge and information on housing issues in CEE countries seems to have lost ground.

Discussions with WG members indicate that the original aims and the regional focus might not be as relevant today compared to the start of the transition to markets and democracy in the 1990s. While the transitional narrative is still important, the people in CEE feel that they are part of a wider Europe and look forward to a new and different future. It is true, indeed, that there were initially issues in the field of housing research, which were common to all countries in the region. Housing researchers were eager to discuss and exchange ideas with colleagues from other CEE countries on strategies to reform the socialist housing legacy. ENHR conferences were an excellent platform for such diffusion of policy and research. Common topics were, for

example, the housing policy changes introduced during the 'transition period', which included the evaluation of the effects of the privatisation of the public housing, restitution, housing allowances and condominium management systems. Researchers also had a common interest in investigating whether housing policies were converging or diverging in the region. The WG provided an excellent platform for the useful exchange of experiences and knowledge on these and other important issues of common interest. And while there may be housing problems that continue to be experienced by many of the countries in the region (such as the excessively high levels of homeownership versus a critical shortage of rented housing, coupled with an unregulated private rental sector), there does not seem to be much interest to maintain a focus on CEE countries. In general, the involvement of researchers from the region is small and declining in ENHR conferences.

Several factors contribute to this change. First, there is an absence of institutional support to enable participation and a general lack of institutional anchors funding multidisciplinary housing research. While some of the academic institutions may have the occasional course on housing in their urban planning, sociology, economics or urban geography degrees, the lack of specialist housing studies in the educational systems contributes to the limited pool of multidisciplinary housing scholars. Second, the deficit in housing research funding and education is the direct consequence of the lack of political attention to housing in CEE states. Housing policy has taken a back seat, leading to housing deterioration, segregation, and inequality. Housing privatization applied in almost universal manner across the region has transferred significant national assets into private ownership. While this has boosted private investment in the sector, multi-apartment housing in urban areas has deteriorated due to lack of effective legal, organizational, and financial measures for its management. A recent comparative assessment of housing policies in the European Union (Institut Wohnen und Umwelt GmbH, 2020) identified significant housing market distortions in the new member states manifested in high vacancy rates (over 20% even in growth areas), massive shortage of affordable housing, overcrowding and informality.

Improvement of housing in CEE countries requires adequate research capacity that informs policy makers and facilitates learning from the experience of the most successful countries. The East European Housing and Urban Policy WG has contributed to evidence-based studies on housing transformation in CEE and has played a role in knowledge mobilization and dissemination for decades through ENHR conferences and networks. The WG has, without doubt, an important legacy and has established its imprint on comparative housing research in the region. However, it looks like time has come to move away from area specific studies to integrated engagement into a much wider milieu of housing researchers, designers and policymakers. We believe that this is a timely change and much-needed transformation. Other formats might be more flexible and appropriate, such as thematic round tables, panel discussions and poster presentations at ENHR conferences that may complement the traditional workshop sessions with research paper presentations.

Indeed, knowledge has no boundaries. Housing research in CEE needs to address issues of fundamental importance for the social and economic well-being of urban residents and a specialised working group might not be the best way to do that.

Richard Sendi and Sasha Tsenkova.

We are very grateful to Dirk Dubbeling, Iván Tosics and József Hegedüs for the archival information they have provided on the beginnings of the WG.

An extended version of this editorial can be found on the [East European Housing and Urban Policy working group web page](#).

See also the interview with Sasha Tsenkova on page 19.

Highlights Coordination Committee Meeting

Zoom meeting 3 June 2021



Barcelona (Spain), 2022

Montse gives an update on the conference preparations on behalf of Josep.

- Two scenarios are being discussed by the Local Organisation Committee (LOC), depending on the COVID-19 situation next year:
 - most activities on site but also some online contributions
 - 50% on site and 50% online (workshops all online or all on site).Peter is in favour of workshops on site. Participants don't travel to Barcelona for only the plenaries. Plenaries on sight as well as online. Possibly archive them on the website.
- Barcelona is interested in branding the conference as a sustainable one. ENHR should bring forward its own ideas about this. This will be discussed during the CC meeting in November.
 - Maybe a small fee for only attending plenaries?

Although the Nicosia organization received a reasonable number of abstracts there is discussion about how attractive the online conference in Nicosia (and the possibly partly online conference in Barcelona) could be. On the one hand online conferencing is what we now do all the time and many will still be eager to present as they need an outlet for their ongoing research. On the other hand some are not interested to participate in online conferencing. Peter concludes that we will know more after evaluation of the Nicosia conference.

Financial overview January-May 2021

The financial overview January-May 2021 was accepted. Mark (not present) agreed by e-mail. More than half of the fees for 2021 have been received.

Working Groups (extra item)

WG Housing Economics is still without coordinators. No successors have been found by the CC and the Secretariat. There will be an announcement for new coordinators in newsletter 2.

At the Nicosia conference Housing Economics papers will be added to the Housing Finance or Housing Market Dynamics workshops. **(Decision 3)** The CC will make a decision about the future of this WG during the next CC meeting. **(Decision 4)**

Online NHRC seminar proposal

Early 2022 an ENHR PhD meeting will be organized on a free admission basis. Here PhD's can informally present and discuss their work in progress. CC members and WG coordinators can be asked to act as moderators. It should also partly be a social event.

These meetings might raise and maintain interest in our network, improve the relationship with new generations of researchers, could be a way of recruiting participants for the NHRC meeting, promote the BTA Award, and lead to more long-term members. The format could develop into what the PhDs prefer.

A detailed proposal for a first event will be presented at the November meeting of the CC.

Various subjects

a) Collaborations between journalists (Arena for Journalism in Europe) and ENHR

The 'Arena for Journalism in Europe' project is looking for an academic partner (see.

'Right to Housing' Platform

EU programme about exchange of good practices and information between cities (Urbact) and Urban Innovative Action (UIA) joined forces (see www.right2housing.eu). Iván suggests to join these organisations or link to them. Also inform relevant WGs about their existence.

Highlights General Assembly

Zoom meeting 2 September 2021

From the Annual Report ENHR Secretariat

In 2020 the total number of ENHR members has increased from 717 to 764 (after a drop from 767 to 717 in 2019). The numbers of (Associate) Institutional Members dropped from 78 to 75. The individual memberships increased from 176 to 213 (a gain of 37).

Financial overview

The year 2020 was the first full year of ENHR as an association. For that reason the board commissioned a Dutch accountancy office to produce an end-of-the-year account over 2020.

The board trusts the present assets will cover the projected 2021 expenses.

The financial overview and budget were both approved by the General Assembly.

Working Groups and Working Groups Manual

Three Coordination Committee members prepared a new Working Groups Manual during 2019 and 2020. The previous one dates from March 2012. This new version is based on the working group coordinators meeting in Athens in 2019 and was sent to the coordinators for input.

This document was approved by the General Assembly and can be found on the ENHR website.

Bylaws amendment

An adjustment of Article 6.13 of the Bylaws was needed to get this in line with the official Dutch version. Coordination Committee member Sergio Nasarre Aznar explains the amendment (which has been announced during last year's General Assembly and in Newsletter 2 (2021)). It deals with how Institutional Members (IM) should vote. At the General Assembly in Athens in 2019, a table was established in the English version of the Bylaws that tries to approach the 'one person one vote' situation. Legally however, Institutional Members are the members of ENHR, not their employees. They are the legitimized units that can vote. Therefore the 'one member one vote' principle had to be replaced.

Associate Institutional Members have no voting rights. This situation will not change.

The Coordination Committee proposed to soften this rule by offering the IMs to allow its employees to vote for them using the number of votes that the IM has available (5, 10 or 15 votes). If IMs do not mention its option to the Secretariat prior to voting, we may assume that one representative of the IM casts all the votes. The Secretariat will monitor this procedure.

The amendment was approved by the General Assembly and the full new version of the Bylaws will be on the ENHR website soon.

ENHR CONFERENCES

Looking back at the Nicosia 2021 conference

Theme

The conference sought 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. The umbrella topic aimed 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.

From the welcome speech of ENHR Chair prof. Peter Boelhouwer

For more than one reason the Nicosia conference is very special and unique conference. First of all it's our first conference after the COVID pandemic started at the beginning of 2020. For the organizers of the conference and more in particular conference chair Nadia Charalambous and ENHR's Coordination Committee were difficult and stressful times with lots of uncertainties.

The Nicosia conference is also a novelty for ENHR as it is the first online conference in our history. We are very curious about the lessons we can learn from this experiment. Maybe in the future we can introduce combinations of online and on site presentations. Probably our next conference in Barcelona in 2022 will manage to offer such a combination. What we however already can conclude is that we will miss both the context of Cyprus and Nicosia, the possibilities to meet people in real life and to experience we are all part of a lively network. Visiting conferences is not only presenting papers and listening to key notes, it is also about meeting people in real life, making new connections and be part of exiting social events.

Because of the COVID pandemic, the instability in the middle east and more particular the collapse of Afghanistan, the Brexit and the climate change which already effects the life of millions of people in the world, many uncertainties and instabilities are part of our daily lives. And also housing is part of these uncertainties as the title of the conference 'Unsettled settlements: housing in unstable contexts' quite strikingly states. The history of Nicosia and also Cyprus is overloaded with complexities and instabilities.

Peter Boelhouwer: "And of course there's also a big task for housing researchers: make very clear what the problems are and how they could be solved"

The conference theme is also very well connected to the last conference in Athens in 2019: 'Housing for the next European social model'. There we were also looking for answers to solve the emerging housing problems which have been deepened by the COVID crisis.

Many countries are confronted with a higher housing demand than predicted some years ago (partly because of higher immigration) and the existing stock is becoming more and more expensive and inaccessible for low and middle income groups, especially in bigger cities. So marginalization, segregation and affordability are on the political agendas again. After decades of

privatization and liberalization of many housing markets in Europe, housing is increasingly commodified, through financialization and the expansion of the private sector, and became in many countries an engine for social and economic inequality. Maybe Picketty should rewrite his famous book 'Capital in the twenty-first century' and change the title to 'Housing in the twenty-first century' if he really wants to unravel inequalities in society. This brings us also to a wicked challenge how to solve the problem that the majority of insiders highly benefits from these unbalanced housing markets. Many groups in society highly benefit from the current housing crisis: home-owners, land-owners, landlords, investors in buy-to-let and leave-to-let and project developers. Outsiders however like people entering into the bigger cities, youngsters, low and even middle income groups, asylum seekers, labor migrants, divorcees and people in emergency accommodation pay the highest price for the disfunctioning housing markets. This situation makes it very difficult for politicians to change this unequal situation. Only brave and strong political leaders can change this situation. And of course there's also a big task for housing researchers: make very clear what the problems are and how they could be solved.

But besides housing researchers, more and more local politicians in the bigger cities are in favor of such a policy shift. In 2016 members of major cities from across the globe launched the 'United cities and Local governments' (UCLG) initiative 'Cities for adequate Housing: Municipalist declaration for the right to housing and the right to the city'. This declaration aims to highlight the common challenges faced by cities around the world, such as the growth of informal settlements, socio-spatial segregation, financialisation and real estate speculation, as well as the urgent need to put in place sound strategies for addressing these issues.

New Housing Researchers Colloquium

Chaired by Richard Sendi and with Paddy Gray as co-referent, some 30 PhDs participated in the New Housing Researchers Colloquium on day one of ENHR's 2021 conference. Four of them presented their papers.

Informal housing through financialization: a dublin case study

Alexia O'Brien (Trinity College Dublin, Department of Geography, Ireland)

Alexia's presentation explores the contributing factors to the rise of informal housing strategies in Dublin, Ireland. In response to increasing rents and a growing demand for housing, a range of "solutions" are being rolled out within the city. In this paper, she focused on a comparison of two emerging housing types: co-living developments and overcrowded rental accommodation. Combining housing financialization with informality, and drawing on analysis of policy and market trends, She offered a critical comparison of the factors that have contributed to the emergence of these two tenure forms in Dublin. It is found thus far through shifts in policy and the increasing dependence on foreign investment that degrees of informal strategies are being employed on government- and individual-based levels.

Beyond (dys)functional: What does success look like in Irish housing policy?

Paul Umfreville (Technological University Dublin, School of Surveying and Construction Management, Ireland)

What are the attributes of a housing system that works, over one that is dysfunctional? What differentiates a system that is optimal from one which is purely adequate? What is success? Reviewing the literature identifies a significant body of work around the outcomes of dysfunction, including the impacts of reduced affordability, security, availability and accessibility. This also identifies a broad range of suggested policy responses to address these concerns. However, literature is limited on what a successful housing system would do, what it would produce, what an optimal housing system provides, and for whom.

The dysfunctional Irish housing system provides the case-study to develop the distinction between a functioning and optimal housing system. Paul's paper begins a discussion on this distinction and provides a working definition of success. Although focused on the Irish housing system, the novelty of this research and the issues arising has a much wider international relevance.

Ireland's housing crisis: How a tenure mixing policy orthodoxy is contributing to the social segregation it seeks to address

Eleanor Mc Mahon (University College Dublin, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, Ireland)

Instead of understanding urban concentrations of poverty and disadvantage as spatial manifestations of inequality, housing policy in Ireland has viewed socio-spatial segregation as exacerbating existing social problems in mono-tenure estates, attributing a direct causal link to extremes of deprivation. As a result, tenure mixing has dominated Irish housing policy. This paper argues that the tenure mixing policy orthodoxy in Ireland has unfairly problematised the social housing tenure, meaning that housing is seen as the solution to disadvantage rather than alternative or complementary measures, and that contradictory policies mediate housing policy outcomes and exacerbate socio-spatial segregation rather than address it. The paper goes on to argue that the political-economic factors influencing housing policy outcomes have not been given sufficient attention and that the housing policy debate needs to be widened to allow for greater understanding of the complex interrelated forces which mediate housing outcomes.

Grounding urban governance on housing affordability: a conceptual framework for policy analysis. Insights from Vienna

Marco Peverini (Politecnico di Milano, Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Italy)

Growing and attractive cities, such as Vienna, globally face housing crises. Urban land rent is transferred to housing prices and results in increasingly unaffordable and inaccessible cities. To assure urban agglomerations' inclusiveness and spatial justice, urban governance should be "grounded" on affordability by redistributing land rent and keeping housing prices hooked on income levels. However, the relation between urban land rent and housing affordability is rarely connected in Housing studies. Furthermore, it is often neglected by urban governors, generally competing to increase housing prices and attract investment (usually at the expense of affordability). This article contributes to fill this policy/research gap and offers new conceptual avenues for the analysis of urban housing affordability governance. The article involves theory building and the development of a coherent analytical framework for policy analysis.

Winners Bengt Turner Award 2021

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, one of the founders of ENHR and its first chairman from 1988 to 2007.

As new researchers, also those who just have finished their PhD, are the focus of the Bengt Turner Award, the winning paper would not have to be publishable as a journal article, but it would demonstrate a clear potential to form the basis of a journal article.

On 27 September the Coordination Committee, being the jury of the Award, selected a winner and two runners-up. They are:

WINNER

Bence Kováts

(Institute for Regional Studies, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies,
Békéscsaba, Hungary)

Title: The Conservative Housing Regime: Conditions of Its Emergence and Its
Long-term Path Dependence in Hungary

Abstract: Compared to liberalism and social democracy, conservative ideology is presented in the literature to have had an ambiguous and much less significant influence on housing policy-making. The article argues that alongside measures facilitating the commodification of housing based in liberal ideology and those fostering the de-commodification of housing rooted in social democracy, the conservative idea of preserving the traditional family home as a major component of traditional life has also underlain housing policy-making in various countries and eras. Based on the theoretical works exploring the manifestation of

conservatism in housing policy, characteristics of a conservative housing regime are defined. The construction, retrenchment and reconstruction of the Hungarian conservative housing regime over the past 120 years is then reviewed to trace mechanisms and conditions contributing to the enduring significance of the paradigm. The article concludes that the influence of landed aristocracy on housing policy-making at the beginning of the 20th century, the forceful retrenchment of the conservative housing paradigm during state socialism and the disillusionment with neoliberalism after the 2009 mortgage crisis are the main causes behind the (re-)construction of a markedly conservative housing regime in Hungary in the past decade.

FIRST RUNNER-UP
Merve Akdemir Kurfalı

(Bilkent University, Department of Political Science, Ankara, Turkey and Uppsala University, The Institute for Housing and Urban Research, Uppsala, Sweden)

Title: Socio-Spatial Strategies Of Syrians In The Housing Area In Turkey

Abstract: This paper focuses on the socio-spatial strategies of Syrians in the housing area of Turkey where the housing sector is highly formalized compared to other global south countries and the private rental sector is dominant. In this context, Syrians can neither attend occupation movement like Europe nor access informal housing like in the middle eastern countries to solve their unforeseen prolonged stay in Turkey. Therefore, they, unintentionally, adopt certain novel socio-spatial strategies to be able to enter and stay in the formal housing area, compensating their fragile protracted temporariness situation stemming from blurry legislations and homeowners' unwarranted demands due to the housing shortage. In order to analyse these strategies, I conducted semi-structured interviews with Syrians, local people, and local experts in Gaziantep, a Syrian border city of Turkey. The field study indicates that Syrians' strategies can be formed under two categories: using informal networks to access housing and to circumvent restrictive legislation.

SECOND RUNNER-UP
Veera Niemia

(Department of Social Research, University of Turku, Turku, Finland)

Title: Reviewing The Systematic Reviews On Homelessness

Abstract: This study is a content analysis of all 121 systematic reviews on homelessness published up to April 2021. The first systematic review on the topic was published in 2002 and the number has been increasing rapidly since. The spectrum of (sub)topics and disciplines covered by the reviews is wide, but they are overly dominated by health sciences. My review shows that compared to social scientific understanding of the phenomenon, the picture that the reviews collectively present of homelessness is narrow, individualistic and health-centred. The increasing demand for and the use of such systematic reviews among non-traditional central homelessness practitioners, and its implications, is discussed.

Congratulations to all three of you.

The winner will receive

- a waiver of next year's conference fee by the conference organizer
- advice from senior researchers about submitting the paper for publication in a journal that 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.

Slide competition

This year we tried out something special: to have the Slide Competition in online form.

At the beginning of the event the participants were assigned randomly into break-out rooms – these were the competing teams. All teams got the same questionnaire as Google doc, including the pictures, which they had to solve. Their answers were collected by me. After getting all the answers, there was a 'plenary' for all participants, where we went through all the pictures and discussed the correct answers.

Due to the online format the number of slides was less than usual. The 46 pictures which I have shown covered, besides the usual 'Capital cities', and 'Secondary cities' issues also some specific topics, such as 'Unusual things and stories in cities', 'Being sarcastic about COVID in 2020'.

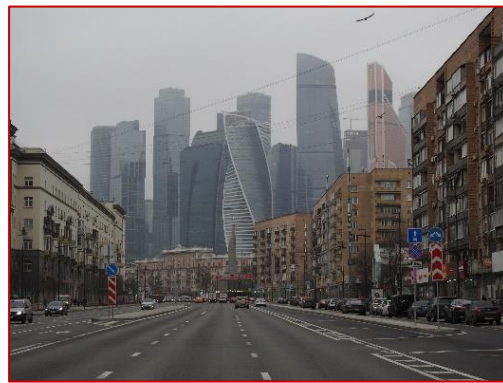
Below I show a few pictures and you can think a bit yourself to find out the solutions (the correct answers can be found at the end of this article).

Ivan Tosics

1. Capital cities



1.1 Which city? 1.2 Which city?



2. Secondary cities



2.1 Which city? 2.2 Which city?



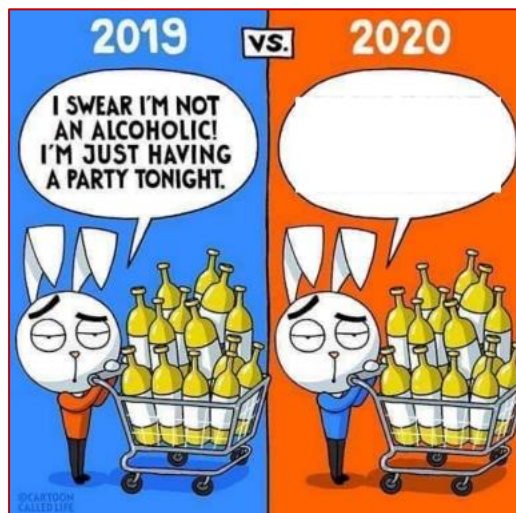
3. Unusual things and stories in cities



3.1 What is the missing text?

3.2 What is the missing text and what is its housing relevance?

4. Being sarcastic about COVID in 2020



4.1 What is this picture about and what is the housing relevance?

4.2 What is the missing text?

Winners

1. HOUSING AVENGER: Paul Umfreville, Steven Kromhout (AFWC), Ufuk Kücük Yazıcı
- 2-3. SOUP TEAM: Christina Panayl, Lora Nicolaou, Peter Boelhouwer
- 2-3. THE LAST TEAM: Adriana Soaita, Janin Husaini, Jean-Pierre Schaefer

Congratulations and let's continue (hopefully in person) in July 2022 in Barcelona!

Iván Tosics

Correct answers

1.1 Oslo

1.2 Moscow

2.1 Porto

2.2 Lille

3.1 Migrants

3.2 *Breitner Steuern. Darum wählt Sozialdemokratisch.* (This was the basis for the Vienna social housing programme, the details can be read at linkswende.org/die-breitner-steuern-im-roten-wien/). With the introduction of the most famous of all taxes in 1923, the Viennese housing tax, around 64,000 (!) apartments were built between 1923 and 1933.

4.1 Home office – illustrating the inequality of this new form, showing a profession which is not possible to do from home.

4.2 I swear I'm not having a party tonight! I am just an alcoholic.

ENHR Conference 2022 Barcelona (Spain)

Date

28 June - 1 July 2022, Barcelona (Spain)

Theme

The struggle for the Right to housing: The pressures of globalization and affordability in cities today

Venues

AXA Convention Center - plenaries

ETSAB - Barcelona School of Architecture (Polytechnic University of Catalonia) - workshops

Important dates

Call for abstracts / open registration: 20th January 2022

Deadline for abstract submission: 20th March 2022

Notification of abstract approval: 20th April 2022

Deadline for Early bird for Registration: 2nd May 2022

Papers deadline: 31st May 2022

Plenary sessions

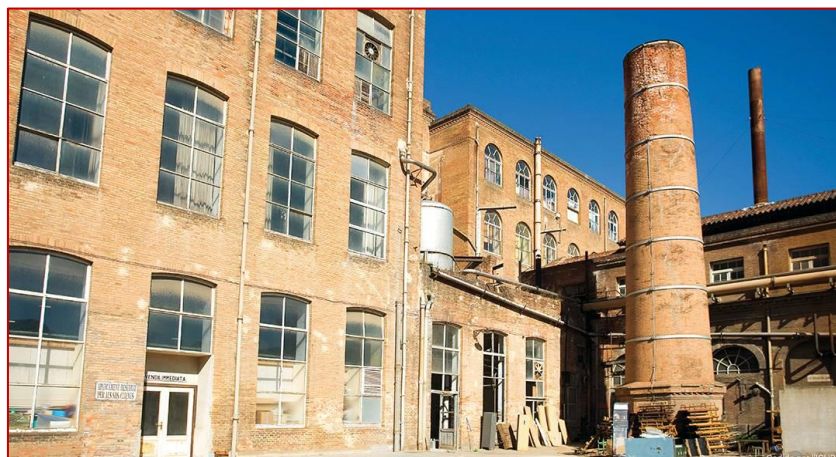
Housing under the empire of finance in the global cities

Putting rent under control: models, evidence and debate

Overcoming shortage: partnering to nurture affordable housing supply

New urban challenge: how tourism and gentrification are changing cities

Solving the green challenge: innovative design for sustainable housing



Some of the fieldtrip destinations.

Fieldtrips

Casa Milà

Fabra i Coats Cultural Center & Dwellings

22@ + Ca L'Aler Innovation Centre

Co-Housing Interventions

APROP - Close Proximity Temporary Housing

Additional workshop proposals

Rent control
Rehabilitation and Housing
Gender and Housing
Open Data Indicators for Housing
The memory of the fighting for the right of housing

Conference dinner

The dinner will take place at the medieval shipyards, the Drassanes Reials, home to Barcelona's Maritime Museum. This first-class architectural landmark stands in the historic centre of Barcelona and is one of the buildings that best represents the city's maritime history and culture.

Beach clean-up contest June 28

ENHR teams will have 45 minutes to clean the beach. The winners will be announced during the congress dinner.

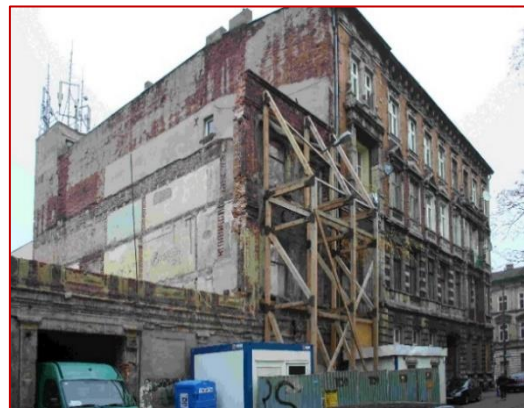
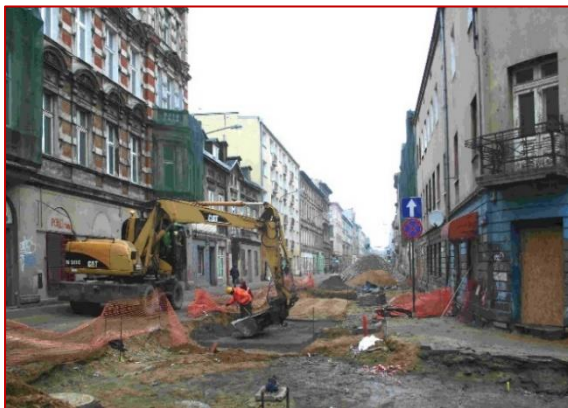
More information will follow soon.

ENHR Conference in Lodz (Poland) 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.



Proposals welcome for ENHR Conference city 2024

The ENHR Coordination Committee (CC) invites research institutes and research centres which would be interested in organising an ENHR conference somewhere in Europe in 2024.

Please express your interest by stating your preference of year and whether you would be able to organize the conference in either year.

A formal proposal for the year 2024 should be submitted **by March 1st, 2022** to the ENHR Secretariat (enhr@tudelft.nl) based on the ENHR-application form. Application form and guidelines for ENHR conferences are available on the ENHR website (enhr.net/activities/conferences/). These guidelines include a description of how such conferences are generally organised and what an application to host an ENHR conference should contain.

In the CC spring meeting of 2022 candidates will be asked to present their proposal. The Coordination Committee will make a final decision after the presentation(s).

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.

Research institutes or research centres that are interested in organising a conference in 2022 are encouraged to contact 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

WG Homeowners and Globalisation

Justin Kadi, Caroline Dewilde and Richard Ronald (coordinators)

The WG Homeownership and Globalization held an online workshop on the theme 'Recent dynamics in homeownership and housing wealth' in May this year. It brought together some twenty-five scholars from both European and Australian universities. Nine presentations were held. A key focus of the workshop was on the significance of social divisions in access to homeownership and housing wealth, particularly along the lines of class and generations. This issue was dwelled upon both empirically and conceptually, using cross-country comparisons as well as in-depth case studies, including also some long-run perspectives. A further remarkable feature was the broad geographical scope. The papers inter alia looked at China, Ireland, Greece, Italy, Sweden, Finland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Australia. Nonetheless, surprisingly similar issues and challenges were identified in these varying contexts, opening up questions about the development of homeownership and housing wealth on a more global level in the current moment.

The next workshop of the WG Homeownership and Globalization will take place in spring or late summer 2022.

WG Housing Economics

Vacancies

The Working Group Housing Economics has two vacant coordinator positions and for that reason the group is now without a coordinator team. The Coordination Committee would like the Working Group to continue with at least two new coordinators, possibly present members of the group or new members who might have fresh ideas about how to revive this group. Candidates are invited to step forward and send a short cv to the Coordination Committee (enhr@tudelft.nl).

WG Residential Context of Health

Emma Baker and Terry Hartig (coordinators)

The Working Group Residential Context of Health held the latest in its long series of workshops at the on-line ENHR conference capably organized by our colleagues at the University of Cyprus at Nicosia. The 12 papers discussed were put forward by colleagues from Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Poland and Sweden. They addressed topics such as crowding as a dimension of housing inequality; variability in housing tenure trajectories in the 21st century; the implications of a 'cash-for-care' system on the housing situation of people living with disabilities; the impact of exposure to environmental noise on mental health; the impact of private rental instability on

mental health; the effect of precarious housing on the mental health of humanitarian migrants; the state of evidence concerning mental health in relation to neighbourhood characteristics; the socio-spatial selectivity of severe COVID cases during the early stage of the pandemic; and the metaphors used in thinking about causal relations between housing and health. All of the papers were distributed to participants before the workshop, all had an assigned discussant, and we had ample time for discussion of each of them. Even with the digital medium, we had a rich, collegial and enjoyable exchange.

The Working Group plans to convene its next workshop at the ENHR Conference to be held in Barcelona, Spain (dates to be announced). Suitable papers would fit with a variety of broad themes, such as the effect of physical housing variables on mental and physical health; the role of behavioral, social, and cultural factors in shaping relations between housing and health; the ways in which housing policy can be coordinated with other social welfare policies to more effectively pursue public health objectives; universal design and other strategies for mitigating effects of individual's functional limitations in the residential context; the delivery of health care services in the home; gardens, nearby parks and urban green spaces as health resources; housing stress in relation to loan delinquency or falling housing prices; health consequences of forced moves from homes (due to war, climate change); and individual and social consequences of insecure tenure and concomitant residential instability. Most of the papers we have previously discussed in our workshops over the years have been empirical reports, but purely theoretical and methodological papers are also welcome. The Barcelona workshop will follow the format used in our previous workshops: draft manuscripts submitted before the meeting, assigned discussants, and maximal time for discussion.

We will hope to meet in Barcelona in real life, and present indications are that the pandemic will have largely passed by then. Depending on the facilities that the organizers can make available, we may be able to accommodate some on-line participation. Given the on-line capabilities with which so many have become familiar, we are also considering the possibility of interim meetings of the Working Group for discussion of work in progress. We intend to send an inquiry to our mailing list to gauge interest in such occasional meetings, when to schedule them, and how to set them up (e.g., with summaries distributed beforehand).

If you want to participate in the Barcelona workshop or interim meetings, you have other questions about the Working Group, and/or you want to have your address added to the mailing list for the Working Group, please contact either of its co-conveners, Terry Hartig (terry.hartig@ibf.uu.se) or Emma Baker (emma.baker@adelaide.edu.au).

Working Group coordinators in the spotlights

ENHR has about 25 working groups, each headed by two to four coordinators. What motivates these coordinators to invest part of their time in ENHR? How do they look at ENHR?

Rosa Maria Garcia Teruel – WG Housing and New Technologies coordinator



Rosa Maria Garcia Teruel is working group coordinator since about a year now. Together with Michael Vols she founded the working group Housing and New Technologies. Rosa has a legal background, and specialized in housing law during the last years. She graduated in 2018 and is now a postdoc researcher at the Rovira I Virgili University in Tarragona (Spain). “My PhD was about residential tenancy law but since 2016 I also started research into new technologies for housing as well”, she says. “I started with real estate crowdfunding methods for housing investments and then I moved to new technologies such as blockchain, which is the technology behind bitcoins, and how this affects housing. Other technologies, such as big data, domotics, robotics, proptech, digital printing, will change, for example, the way we build, sell, rent, or interact with our homes. It will also make an impact on theories and methodologies that housing researchers use.”

How did you become a coordinator?

“Professor Michael Vols and I came up with the idea to create a new working group specialized on housing and new technologies, since a specific one for that subject did not exist. We decided to mix two fields of research: one the one hand the use of new technologies applied to housing processes and, on the other hand, the use of new technologies, such as data science, as a new method for housing research.

The Coordination Committee too was of the opinion that the topic was missing and that this working group would add new content to ENHR. We were able to start in 2020 with a small number of people and in January 2021 we organized our kick-off webinar ‘New methodologies and paradigms in housing research’ with thirteen papers.

We also participated in this year’s annual conference, but that was a smaller meeting.”

When and why did you join ENHR?

“In 2013 the ENHR conference was organized in Tarragona by my university. The chair of the conference, Professor Sergio Nasarre Aznar, was my promotor and suggested me to become a member. From my point of view, the most important benefit of being a member is that you can share and discuss your research. For me, then being a PhD candidate, it was a relief to know that my research was aligned with cutting-edge housing research. Being a member also brings along the opportunity to get to know the main topics that others are working on.

ENHR is a large housing research network and I would recommend all housing researchers to join. Housing is an important topic that affects the lives of everyone. It should be an independent discipline, regardless of the fact that many ENHR researchers have different backgrounds and only partly focus on housing.”

What would you advise other members? Do you recommend being a working group coordinator?

“In general, is it important to participate in working groups to get to know cutting-edge research in your discipline. While participating as a member of a working group, you can become aware of new developments, new technologies or new legislation, among others. Moreover, I would encourage researchers to become coordinators because it gives you the opportunity to keep learning and meet other scholars specialized on your topic. It is true that, in order to be a coordinator, you need to take an active role and to know the latest developments in your field to come up with possible topics for workshops, which can be a demanding task from time to time. But this way you are always updated, meet scholars with similar interests and your research can benefit from that as you get to know the work of others well. This is an extra on top of being an ENHR member.”

What are the plans for the coming years?

“The kick-off meeting was our first event and its main goal was to get in touch with other researchers to create a working group. We have also participated at the annual conference in Cyprus and, between this year’s and next year’s conference, we will probably set up a meeting again and publish the output in some form or other.”

Sasha Tsenkova – WG East European Housing and Urban Policy coordinator



Sasha Tsenkova (University of Calgary, Canada) is a long-term member of ENHR. Her professional activities include a range of housing and urban research and consultancy projects in more than 30 countries in central and eastern Europe, Latin America and Central Asia. She has published many books, research monographs and over 70 articles on urban policy, regeneration, urban sustainability and housing policy.

Currently she is coordinator of the working group East European Housing and Urban Policy, together with Richard Sendi. “I became involved in housing in the context of transition at the beginning of the 1990s”, she says. “This is why I joined ENHR. One of my contributions to the working group was putting together an edited book about housing in central and eastern Europe, as well as various articles and reports on comparative housing policy in the region. ENHR is my kind of network in terms of reaching out to others and working together. It is connecting people committed to housing research, offering an opportunity to mobilise resources and knowledge very quickly when research funding is available. It also creates stability and long-term

commitment to research outcomes that are very important for us. Without these collaborations international comparative research with global outreach is not possible.”

You joined several working groups. Would you advice others to join a working group?

“I have always been very interested in housing and neighbourhood transformation from policy to design issues to socio-economic perspectives. I was looking for a fusion of different disciplines, and wanted to bridge that. It probably defines me as a scholar, academic and critical practitioner – someone who is immersed into interdisciplinary ways of thinking about places and people. Joining different working groups was a very positive experience and provided an important platform to exchange ideas that responded to my current research priorities. I was inspired by the work of others and I met wonderful mentors who soon became collaborators. It also defined a lot of my scholarship, consulting work and research publications.

In our work we explore a dynamic urban world of change and it is important to be able to work with people from different walks of life, cultures and disciplines. ENHR does just that. Being a coordinator is also about mentorship. Young colleagues need to make a start in their career and our workshop sessions bring different perspectives together, but also help emerging researchers to connect with mentors and peers. I don't think I would have managed to have such diverse and productive research portfolio exploring so many cities and countries without being part of ENHR working groups. It was essential to have these contacts and inspiration.”

At one moment you became coordinator. Why did you decide to go for that?

“It was just a question of succession. Another reason was that we had to respond to a broad array of research questions. We had to mobilise the knowledge of different members of the working group and put together teams. I was always involved in this process because of my consulting work and research interests. I was involved in the leadership of various other ENHR working groups through the years as well.”

Your working group will probably be ending its work. Why is that?

“At the end of the 20th century we had exceptional times as east-European countries underwent massive transformation. It affected the politics and economics of housing, and the social costs of the transition in cities, which were very high. It was an incredible opportunity to come to terms with these phenomena, understand their interrelated nature, and to define strategies for more coherent transformation. These countries have diverse and rich housing narratives, but our working group contributed to a comparative discourse and integration of these transition stories into a common European narrative. Today these countries experience evolutionary changes as opposed to the revolutionary departure of the 1990s and global interest has moved away to other more pressing research challenges. Research capacity in eastern Europe has remained relatively small and the institutions do not necessarily have access to long-term funding for housing research.

A second rationale is that participants in our working group want to present their research in other specialized workshops, which reflects the move towards integration and collaboration in a wider European context. Our working group has had its place within the network, responded to important societal imperatives at a time when this was needed, and made a tangible contribution to housing research in the region. It is time for a change and we need to embrace that.”

Sasha suggests to take a fresh look at working groups

“We wanted to set up something that could bring people together to debate and present on thematic issues in housing research. The multidisciplinary of the network makes it possible. Working groups are a good venue for broad-based themes in housing research, but not all themes need permanent working groups, which are complicated to set up and manage. We could incorporate a more opportunistic approach and go for demand-driven, temporary ‘pop-up working groups’, round tables and panel sessions as well. These could have the same peer review process, but could respond to critical issues of the day and/or reflect on specific contributions within the framework of a current European project. I think more young people will join and more disciplines will feel they belong. We also need architects, political scientists, housing professional and economists back on board. So, it is time for change.”

NEWS FROM MEMBERS



Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI),
Melbourne, Australia
www.ahuri.edu.au/

New research, policy analysis and recently published research

Final Report 363: Understanding discrimination effects in private rental housing

This research examines discrimination and existing policy, law and practice in Australia's private rental sector including the impact of informal tenancies and the increasing role of digital technologies.

Final Report 362: Population growth, regional connectivity, and city planning -International lessons for Australian practice

This research investigated the potential for Australia's regional areas to attract and sustain population and economic growth, examining whether particular international strategies and Australian models for supporting development have been effective.

Final Report 361: Exiting prison with complex support needs: the role of housing assistance

This research examined policies and programs relevant to the housing pathways of ex-prisoners with complex support needs in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania, including what benefits result from current housing assistance settings.

Final Report 360: Innovative responses to urban transportation: current practice in Australian cities

This research explores how Australian urban transport programs and policies are responding to changes in transport technology, travel patterns, environmental imperatives and spatial development dynamics in order to offer guidance about future directions and options, and seeks to identify potential policy directions for Australia's cities and policy arrangements.

Final Report 359: Leaving rehab: enhancing transitions into stable housing

The project examined the coordination between residential treatment and housing and social support services using international comparisons and linked administrative data followed by testing in the field. It aimed to enhance transition planning and reduce the risk of housing instability for individuals leaving treatment for mental health and/or substance use problems.

More recently released reports, and a full library of AHURI reports:

www.ahuri.edu.au/research/research-library

Recently published AHURI policy analysis:

AHURI BRIEF: Key workers commuting during COVID-19

As Australia continues to deal with COVID-19 outbreaks, one of the methods Australian states and territories have used is restrictions on who can move through an area and how far they can go. However, to keep societies functioning there are key workers who need to be at their workplaces, regardless of where they commute from. This has led to question as to just who is a key worker and how far do they commute through Australia's large capital cities of Sydney and Melbourne.

AHURI BRIEF: Is a 'green recovery' the key to post-COVID housing stimulus?

Economic stimulus measures that support transitions to more energy efficient housing and lower carbon outputs can offer social, economic and environmental benefits. Internationally, improving the environmental sustainability of residential property has been identified as an important way

to ensure that economic stimulus spending is invested wisely. It can reduce energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions, improve comfort and health and support employment in the construction sector.

AHURI BRIEF: Pandemic underscores the connections between socio-economic vulnerability, health and housing

The AHURI-HUD International Housing Policy Exchange highlighted the role of social and economic inequality in health outcomes. The participating countries all reported people with inadequate housing who lived in low socio-economic areas were disproportionately affected by the virus. The Sydney lockdown in July 2021 has once again demonstrated a correlation between high rates of transmission and socio-economic vulnerability.

Events

**Uncharted Urban Futures: Australian Cities Post Pandemic
18 November 2021 (Melbourne and online)**

Our first hybrid event has been postponed to 18 November 2021 due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. During this time of uncertainty around travel and changing restrictions, we are happy to host an event that invites participation in the format best suited to your circumstances.

This new AHURI hybrid one-day conference will examine Australia's population dynamics as a result of the COVID-19 crisis; the delivery of critical social infrastructure to support our changing cities and the particular urban transport challenges emerging from the pandemic.

Find out more at ahuri.eventsair.com/cities/.

About AHURI

As the only organisation in Australia dedicated exclusively to housing, homelessness, cities and related urban research, AHURI is a unique venture. Through our national network of university research partners, we undertake research leading to the advancement of knowledge on key policy and practice issues.

Our mission is to inform and impact better housing, homelessness, cities and related urban outcomes through the delivery and dissemination of relevant and authoritative research.



University of Cambridge
Cambridge Centre for Housing
and Planning Research (CCHPR)
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Report Understanding supply, demand and investment in the market for retirement housing communities

Our research collaboration with Places for People continues to explore the complexity of the housing market and its relationship with society and the wider economy.

Launching [our report on retirement housing](#) with Places for People in April, Dr Gemma Burgess, Director of CCHPR, said that 'there is no silver bullet for unlocking a stronger retirement housing market'. With an increasingly ageing population, the report makes a series of recommendations for improving the housing offering for the UK retirement market.

Report Deploying modular housing in the UK: exploring the benefits and risks for the housebuilding industry,

Our latest report, [Deploying Modular Housing in the UK](#), was launched in July. It calls on the government and housebuilders to come together and pave the way for building more homes using modular construction. Places for People's Group Executive Director (Development) Scott Black explained: 'There are so many potential benefits to creating homes using modular technologies, but there are a host of current barriers and constraints that need addressing'.

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ETH Zürich
ETH Wohnforum - ETH CASE
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The Wohn-forum Talks (formerly BBL) give invited guests and staff of the ETH Wohn-forum - ETH CASE the opportunity to share current areas of their research and to discuss ideas, concepts and results.

- 5 October, 13.30-15.00: Victoria Soto Magán, Daylight in Sustainable Urban Design, ETH Wohn-forum – ETH CASE, Switzerland
- 26 October, 15.00-16.30: Ciudad isla colectivo / Ramón Bermúdez, Novel strategies of urban upgrading through small-scale transformations of public spaces, Universidad de los Andes de Bogotá, Colombia
- 16 November, 13.30-15.00: Marco Peverini, Massimo Bricocoli und Anna Tagliaferri, Cooperatives and public housing. The Quattro Corti project in Milano, Politecnico di Milano, Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Italy
- 1 December, 18.00-19.30: Irina Davidovici, Collective Grounds. Housing Estates and the European City, 1865-1930, ETH Zurich / Institute of History and Theory of Architecture gta, Switzerland
- 14 December, 13.30–15.00: Arend Jonkman, «Creating 1 million homes: affordable housing solutions in the Netherlands, TU Delft / Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Netherlands

We welcome participation from interested researchers, experts and students. If you are interested, please register here. The link to participate will be sent to you afterwards.



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The journal Cities & Health has published its 'lockdown papers' on COVID-19. The 51 papers, submitted in response to a call for papers in March 2020, are an open access collection of thought pieces about the impact of COVID-19 on urban life and urban policy. The linked editorial highlights the themes covered by the papers in more detail, so it's a useful starting point for exploring the whole collection. The geographic and substantive breadth of the papers is considerable, and includes housing, green space, transport, architecture, children, food systems and many more facets of a world in the early part of a global pandemic. The editorial is [here](#). A second special issue on COVID-19 is currently being planned.



Housing Chair Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Tarragona, Spain
www.housing.urv.cat/en/

New books and studies

Journal Housing. The UNESCO Housing Chair of the Rovira i Virgili University published No. 15 (June 2021) of the biannual journal 'Housing', which can be freely accessed. This issue deals

with tourist housing, housing accessibility and real estate brokerage, among other topics. The journal can be found [here](#) (in Spanish).



Projects

Project Spain 2050.

The director of the Chair, Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre-Aznar, has taken part in the project 'Spain 2050', organized by the Spanish Government and where 100 academics from all over the country worked together to set the future 9 challenges of our country. In particular, chapter 6 deals with territorial, urban and housing matters. The final document is accessible [here](#). (in Spanish).

Forthcoming events

On 30 September 2021, the book 'La gran apuesta. Avaricia. El beneficio sin responsabilidad' [The big Short. Greed. The profit without liability] will be presented by the Rector of the University Francisco de Vitoria (UFV), Dr. Daniel Sada, and by Dr. Fernando Flores, co-director of the collection Cine y Derecho (Tirant lo Blanch) during the 6th Ibero-american Conference on Land Law at UFV. About the book: "The Big Short (2015) is a film that narrates the frenzied activity of three groups of financiers who bet that the mortgage market would collapse a few years before it ended up doing so in 2007, thus making a fortune. This book analyses how and why they did it, the causes and consequences of the collapse, their perpetrators and their liabilities." You may find more information about the book [here](#) and about the conference [here](#).



Other

Urban October. The UNESCO Housing Chair URV has contributed to the Urban October 2020 report edited by UN Habitat international. The referred report includes the main events presented in the framework of World Cities Day, in which 753 events were held in more than 74 countries and 230 cities. Specifically, the Chair contributed with the workshop 'Collaborative Housing'. You may find more information [here](#):



Housing Europe
www.housingeurope.eu

#Housing2030: Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE Region

The UNECE Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management is expected to launch a report of the study '#Housing2030: Improving Housing Affordability in the UNECE Region' which is being developed by UNECE in cooperation with Housing Europe and UN-Habitat; and to endorse a regional action plan for the UNECE region 'Place and Life in the ECE - A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes'.

[Executive Summary, Key Conclusions and Recommendations of the report "#Housing2030: Effective policies for affordable housing in the UNECE region" | UNECE](#)



London School of Economics
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Ongoing projects

Progressing Planning

In May, LSE London launched a Progressing Planning series of podcasts to explore the role of planning in fostering change in contemporary society. The episodes featuring Dr Romola Sanyal (LSE), Lindiwe Rennert (LSE), Jessie Speer (LSE), Meera Kumar (NJEDA), Emma Spruce (LSE) and Floriane Ortega (Carbon Trust) are now available on [Spotify](#). In these episodes, [Romola](#) discusses urban humanitarian policies to support displaced population in cities; [Lindiwe](#) talks about the role of transport planning in cities with a focus on Boston, [Jessie](#) delves into the exclusionary property law in the US; [Meera](#) explores New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) role as economic booster for Black and LatinX business owners and entrepreneurs; and [Emma and Floriane](#) question how gendered power relations play out in urban spaces and how to better include gender as a critical concept when planning for shock response in cities. The next episode will feature Catriona Riddell, Director of Catriona Riddell & Associates (London), and will be available on Monday September 13th on Spotify.

New Projects

In February 2021, LSE London started a new project to explore the financialisation of the housing market in twelve cities across the globe (Auckland, Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen,

Dublin, Hong Kong, Lisbon, London, Miami, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Vancouver). This project investigates the very different understandings of what is meant by financialisation; the role of international and institutional finance in the different housing markets; the impacts of deregulation both with respect to rents and finance; how cities have responded to the challenges; and how the fundamental issues might be addressed. On September 2, 2021, our Deputy Director Kath Scanlon gave a presentation on the financialisation of housing markets at the ENHR Nicosia 2021 conference "Unsettled Settlements" as part of the Plenary V on housing as a financial asset, housing as a commodity.

In March 2021, LSE London started working on research aimed at understanding how changes since 2015 in the taxation of transactions, income and capital gains from private rented property affect landlords' business models and incentive frameworks. The research also aims to predict how landlords might respond to those changed incentives; and draw out implications for the private rented sector as a whole.

In April 2021, LSE London research also began a new three-year project led by London Rebuilding Society and funded by Innovate UK to investigate how older owner-occupiers could improve and modify their houses and fund these investments so they can live comfortably in their existing homes into later life. The research involves a range of organisations and will undertake case studies of different approaches.

LSE London also studied the policy and legal implications of the stamp duty holiday, in relation to the use of the housing stock and trends in the economic activity and the job market. The final report "[Lessons from the stamp duty holiday](#)" was published in July with a virtual event.

Finally, the LSE London research team is working on a cost-benefit analysis to assess the socio-economic impact of changing rules for people affected by the no recourse to public funds condition in the UK. LSE London also conducted an evidence review of the support provided to non-UK nationals sleeping rough during COVID-19 for the Kerslake Commission on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping chaired by St Mungo's. This will be launched with the Kerslake Commission's Final Report in late September.



Polis University

www.universitetipolis.edu.al/?q=en

Tirana Design Week (TDW2021)

Polis university, like every two years, organizes the International Conference Tirana Design Week (TDW2021). It will take place at Polis University from 27 September to 10 October with the following sessions:

Urban health transforming cities / Knowledge institutions in the post-pandemic city / The dark side of diversity / Post-disaster democracy and ethics in the city / Urban ecosystems, the epitome of liveable cities / Sentient city – Data, information and technology in the post-pandemic city / Circular design for disease resilient cities / Future scenarios for post-pandemic city.

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and workshop:

Emergent urbanism between informality and formality. The case of Tirana, Albania.

By Dr. Stefano Cozzolino and Dr. Artan Kacani

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Residential Tenancies Board

www.rtb.ie

The Residential Tenancies Board Private Rented Sector Research

The Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) has published a series reports on tenants, landlords and letting agents living and operating in the private rented sector in Ireland. The research was commissioned by the RTB and conducted by Amárach Research. It forms an important part of the RTB's ongoing research programme and is one of the largest studies ever undertaken of the private rental sector in Ireland. It provides an understanding of the sector with an in-depth look at the views and intentions of tenants, landlords and letting agents in Ireland. All six reports can be accessed through the RTB website [here](#).

For further information contact [Brian Gallwey](#) from the Research Department at the Residential Tenancies Board.



Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research Sheffield Hallam University

www4.shu.ac.uk/research/crest/

Recently released reports

Bimpson, E., Green, H. and Reeve, K. (2021) Women, Homelessness and Violence: what works?, Centre for Homelessness Impact.

Access at: [61017dbd205aeb5f3bdd366b_CFHI_WOMEN_REPORT_V03.pdf \(website-files.com\)](https://www4.shu.ac.uk/research/crest/files/61017dbd205aeb5f3bdd366b_CFHI_WOMEN_REPORT_V03.pdf)

This report explores 'what works' in preventing and resolving homelessness for women who have experienced violence. It draws on existing evidence and evaluation to set out the barriers women experiencing violence and homeless face in meeting their needs, and makes recommendations for change in policy and practice. It argues that there is an urgent need for a

gender-informed approach to addressing homelessness, in particular an approach that recognises the pervasive influence of violence on women's homelessness experiences.

Archer, T., Moore, T. and Mullins, D. (2021) Homes in Community Hands: Year Two evaluation report.

Access at: www4.shu.ac.uk/research/cresr/sites/shu.ac.uk/files/homes-in-community-hands-year2-eval-report.pdf

Power to Change's Homes in Community Hands programme provides grants to help build and refurbish affordable housing. Specifically, the programme is supporting the development of community-led housing in England with £5.2 million. The fund has predominantly targeted five areas in England, where enabler hubs are supporting the development of community-led housing, and where funding is directed to both hubs and community-led housing projects. The evaluation team is assessing the impact of the Homes in Community Hands programme on various stakeholders and beneficiaries, while also capturing important learning to inform the practice of community led housing enablers, community-led housing groups and other organisations, including funders like Power to Change. This report presents findings from Year Two of the evaluation, identifying emerging outputs and outcomes, alongside lessons about the development of projects and hubs, and the factors affecting this.



Delft University of Technology
Delft, The Netherlands

www.tudelft.nl/bk/over-faculteit/afdelingen/management-in-the-built-environment/

Project Together! The future of Living

Series of seminars and webinars around collaborative housing
9 September – 28 October 2021

- Co-Lab Mapping Project: An online visualisation platform of collaborative housing projects in Europe (webinar 7 October 11:00-12:30)
Presentation of the Co-Lab Mapping Project (validated categorisation of different collaborative housing forms in Europe) and official launch of a database and visualisation tool, followed by a panel discussion on collaborative housing.
- Financing collaborative housing (Seminar 7 October 13:00-16:00)
Obstacles and solutions to financing housing cooperatives.
- Building Together!: Panel discussion and speakers (7 October 18:00-20:00)
Concepts and tools that residents and professionals require to realise collaborative living environments.
- Act Together!: Panel discussion and speakers (28 October 18:00-20:00)
How to shift our politics and policies towards the realisation of more collaborative living environments.

See [here](#) for more information and registration.



University of Glasgow
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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. Jens Lunde and Christine Whitehead report on, '[How taxation varies between owner-occupation, private renting and other housing tenures in European countries](#)' looks at the comparative perspective 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. The report looks into

some twenty European countries together with Australia and the USA as comparable developed economies. (See also New Books at page xx.)

Ahead of the 2021 general elections in Scotland and Wales, the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence published reports that set out evidence-based priorities for the incoming Governments. This was an attempt to draw on the evidence and research they have worked on over the last three years to build a case for certain policy ideas that we think are worthy of further consideration. Documents with created for both for [Scotland](#) and for [Wales](#).

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Report on the APNHR 20th Anniversary Online Symposium 2021

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of APNHR, on 28 June the Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning at The University of Hong Kong and the School of Accounting, Economics and Finance at Curtin University co-organised an online symposium entitled 'Housing Challenges and Innovations in Ageing Communities: Intergenerational Housing'. This symposium showcased the most updated research findings and debates on intergenerational housing from a global and comparative perspective. After the welcome remarks given by Professor Rebecca Chiu, Founder and Chair of APNHR and the opening address by Professor Chris Webster, Dean of Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong, eight papers were presented in two panels. Studies from the UK, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Australia, Japan, China and New Zealand were delivered, covering key research areas of intergenerational housing and housing inequalities, ranging from the forms and causes of intergenerational living, multi-ethnic contexts of intergenerational housing, to multi-dimensional consequences of intergenerational housing development. Professor Shenjing He, the Chair Designate of APNHR, closed the symposium by discussing the inequalities and challenges of intergenerational housing, and called for more work to improve the wellbeing of elderly and the youth. She also highlighted inclusiveness and outward-looking in her vision statement for leading APNHR in the coming years.



Group photo for the APNHR 20th Anniversary Online Symposium 2021

The APNHR 20th Anniversary Online Symposium 2021 attracted a total number of 281 registrants. Participants from 22 different countries and regions virtually joined the symposium, with Hong Kong (42.3%), Mainland China (8.5%), Malaysia (7.8%), Korea (7.1%) and Australia (7.1%) being the top five countries/regions among all participants.



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On our way to a climate-neutral construction sector

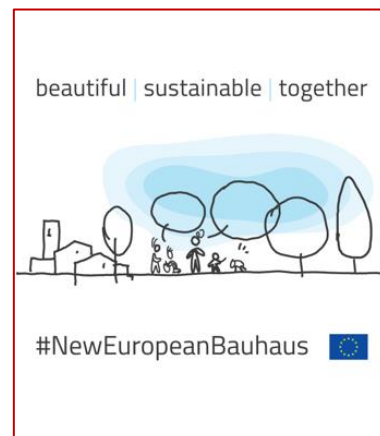
The European Commission has adopted a package of proposals aimed at reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. The proposals, which were published on 14 July 2021, seek to make the European Green Deal a reality by ensuring a 'concrete roadmap' for the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies in the hope of making the EU a climate neutral continent by 2050.

We can say with great certainty: the transition to a sustainable society will affect everyone.

CHARM and New European Bauhaus

The themes sustainability and circularity has been prominently on the EFL agenda for several years. We are one of the partners of the European CHARM project, where circular building strategies are developed and applied in construction and renovation projects. These projects are carried out by four social housing corporations in the UK, Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Together with various knowledge institutes, including TU Delft, we make this knowledge available for our members and the sector we are working in.

This summer, EFL became partner of the New European Bauhaus (NEB), an ecological, economic and cultural project that aims to create a new design movement for future ways of sustainable living. One of its aims is to connect the EU Green Deal with the built environment.



EFL events and activities

In the coming years, EFL will continue to organize events and activities that have a strong link with sustainability in the construction sector. The first upcoming event, for example, is on September 23 and 24 in Amsterdam (the Netherlands). The event is called Circularity in the Construction Sector. Prof. Dr. Vincent Gruis and architect Thomas Rau will then speak during a two-day event, organized by the EFL topic group 'Construction'. A couple of interesting projects are also going to be visited. And on 20-22 October, the EFL Autumn Conference is themed Vibrant and Sustainable Urban Development. The conference will be held in Stuttgart, Germany and is hosted by EFL member Flüwo.

More information on EFL

If you are interested in joining one of these events and/or have expertise or information you would like to share in our network, please let us know. Feel free to get in touch with us. Mail to info@ef-l.eu or have a look at our website www.ef-l.eu for more information on projects and our future events.



Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
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50th Annual Conference of Urban Affairs Association

Washington, DC April 12-14, 2022

The conference has a new three-day structure.

Abstracts that were accepted for presentation at the cancelled 2020 conference will be accepted for presentation at the 2022 conference, if there are no major abstract changes. New abstracts or in 2020 accepted abstracts with major changes will need to be resubmitted and will be subject to the standard review process.

Important dates:

September 10, 2021 – Launch of Abstract Submission System & Website

November 1, 2021 – Abstract Submission Deadline

For more information visit the [website](http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/).

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

ADAPTIVE RE-USE. STRATEGIES FOR POST-WAR MODERNIST HOUSING

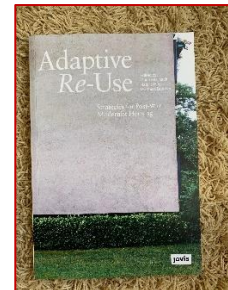
Maren Harnack, Natalie Heger and Matthias Brunner (Eds.)

With the focus on preserving land and developing brownfield sites, post-war housing estates are being earmarked for densification, as their density is perceived as rather low and the ownership is often concentrated in the hands of only a few publicly owned housing associations. In this setting, post-war estates are in danger of losing their characteristic spatial structures and landscaping. Adaptive Re-Use discusses strategies for the development of post-war housing by referring to European case studies from the period of 1945 to 1975. The contributions in this edited volume show how housing estates from different European countries are listed and preserved, and how architectural fabric can be adapted to meet today's needs.

The book includes a contribution by ENHR member Frank Wassenberg.

2021, 144 pages, ISBN 978-3-86859-611-3

www.jovis.de/en/books/product/adaptive-re-use.html



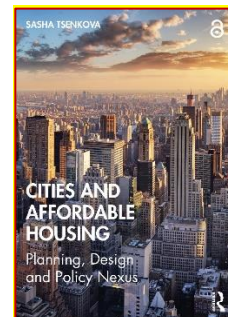
CITIES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. PLANNING, DESIGN AND POLICY NEXUS

by Sasha Tsenkova (Ed.)

This book provides a comparative perspective on housing and planning policies affecting the future of cities, focusing on people- and place-based outcomes using the nexus of planning, design and policy. A mosaic of case studies features good practices of city-led strategies for affordable housing provision, as well as individual projects capitalising on partnerships to build mixed-income housing and revitalise neighbourhoods. Twenty chapters provide perspectives on diversity of approaches in eight countries and twelve cities in Europe, Canada and the USA. Combining academic rigour with knowledge from critical practice, the book uses robust empirical analysis and evidence-based case study research to illustrate the potential of affordable housing partnerships for mixed-income, socially inclusive neighbourhoods as a model to rebuild cities.

2021, 300 pages, ISBN 978-1032001487

www.amazon.com/Cities-Affordable-Housing-Planning-Design/dp/1032001488?asin=1032001488&revisionId=&format=4&depth=1



COMPANION TO URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES

A. Orum, J. Ruiz-Tagle & S. Vicari Haddock (Eds.)

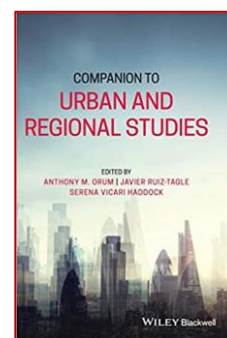
Companion to Urban and Regional Studies offers an up-to-date view of the rapidly growing field, exploring a diversity of theoretical perspectives, current and emerging research, and critical global policy concerns. This volume brings together essays by more than fifty international scholars and researchers to provide expert assessments spanning the many dimensions of urban studies. Among them D. Czischke (ENHR member) & A. Ayala's 'Housing in the Global North and in the Global South'.

Organized into five parts, the Companion begins with a review of the current state of cities across East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, North America, Europe, and Latin America, and all other world regions. Subsequent sections discuss contemporary theoretical perspectives, describe common methodological approaches used by urban scholars, and examine the political, social, and economic problems facing twenty-first century cities.

Companion to Urban and Regional Studies is essential reading for scholars, researchers, practitioners, urban activists, and students, and it represents a must-have complement to The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies.

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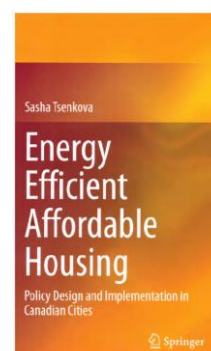
ENERGY EFFICIENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. POLICY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION IN CANADIAN CITIES

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This book by ENHR member Sasha Tsenkova provides the first comparative assessment of the energy-efficiency retrofit programs in the social housing sector of Canadian cities, focusing on program efficiency and effectiveness. The analytical framework explores key policy instruments - regulatory, fiscal and institutional - in relation to major results achieved. The approach is interdisciplinary, supported by rich empirical data from case studies, observations and interviews. The book explores important strategies for the provision of green and affordable housing, while addressing climate change imperatives and resilience issues. Its value added contribution to scholarship is complemented by practical relevance for social housing organisations in countries with a small residual housing sector. It offers valuable lessons for the design, planning and implementation of energy retrofit programs in North America and beyond.

2021, ISBN 978-3-030-69563-7

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

Jens Lunde and Christine Whitehead (Eds.)

The purpose of this paper, with contributions of over a dozen ENHR members) is to give an overview of housing taxation across European countries and to provide a source document on the comparative taxation position of housing both between different tenures within each country and between countries.

The starting point for this analysis was the publication of Milestones in Housing Finance (2015) which covered twenty European countries

together with Australia. The same country correspondents agreed to respond to a detailed questionnaire on housing taxation to complement this text. The USA was also included. Responses have been updated twice, with the final check undertaken in August 2020. This publication addresses a wide range of housing specific issues: notably how the taxation of owner-occupation compares with private and even social renting and the impacts of taxation, subsidies and other factors on tenure choice both within and between countries. The first and most obvious conclusion is that national tax systems in general and particularly the rules for housing taxation are both complicated and differ a great deal between countries. A second clear conclusion is that no country included in our survey has a housing tax system which is fully consistent with any set of principles usually put forward by economic commentators – whether looking at inter-tenure or inter-asset comparisons.

2021, 62 p., UK Collaborative centre for Housing Evidence
housingevidence.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/European-Housing-Taxation-report.pdf

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