



European Network for Housing Research

A photograph of a modern, multi-story apartment building. The facade is composed of large, rectangular panels in various shades of blue and light blue, creating a geometric pattern. The building has multiple balconies with black metal railings. Some balconies have plants and laundry hanging on them. A tree with autumn-colored leaves is visible on the right side of the building. A yellow semi-transparent geometric shape is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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EDITORIAL

The New researcher's on-line seminar attracted a worldwide audience

On the 11th of March 2022, slightly more than two weeks after a false start when only five presentations and discussions were held due to technical problems, the first ENHR 'New researchers' on-line seminar' took place. Invited to participate were PhD students as well as others that currently may not be at this stage but have the intention to embark on PhD studies in the future.

The key aims of the seminar were to:

- provide an opportunity for new researchers to present and discuss their work with peers, based on a brief abstract of about 200 words and a ten-minute presentation,
- get feedback on their work from senior members of the ENHR research community,
- enable new researchers to exchange ideas and share work experiences,
- discuss any other matters of common interest,
- assist and encourage new researchers to prepare papers to be presented at the 2022 New Housing Researchers' Colloquium that is planned to take place in Barcelona on 30 August,
- initiate and set up a forum for facilitating regular communication between new researchers within the framework of the ENHR.

For their presentations, the PhD students were asked to prepare in advance concrete questions that they wished to get answers to or advice on as these would help the mentor to guide the discussion with the participants and would also be helpful in summing up guidance for improvement and future work.

ENHR Community

The participants were initially welcomed on the 23rd of February 2022 by Vice-Chair Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway who was pleased to see many young people interested in housing research, who have ideas and projects they would like to share. She briefly illustrated the benefits of the ENHR with her own experiences as a young researcher: "I started my PhD in 1992. At that time hardly anybody in Spain, my home country, was interested in housing research. It was even difficult to find a mentor. I came across ENHR information and got in touch with members whose activities were related to my research. One of them sent me all her research findings about my topic by mail, as we did not have e-mail or internet yet. Eight years later I became a Working Group coordinator and then a Coordination Committee member and even vice-chair of the ENHR."

With this short bio she encouraged the presenters to see themselves as part of the ENHR community. "While writing your PhD report you can feel quite alone and isolated, or you may be concerned about the quality of what you are working on. Therefore, it is good to know that there are people out there who are willing to support and mentor you by sharing their opinions about your work."

One characteristic of the ENHR, according to the Vice-Chair, is its diverseness. "I am an economist, but you find anthropologists, sociologists, architects, engineers and many more specialists. You cannot study housing from a single point of view. That is why comparative research is important in our view, also geographically. ENHR maintains relations with sister organisations in Latin America and Asia with whom we exchange different geographic perspectives on several topics."

"The soul of ENHR are the working groups, devoted to specific housing related topics. Several mentors at the seminar are involved in one of them. The working groups organize their own meetings and usually are present at the annual conferences. I am sure you will feel comfortable in one of them.", the Vice-Chair further explained.

As online meetings are not the same as on-site meetings, the Vice-Chair invited all participants to join the annual conference this year which will take place in Barcelona. "It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to come and meet your peers and mentors face-to-face. Let's not limit ourselves to just this seminar. It must become the start of something."

New blood

One third of the researchers that attended the seminar were ENHR members. The rest must have seen announcements on social media or must have been informed by their promoters/supervisors or colleagues. While most of the participants came from European countries, there were also a few presenters from Australia and Canada, and one from Colombia. More than two thirds of the participants were female. In total, 72 persons registered to attend, with 51 of them having submitted an abstract aiming to present and discuss their work at the seminar. The seminar was open also to those who wished to attend and participate in the discussions without submitting an abstract. However, for a variety of reasons, a few of those that initially registered with an abstract were, regrettably, not able to attend and present their work.

"You, new researchers, are the most important members: the new blood of the network"

The presentations were facilitated by 13 senior members of the ENHR who led the discussions and provided useful feedback to the presenters. "I joined small and big groups and everywhere we had good discussions, suggestions for literature were made, and methodology and research questions were discussed, by both mentors and peers", ENHR Chair Peter Boelhouwer observed in his closing speech. "I was pleased to see so many of you attended. Actually, for ENHR you, new researchers, are the most important members: the new blood of the network. We could continue meeting like this on a regular basis in between annual conferences. It looks like a good opportunity to discuss work in progress rather than finished papers that are often presented at conferences."

Next steps

Just like Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway, Peter Boelhouwer invited all to attend the annual ENHR conferences. "In Barcelona on the 30th of August the new housing researchers conference as part of the full conference will take place. You are invited to take part and also compete for the Bengt Turner Award competition for best conference paper. The winner of the Bengt Turner Award will receive a waiver for the 2023 conference fee in Lodz (Poland). Many careers started at our conferences. Long-time members have built solid international contacts through the years. For this it is important you meet one another, not only on Zoom but also live. Apart from that we have fond memories of many of these conferences."

With the aim to raise awareness about the ENHR, all non-members that participated in the seminar are offered a free membership for this running year, which includes a conference fee discount. Non-members will also receive the upcoming ENHR Newsletter. ENHR membership opens doors to the more than 25 working groups where knowledge is acquired and shared in the various areas of housing research. With the Vice-Chair we are confident PhD's will feel confident in one of them.

We shall, shortly, conduct a brief survey among the participants to gather impressions about this first on-line seminar and obtain opinions and suggestions for future events.

Richard Sendi (Coordination Committee member and New housing researchers colloquium contact person)

Dirk Dubbeling (ENHR Secretariat)

HIGHLIGHTS COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

CC meeting 19-20 November 2021 in Barcelona

The Coordination Committee met in Barcelona for its 2-day Autumn meeting and inspection of the 2022 conference location.



A large part of the Coordination Committee, Barcelona hosts and guests at the meeting of 19-20 November.

Bengt Turner Award

The Bengt Turner Award can only be won once. This decision will be included in the handout, in the Newsletter and on the website.

Conferences

- The CC decides to stick to live conferences although partly on location, partly online is an option. Links to plenary recordings could be included on the member pages of the ENHR website. A hybrid alternative will be added to the conference guidelines. The CC will produce a statement on the website about why it is in favour of live conference.
- In future ENHR could organize additional online events apart from the annual conferences, like the PhD meeting in February 2022.
- The CC unanimously considered the 2021 Zoom conference a very well-organised one. Nadia and her staff did a great job under difficult circumstances, in 2020 and 2021.
- The Barcelona conference 2022 dates are reset to 30 August - 2 September. The conference organization must be tendered, which takes longer than expected. The conference will be presented as an on-site event. A backup plan in case of COVID-19 restriction is in preparation. Presenters will have to attend.
- At the Barcelona conference a workshop about 'History of the memory of the right to housing in Barcelona' will be included by the conference organisers.
- ENHR could be more explicit in its motives for annual conferences on location (networking, celebration of place, excursions) in its conference guidelines. This will be included in the conference guidelines.

Working Groups

- WG East European Housing and Urban Policy has been cancelled. The coordinators tried to revive it but without success.

- The WG Housing Economics is without coordinators. The workshop Housing Market Dynamics will include Housing Economics at the Barcelona conference. Afterwards a decision about the continuation of the WG will be made.
- Stefan van Tongeren is accepted as new coordinator of the WG Housing Law.
- Igor Costarelli presented a proposal for a new working group Housing and Young People of which he, Onana Druta and Constance Uytnebrouck will become coordinator. The CC considered this a well thought out and prepared request and approved it.

Organisation of CC meetings

- The CC discussed two questions: (1) Upgrading CC meetings to small seminars and (2) how to proceed with on-site vs online CC meetings, responding to climate impact effects.
- Question 1 Upgrading CC meetings to small seminars
- It is decided to have a full CC meeting in future during conferences. Once during the year one other meeting will be live, either in spring or in autumn, depending on the need of support by local members. Where and how to meet will be decided ad hoc. Optionally in-between Zoom meetings.
- The working group climate impact will produce a statement about how ENHR tries to be in line with climate issues. pick this up.

Various

- The fees for 2022 will be raised by 1,3%, following the latest Dutch consumer price index.
- The budget for 2022 is accepted.
- A reduced fee option that equals the PhD fee will be available for retired members who are no longer supported by their institutes. Members should apply for this.
- The PhD Zoom meeting on 23 February gets the go ahead.
- ENHR is not actively present on social media. It has no LinkedIn account. Tweets are only sent occasionally. Facebook is not considered a worthwhile option. A LinkedIn account will be created. A social media presentation option during the Barcelona conference will be explored.

2022 ELECTIONS

Call for nominations to the ENHR Coordination

The ENHR Election Committee and the ENHR Secretariat invite you to nominate candidates for the ENHR Coordination Committee (CC). The purpose of this call for nomination is to identify candidates who will stand for election for the ENHR Coordination Committee. Five seats will be open for the 2022 election. You will be elected for four years.

According to the ENHR Bylaws there should be between 12 and 17 members on the Coordination Committee. The composition of the present CC is as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Elected until</i>
Peter Boelhouwer	Geography	Male	The Netherlands	2024
Claire Carriou	Urban planning	Female	France	2024
Terry Hartig	Environmental psychology	Male	Sweden	2024
Jaana Nevalainen	Geography	Female	Finland	2024
Lena Magnusson Turner	Geography	Female	Norway	2024
Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway	Economics	Female	Spain	2024
Kath Scanlon	Economics and planning	Female	United Kingdom	2024
Richard Sendi	Architecture	Male	Slovenia	2024
Mark Stephens	Economics	Male	United Kingdom	2024
Catalina Turcu	Architecture	Female	United Kingdom	2024
Darinka Czischke	Architecture	Female	The Netherlands	2022
Paddy Gray	Housing	Male	Ireland	2022
Marietta Haffner	Economics	Female	The Netherlands	2022
Sergio Nasarre Aznar	Law	Male	Spain	2022
Iván Tosics	Sociology	Male	Hungary	2022
<i>Conference representatives (not elected, but acting as full members)</i>				
Josep Maria Montaner	-	Male	Spain	2022 (Nov.)
Magdalena Zalczna	-	Female	Poland	2023 (Nov.)

The aim is to achieve a balanced composition, enabling diversity in terms of discipline, country and gender. The elections will take place in May and June. The results will be announced during the General Assembly at the conference Barcelona (Spain).

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

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

How to nominate

ENHR members can nominate a candidate or be nominated as a candidate provided that they have paid their membership fee for 2022. Members from associate institutional members and members from outside Europe are excluded.

Please fill in the nomination form on the ENHR website (www.enhr.net/about-enhr/coordination-committee) with the names of nominee and nominator and send the form, together with a short biographical sketch (± 200 words) and a photo, to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl).

The biographical sketch should contain the candidate's academic position, activities in the Network, a maximum of three key publications, issues that you feel are important for the future of the Network and a motivation.

The deadline for receipt of nominations (including the biographical sketch and photo) is **31 March 2022, by midnight CET**.

Voting

The nominees will be introduced to all ENHR members by e-mail and on the ENHR website shortly after **31 March 2022** and in Newsletter 2. All ENHR members except associate institutional members and members from outside Europe are allowed to vote, provided they have paid their membership fee for 2022. We will inform you about how to vote in a later stage.

Election Committee

For any questions contact the ENHR Election Committee. They are:

- Dirk Dubbeling (d.j.dubbeling@tudelft.nl)
Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS.
- Gerard van Bortel (G.A.vanBortel@tudelft.nl)
Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS.
- Lars Gulbrandsen (larsg@oslomet.no)
Oslo, NORWAY.

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

ENHR CONFERENCES

ENHR Conference 2022 Barcelona (Spain)

Date

30 August - 2 September 2022, Barcelona (Spain)

Theme

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

One venue

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

Important dates

- Call for abstracts / open registration: 20 March 2022
- Deadline for abstract submission: 20 May 2022
- Notification of abstract approval: 20 June 2022
- Deadline for Early bird for Registration: 30 June 2022
- Papers deadline (including Bengt Turner Award papers): 20 July 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'Alier 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 history of the memory of the fighting for the right of housing

This workshop will be included by the conference organisers. The Barcelona city council is committed to this theme which coincides with the objective of the Chair of Housing Studies at ETSAB. Local Organising Committee Chair Josep Maria Montaner and his team are committed to this theme. Workshop participants are invited to present examples from their countries. Possibly a Working Group can be formed around this theme afterwards which will also focus on present day housing rights issues related to housing quality, public housing being sold to commercial parties, housing for young people and impacts of renovation on rent prices. The Coordination Committee supports this.

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.

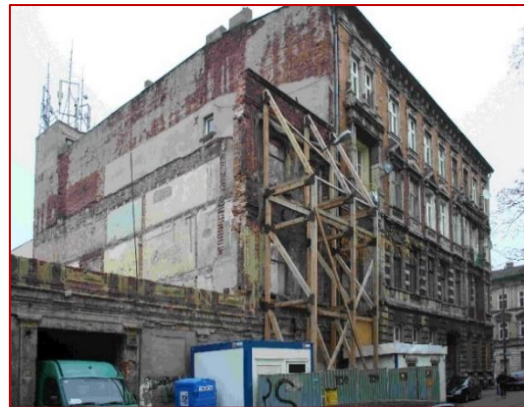
More information will follow soon.

ENHR Conference 2023 Lodz (Poland)

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.

A formal proposal 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](#). 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).

The Coordination Committee would also need to be informed about hybrid conference options and carbon footprint reduction options of the conference.

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).

** As no proposals have been received up until now, the deadline has been extended. No new deadline has been settled yet.*

BENGT TURNER AWARD 2022



Vacationing on the West Coast (Sweden)

Aim of the Bengt Turner Award

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 and to keep alive the memory of Bengt Turner, one of the founders of ENHR and its first chairman from 1988 to 2007.

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

Eligibility

Papers should

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

Submit one paper only.

Authors should

- submit one paper only (to www.enhr2019.com)
- indicate that the paper has been written by him/her alone and that an eventual publication of the winning paper will be only with the one author
- be less than 41 years old, OR be registered as a PhD student OR have received a PhD in the preceding three years
- be based in an European country, or have carried out research in Europe
- be registered for the annual ENHR Conference.

The content of the Bengt Turner Award

The winner of the Bengt Turner Award 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.

One can only win the award once.

Evaluation

The evaluation criteria roughly amount to whether a paper would be sent out to referees of a scientific journal. The ENHR Coordination Committee determines whether a Bengt Turner Award is handed out.

How to apply

Apply for the Award when uploading your paper on the 2022 conference website (**deadline 20 July**).

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.

Annual report 2021

The Working Groups' Annual report contains an overview of the activities in 2021 of 13 out of 27 Working Groups.

Table 1 below shows the overview. The COVID-19 pandemic is very likely the reason for the lower number of activities undertaken than in other years. On the other hand, more WGs than mentioned here participated in the COVID-19 seminar in February and the online annual conference in August/September. However, the report only contains activities from WGs that handed in their annual report.

More information about the undertakings of each Working Group in 2021 and in previous years will be available soon on the ENHR website (www.enhr.net/working-groups/). This 2021 report is to be found at www.enhr.net/working-groups/annual-report-1/.

During 2021 the following changes took place:

- WG East European Housing and Urban Policy was cancelled.
- Stefan van Tongeren was accepted as new coordinator of the WG Housing Law. He replaced Maria Olinda Garcia.
- Introduction of new WG Housing and Young People (in preparation).
- WG Housing Economic is without coordinators.

Table 1 Activities in 2021

2021 (13 out of 27 WGs)	
Workshops	16 workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home ownership and housing wealth before and during COVID-19 (WG Homeownership and Globalisation) • Two-day online workshop (WG Housing Migration and Family Dynamics) • 2x Elsewhere and in co-operation with other WGs or non-ENHR partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG Housing Finance and EMF • 26th World Congress of Political Science (WG Southern European Housing) • 4x ENHR seminar Housing related impacts of the pandemic: • 8x ENHR conference 2021 Nicosia (online)
Books	-
Special issues, papers and book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 journal publications (WG Towards Sustainable Housing and Communities) • 1 Book chapter (WG Towards Sustainable Housing and Communities)
Other	2x projects: MICOLL project (ongoing) and Co-Lab Mapping project (WG Collaborative Housing)

Table 2 Indicated plans for 2022

Workshops	13 workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WG event in Hamburg May/June (WG Homeownership and Globalisation)• Kick-off meeting (WG Housing and Young People)• 10x ENHR 2022 Barcelona Conference• 1x Elsewhere and in co-operation with other WGs or non-ENHR partners (WG Collaborative Housing: Social Housing Festival participation)
Books	-
Special issues, papers and book chapters	-
Other	-

URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION INTERVIEW



Looking back and forward during Urban Affairs Association's 50th annual conference

ENHR's partner Urban Affairs Association (UAA) will celebrate its 50th annual conference on 12-14 April this year. The theme 'Shaping the future of urban research' reveals they will keep looking forward, but there is room for reflection as well.

"We will celebrate our history", says Executive Director Margaret Wilder during a Zoom interview with ENHR's Newsletter that also includes Ed Goetz, professor of urban and regional planning at University of Minnesota, and current board chair Thomas Vicino, professor of political science, public policy and urban affairs at Northeastern University. Both Margaret and Ed are former board chairs and long-term members of UAA. The governing board is the policy making body of UAA's leadership. The executive director manages the day-to-day business.

"Universities in the US founded urban outreach centres and academic programmes at the end of the 1960s in response to urban protests", Margaret continues. "Many academics became involved with local community organisations. Some started academic programmes that focused on policies and social problems in cities."

About a dozen of these centres received initial funding from foundations and government agencies. That was the initial impetus for UAA being formed.

Ed is head of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (at the University of Minnesota) that came out of the tumult of the 1960s. "The centre focused on urban questions with an emphasis on what was happening locally", he says. "We were created via our universities to address local conditions. Those centres see UAA as a kind of trade organisation. UAA is more than an academic organisation where researchers present their latest paper. Today Black Lives Matter and global protest movements make institutions again realise they need to reflect on the times and to change what they are doing. It is that same institutional response we had back then, so we will celebrate our 50th conference in the context of a new round of social movements."

Thomas: "The power of human connections is what makes neighbourhoods strong, and urban communities sustainable. What more recent social movements tell us is that we will be grappling with these fundamental questions for the next 50 years."

Did you make progress or are you back at square one?

Margaret: "We made progress with the formalisation of civil rights, and achieved some diversity, but there are continuing challenges in sustaining those rights and expanding opportunities. At the conference we will be talking about our progress as well as enduring issues. One basis for reflection will be a review of urban discourse as revealed through journal publications and conference themes over the years. These reflections are part of a UAA history track at the conference, designed to help us understand where we have been, and where we still need to go with the evolution of discourse around urban development, policy, and human rights."

"One thing that our history reveals is that we have had such an influential generation of scholars that impacted our scholarship and neighbourhoods on the ground" adds Thomas. "Large academic programmes and schools of public policy and urban affairs were formed. Our field and these schools need to be cultivated."

Annual conferences are an integral part of UAA's efforts to increase knowledge about urban places and promote the development of research activities. Probably one-fourth of the conference sessions is focused on housing issues. Housing, neighbourhoods, and community development is the largest cluster of panels at each UAA conference. That has been the case for at least twenty years. Margaret: "But regardless of the topic, the overarching focus of UAA sessions is about how to create equitable, just, fair, balanced policies and strategies, particularly in urban areas. The variety of policy areas is what differentiates the groups within UAA. Topically we are a multi nodal organisation, but joined by core values focusing on social justice, equity, and sustainability. We want to promote these values through both local, neighbourhood, and national policy. One initiative that reflects UAA's justice and equity orientation is the recent launch of our new Journal of Race, Ethnicity and the City published by Taylor and Francis."

Do you look forward to seeing one another again at the conference as we do at ENHR?

Thomas: "We miss the conferences, but the conversations are continuing from home. The dialogue, comradery, and the informal conversations are what makes UAA so special. COVID-19 will be with us forever, but it brought our board closer together. In response to COVID-19 and for other environmental reasons, we already made one adaptation. Our fall board meeting will be virtual moving forward. I expect the board meeting during the conference will remain an in-person one."

Ed: "UAA members definitely want to meet one another after two years of zooming. If I had to choose one conference, I would attend UAA. It's a multidisciplinary organisation and meetings are not too big compared to some other organisations. We are growing, but still want to keep the human scale at conferences."

Margaret adds: "During a UAA meeting once, someone said to me: 'I attend my discipline's conference because I have to, but I come to the UAA conference because I want to.'" When asked about whether UAA conferences will become virtual, she says, "One advantage of small virtual meetings is that we can attract audiences in different time zones. But it is a challenge from a fiscal and technological standpoint to open the larger annual conference up for electronic presentations. The conference model needs to develop incremental steps for that."

"We want to continue to build stronger links with our European colleagues"

UAA's outlook for the future is great, concludes Thomas. "We have a willingness of colleagues to push the boundaries of our field of study, how we do inquiry, and internationalisation has meant that our Journal of Urban Affairs is now a mature publication. UAA welcomes interdisciplinary inquiry on the urban condition. Twenty years ago, I was around policy scholars and urban planners at the UAA conference. Now, there are more geographers and urban sociologists in our midst. Even among the members of our governing board we have colleagues from different disciplines and from all over the world."

Margaret: "We are growing but we want to be strategic. Expanding outside the US is a long-standing goal embraced by UAA membership, formally approved by the board, and promoted through committees, conference planning, and our journals. The international leadership and content of our two current journals, as well as conference participants, reflect this growing global community of researchers. As part of our mission, we want to continue to build stronger links with our European colleagues. Maybe we could organise a conference with our partners every few years."

UAA includes over 700 institutional, individual, and student members from colleges and universities throughout North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia. UAA adopted strategic goals, such as to foster education, professional development, and student mentoring in urban affairs and foster and build the capacity among scholars, policymakers, and other members of the community for collaboration on significant urban issues.

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NEWS FROM MEMBERS

PhD news

After the successful New researchers' on-line seminar in February/March of this year, this new section is open for PhD's.

Send input to enhr@tudelft.nl

The governance of housing association diversification in Northern Ireland: managing interdependent social and commercial logics (Peter Shanks - University of Birmingham)

I'm delighted to share that back in September 2021, I passed my PhD Viva with a few minor amendments. Despite the natural anxiety one feels in the lead up to a Viva, I embraced the opportunity to discuss my research with examiners Tony Manzi (external) and Stewart Smyth (internal) and thoroughly enjoyed the robust discussion. My thesis examined organisational change (i.e. diversification into private housing markets) within the housing associations sector. It developed the existing literature on hybridity and institutional logics in two distinctive ways; first, my research focused on the distinctive Northern Ireland housing context, and second, it examined organisational change through a corporate governance lens. I used a four-stage grounded methodology to capture data at the sectoral and organisational levels, including observations of board and committee meetings using Critical Incident Technique methodology. In terms of results, I conceptualised the tensions that confronted the boards of Northern Ireland's two largest housing associations as they diversified into private housing markets, and the strategies they adopted to simultaneously pursue both social and commercial goals. Most studies of housing hybridity have reported evidence of logic succession, whereby market influences displace social purpose goals whenever housing associations enact private market norms and values. In contrast, my study drew on the concepts of hybridity, paradox theory and the institutional logics perspective to construct a new 'paradox model of organisational hybridity'. In doing so, it reframes the debate on social and commercial goals from one of logic dominance and succession to one of logic interdependency and management. A copy of my thesis can be downloaded here: www.theses.bham.ac.uk/id/eprint/12160/

A special thanks to my supervisors Professor David Mullins, Professor Jon Glasby and Dr Halima Sacranie.

Peter Shanks presented his research at the New researchers' on-line seminar the 11th of March.

New members

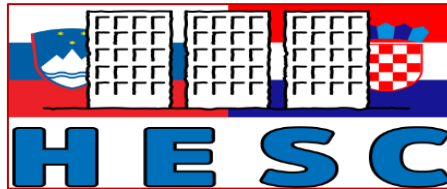


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Quality of living in socialist and post-socialist era housing estates

The Institute for Social Research in Zagreb conducted an online survey with a target population of tenants of multi-apartment buildings – representatives of homeowners. The survey was conducted in November, 2021, within the project 'Quality of living in the Housing Estates of the socialist and post-socialist era: a comparative analysis between Slovenia and Croatia (2020-2023) (HESC)', funded by the Croatian Science Foundation.



The content of the survey encompassed insights into the issues of living in multi-apartment buildings, the problems that representatives of homeowners were facing and in carrying out the tasks of maintaining the buildings. Furthermore, it offered insights into the quality of cooperation with the building management companies, and the future plans regarding the opportunities for renovating older buildings, especially in the sense of energy efficiency renovation. The research is interesting because it is one among the rare that monitor the housing issues and renovation of derelict and unkempt socialist estates, which still nowadays provide housing to a large number of tenants in Croatia. The models of revitalization existing in Western European countries are rarely applied, and resources from European funds for so-called energy efficiency renovation are only rarely available to tenants, and are insufficient for co-financing costs of all interested homeowners.

Preliminary results

The preliminary results of the survey were first published on the online service ZGRADOnačelnik.hr in December 2021, and afterwards in January on the daily news portal Jutarnji list. These media services presented a part of the obtained results:

- The largest number of the sampled buildings were built in the socialist period, between 1945 and 1990; 26 percent in the post-socialist period (after 1991), and 18 percent in the period prior to 1945. The analysis of the level of general satisfaction with the building, in the three general building periods, revealed that participants' satisfaction rises as the age of the building in which they live becomes lower. The highest level of satisfaction was reported by the participants living in the buildings built in the post-socialist period. The next were those who live in the buildings built in socialism, while the least satisfied were the tenants of the buildings built before 1945.
- Interpersonal relations in the buildings were mostly assessed as mediocre (56 percent), while a third of respondents found them to be quite good (33 percent), which is a relatively satisfactory representation of the situation in the buildings, because only eight percent of the surveyed found the interrelations to be bad or very bad.
- It is interesting to see how the notion of co-ownership is accepted and understood among the homeowner representatives and homeowners. It has been shown that it is accepted only halfway or partially. Thus, almost 75 percent of representatives of homeowners find it that tenants take care of the common ownership only as much as they are obliged to, while they are mostly concerned with their private ownership.

- Regarding the satisfaction with the cooperation with building managers, 37 percent of participants fall in the category of moderately satisfied, 40 percent is (highly or very highly) satisfied, and there is around a fourth (23 percent) of those who reported low or very low satisfaction with the work of building managers. The participants of the survey mostly criticized the lack of open and more frequent communication of the manager with the homeowners, the transparency of managing the building, difficulties with the contractors, with the collection of the maintenance reserve...
- The research participants also point out the assistance with the renovation of the buildings, especially energy efficiency renovation, and the possible funding from European funds and insurance repayments. Regarding the public calls for energy efficiency renovation of multi-apartment buildings, the issues pointed out are a lack of finances, a lack of interest among homeowners or their inability to find agreement, and the high price of the implementation of energy efficiency renovation.
- Additionally, the survey participants point out the need for a greater engagement of the building manager, improvement of the communication and facilitation (simplification and speeding up) of the whole procedure, with more adequate legal solutions.
- In conclusion, homeowner representatives and homeowners want an efficient system of management in their buildings, and a more orderly, uncluttered and energy efficient housing. Still, this process is often obstructed by interpersonal relations, building managers, and legal provisions and procedures.

The survey, specifically designed within the project to target the representatives of homeowners, was carried out in collaboration with the educational-advisory-informative service ZGRADOnačelnik.hr. The research included representatives of homeowners from around ten Croatian cities or towns, out of whom the majority from Zagreb.

About us

The Urban/Rural and Science Research Centre (URSRC) at the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb (www.idi.hr) uses a sociological and interdisciplinary approach to studying the spatial context and specific conditions of a country, region, town, village etc. Some of the most relevant research topics are: the quality of life and housing in Croatia; the development and monitoring of the processes in space (the urbanization, suburbanization and ruralisation processes); urban renewal, gentrification, urban sustainability, participation process; privatization of housing, functionality and equipment of housing estates and neighbourhoods), and the transformations of post-socialist cities, especially capitals. Head of the Centre is Dr. [Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac](#), urban sociologist. The centre employs 7 researchers, of which 3 are doctoral students (young researchers).

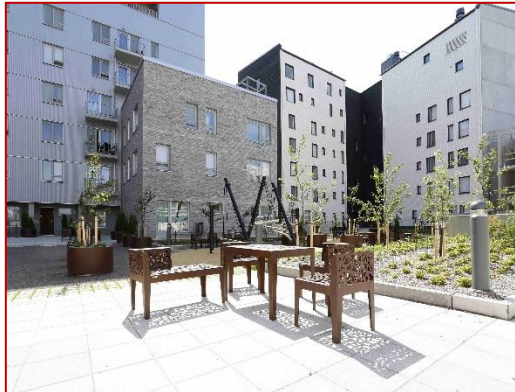


Y-Foundation

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Y-Foundation joined the ENHR in 2022 to take part in the international debate on housing. Y-Foundation is the fourth largest housing provider in Finland and offers affordable social housing as well as rental homes for people experiencing homelessness and those who are under a threat of becoming homeless. We develop anti-homelessness efforts together with our partners in Finland and internationally. We operate according to the Housing First principle (www.ysaatio.fi/en/housing-first-finland) and believe that having a place to live is a human right. Y-Foundation has recently established a research team whose efforts are directed to support three strategic objectives: improving the well-being of tenants, promoting a fair transition towards a carbon neutral living, and eradicating homelessness nationally and internationally.

The research team adopts a multidisciplinary perspective and combines quantitative and qualitative methodologies.



Houses built by Y-Foundation.

Ongoing research include, for example:

- Young People in Housing First: cost offset and impact evaluation – The study looks at the savings that derive from changes in the use of social, healthcare and justice-related services generated by a housing program targeting young people experiencing homelessness.
- Nudges for a carbon neutral lifestyle - The research explores ways to support Y-Foundation's tenants in minimizing their carbon footprint. Our focus is on energy consumption, transport emissions and waste. The research aims at designing and testing small-scale pilot interventions (nudges).
- SEGRA - The research project focuses on the role of social work in combating regional inequality, i.e. segregation and homelessness, in the large cities of Finnish growth centers.
- Uuras – Uuras is the Y-Foundation's employment program for its residents. The research project adopts a qualitative methodology and looks at the impact of Uuras on the residents and their (social and economic) well-being.

Past recent outputs include:

- Granfelt, Riitta, and Saija Turunen. "Women on the Border between Home and Homelessness: Analysing Worker–Client Relationship." *Social Inclusion* 9.3 (2021): 223-233. (www.cogitatiopress.com/socialinclusion/article/view/4313)

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Recent Research

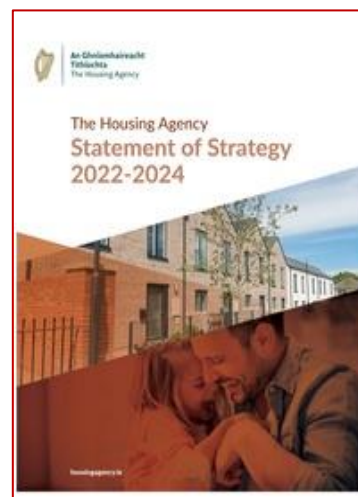
The National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027

The second National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 was published in January 2022 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) with the Department of Health (DoH) and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

The strategy will build on the considerable achievements of the 2011 Strategy, continuing the journey of the last 10 years which saw many people with disabilities allocated suitable housing, new structures developed to align housing provision with needed health and social care supports, progress made on decongregation into community residential care and increasing awareness and understanding of disability and housing within housing and disability services. The 2022 Strategy re-echoes the vision of the first Strategy with a particular emphasis on disabled people having choice and control over their living arrangements. It seeks *'to facilitate disabled people to live independently with the appropriate choices and control over where, how and with whom they live, promoting their inclusion in the community; and to further enable equal access for disabled people to housing with integrated support services'*.

This new Strategy has been developed to clearly present Government's vision for housing for disabled people:

- by the three key Departments involved;
- following a comprehensive 8-month, 2-phase consultation including online focus groups held with the Disability Participation and Consultation Network;
- to support and strengthen the co-operation and collaboration of Government departments, state agencies, local authorities, and others in delivering housing and related supports for disabled people over the next five years.



The Housing Agency Strategy 2022-2024

The Housing Agency's Statement of Strategy, 2022-2024 was launched in January 2022 by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD. The Statement of Strategy outlines how more affordable housing, increasing the supply of social and private homes and addressing social inclusion issues such as homelessness and ageing will be the priorities for the work of The Housing Agency over the next three years.

The Statement of Strategy frames the work of The Housing Agency under three broad themes:

1. Being a centre for housing knowledge
2. Bridging housing supply and demand
3. Building capacity for housing

It outlines how, over the coming years, The Housing Agency will use research, informed policy insights and data to work to achieve a housing system that meets the housing needs of our nation and promotes viable, sustainable communities.

The Housing Agency's Strategic Plan 2022-2024 has been framed in the context of supporting Housing for All, the Government's housing plan for Ireland and key trends in the housing system including:

- Diverse and changing housing needs for people living in Ireland.
- Long-term government policy and strategic planning for the Irish housing system.
- A continuing focus on building inclusive, sustainable communities.

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.

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The [Social and Affordable Housing Research Cluster](#) at Griffith University is pleased to share the following news in relation to grants, PhD completions/graduations, and publications.

Research grant for shared home equity model

The Social and Affordable Housing Research Cluster at Griffith University along with Federation University of Australia obtained a A\$50,000 seed research grant from the Melbourne Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation for the project entitled 'Optimal for The Younger Segment of The Population in Melbourne'. The research team includes Adjunct Professor George Earl, Adjunct Professor Eduardo Roca, Dr Benjamin Liu and Dr Byung-Seong Min from Griffith University and Professor Jennifer Martin from the Federation University of Australia.

Project Summary

As a result of the termination of National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) in 2026 in Australia, there will be a potential loss of affordable dwellings in the greater Melbourne region (5,641 NRAS dwellings in Victoria/Great Melbourne; NRAS Quarterly Report September 2020). Additionally, based on the 2016 census and a Queensland University of Technology report (October 2019), there is a potential need for an additional 93,000 affordable dwellings in the greater Melbourne region. Some surveys of Victorian NRAS dwellings indicate a high ration of young tenants (18-44 age group) and based on a study undertaken by University of Queensland in 2018 & 2019 indicated this cohort had a high ratio of tenants with home ownership aspirations. This project aims to develop an optimal shared equity homeownership scheme/model for the younger segment of the population. This will entail a review of various shared equity models globally and within Australia, establish the level of young NRAS tenants in Victoria, the level of home ownership aspiration, the potential for an innovative shared equity

program at no additional cost to government other than the current state NRAS commitment and what are the national implications of the program



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LSE's ongoing Projects

Progressing Planning

In May 2021, 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), Floriane Ortega (Carbon Trust), Catriona Riddell (Catriona Riddell & Associates) and Ulises Moreno Tabarez (LSE) 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; Catriona Riddell explores the role of strategic planning in achieving good growth moving away from standard measures; and finally Ulises Moreno Tabarez discusses the historical links between land reform and peasant resistance in the Costa Chica region in Mexico.

New projects and publications

Assessing the value, incidence, and impact of developer contributions in Scotland

LSE London has concluded research assessing the value, incidence, and impact of developer contributions in Scotland and the final report is now available on the Scottish Government's website. This research was conducted by a multidisciplinary team composed of Professor Tony Crook (Sheffield University), Dr John Boyle (Rettie and Co), Stefano Smith (Stefano Smith Planning), as well as LSE London members, Kath Scanlon, Fanny Blanc and Christine Whitehead.

Private Landlords and Tax Challenges

LSE London worked on research aimed at understanding how changes since 2015 in the taxation of transactions, income, capital gains from private rented property and then the Covid pandemic affected English landlords' business models and incentive frameworks as well as how England compares with comparable economies. The final report Private Landlords and Tax Challenges published in November 2021 by the National Residential Landlords Association concentrates particularly how landlords responded to the changing incentives and draws out implications for the private rented sector as a whole.

Community-led housing and loneliness for the MHCLG

Working with colleagues from the Universities of Bristol, Lancaster and Sheffield, LSE London has now finished a year-long study of community-led housing and loneliness for the MHCLG. The project report '[Those little connections: Community-led housing and loneliness](#)' has been published in November 2021. The research team, led by LSE London's Deputy Director Kath Scanlon, conducted a nationwide survey of people involved with community-led housing and carried out in-depth case studies of five communities across England.

London boroughs cooperation to improve housing options for homeless households

In November 2021, LSE London also concluded research into the role that Capital Letters - a collaboration between London boroughs working together to improve housing options for homeless households - plays in improving the ways in which temporary accommodation is

procured and managed in London. The study looked at benefits to local authorities, the homeless households accommodated and the private landlords who provide the accommodation. A core objective was to evaluate the value for money of the service for local authorities and for the public sector as a whole. The final report is now available on the LSE London website.



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ESRC AHRC UK South Korea SSH Connections Grant for Younha Cho

ENHR member Dr Younha Cho (School of the Built Environment, the joint lead of Healthy Ageing and Care RIKE Network, Oxford Brookes University), won an ESRC AHRC UK South Korea SSH Connections Grant, UK-South Korea Ageing in Place Research Network. She teamed up with Prof Ramin Keivani (Built Environment), Dr Jo Brett (Health and Life Science), Dr Karla Zimpel-Leal (Business School) and Prof Sarah Harper, University of Oxford. It is an 18month project and aims to explore major challenges of an ageing population particularly for supporting age inclusive environment and sustainable health, and social care provision and to develop mutual research agenda.

The team will work with a total of eight academics and researchers from two universities in Korea (Hanyang University and Konkuk University) and four public, private and charity organisations including The Age UK, Korea Land & Housing Corporation, Korea Housing & Urban Guarantee Corporation, and Korean Association for Housing Policy Studies. The established network will help to better understand the relationship between healthy ageing, housing and social care in the two countries and to widen the Healthy Ageing and Care RIKE Network for further collaboration.



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New research published by the Centre

Over the last quarter, researchers from Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research (CCHPR) have published a number of reports and blogs on a variety of topics, including digital

inclusion, shared ownership, and the role of modular homes in housing people experiencing homelessness. All our publications can be downloaded from our website:
www.cchpr.landecon.cam.ac.uk.

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News from partners



European Federation for Living (EFL)

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EFL upcoming events in 2022

EFL webinar in March

On the 23rd of March, there is a webinar on 'Urban Governance: the Importance of Regional, Multi Stakeholder Cooperation. Prof. dr. Tuna Tasan-Kok (University of Amsterdam) focuses in this webinar on regulation of urban development and change from different angles, on themes of urban governance, property-led urban development dynamics, and spatial organisation through social relations. She is specifically interested in involvement of diverse actors and regulation of their interests in specific projects, processes and developments in cities.

Topic Group Construction

The EFL Topic Group Construction will meet – in person – in Bolzano and Milano (Italy) on 6-8 April. This three-day meeting will include two site visits. The spectacular and world renowned building 'Bosco Verticale' in Milano will be visited. During a guided tour we will learn about the sustainable and architectural highlights of this building and the surrounding area, called Porta Nova. In Bolzano, the new area 'Casa Nova' in Bolzano Sud will be visited. During these days, we will learn about sustainable building and construction.

EFL Conferences in May and November 2022

In 2022, EFL is going to organise two conferences. The Spring Conference 2022 will be organised in Paris (France) and hosted by social housing organisation Paris Habitat. This event will take place from 18-20 May 2022. The conference will be themed around sustainability and the energy transition. The Autumn Conference 2022 will be held from 2-4 November in Glasgow (Scotland, UK), and will be hosted by social housing organisation Wheatley Group.

EBZ Summer School in July 2022

In July 2022, the Summer School is back. The European Summer School is organised by EBZ Business School – University of Applied Sciences, EFL, Housing Europe, and the Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO). The Summer School is scheduled from 4-8 July 2022 and is themed around the energy transition. Theme's, such as: the technical developments and energy poverty will be discussed. More detailed information will follow in 2022.

More information on EFL

The EFL network offers easy access to relevant insights, information and expertise from the European housing sector. Through events, research, and projects, we make sure our members and associates are at the forefront of innovating property and community development in Europe.

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.

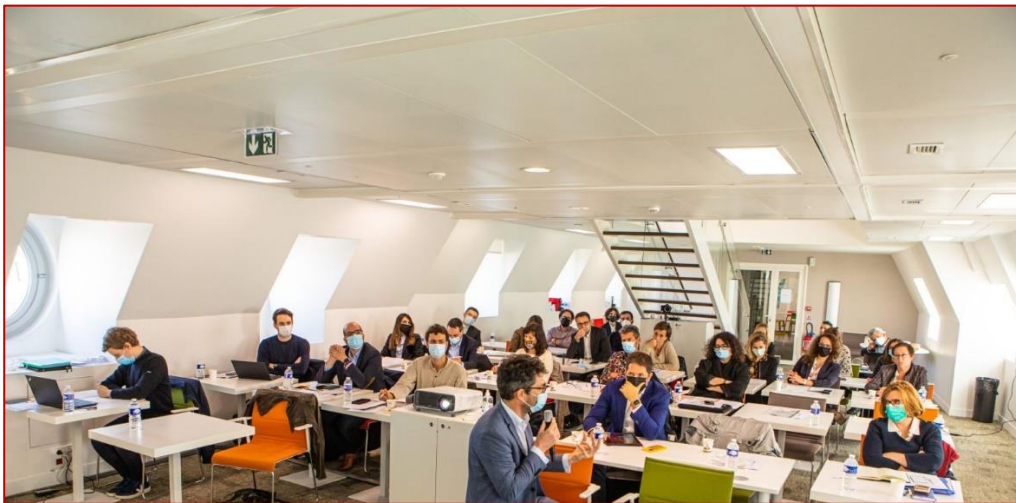
Other news

European comparative housing policies specialists invited for IDHEAL lectures

IDHEAL (France) would like to invite one of ENHR's members to deliver a presentation at the IDHEAL conference 'Is France better or worse housed than its neighbours?' that will take place either on the 7th or 8th of April in Paris.

France is among the European countries that have the highest housing stock per inhabitant and currently build the largest quantities of new houses. Yet, housing crisis looks different and more severe than in many other European countries. What are the reasons for this?

The conference includes a session called 'What's wrong with housing today?' Polls and surveys tell the majority of French people are satisfied with their housing conditions. Yet, many factors of crisis currently seem to be escalating in the housing sector. Do they reflect economic, social, territorial, ecological problems, or all at once? Why are they persisting?



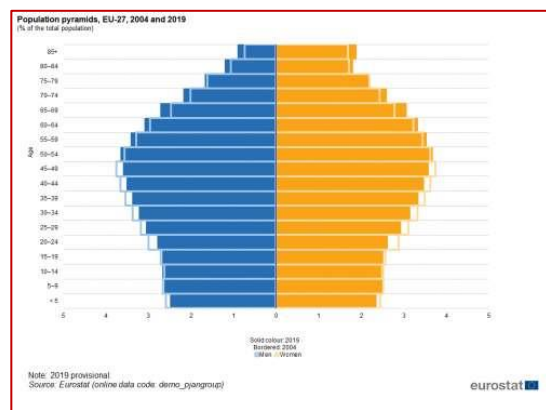
Impression of a recent IDHEAL conference.

IDHEAL is a think-tank founded by former journalist Catherine Sabbah and devoted to improving knowledge and feeding the public debate on housing in France. We do so by financing research and organising lectures and workshops dedicated to professionals working in the housing sector.

For more information on its structure, its purpose, operation and supports, see www.idheal.fr.

For more information contact [Catharina Sabbah](mailto:Catharina.Sabbah@idheal.fr).

An exuberant and stressed housing market, certainties and uncertainties



It can already be concluded that, despite the corona crisis, house prices have continued to grow, even faster than before. Signs of exuberance and vulnerabilities in real estate and financial markets are appreciated by ECB in his last Financial Stability Review (November 2021)¹ Perhaps the opposite would have been foreseeable. Who is not surprised? At the end of the storm it is easy to explain..., of course, fiscal and monetary policies have made it possible to maintain incomes and savings levels of buyers in general. In addition, with the pandemic everything has increased the use value of a home, and why not, also the exchange value. It is easier to predict the past than the future.

And the reality is that we find ourselves, two years later, with an expensive and stressed housing market defined by an insufficient rental housing market and low supply of new homes, both with high prices. It is likely that, as houses become less affordable, house prices will increase slowly. Although perhaps we can still live a period of significant increases.

And now, we dare to intuit with a certain perspective what is going to happen? I invite you to ruminate with me.

First of all, the storm is not over yet. The clouds of inflation and consequently a rise in interest rates hang over the market. This is already generating increases of more than 10% per year in housing production costs, which are undoubtedly passed on to prices. Whether the ECB will increase the cost of money remains to be seen. Doing so, will raise the fees to be paid for mortgages and could slow down the demand for housing. We must consider that inflation will also imply increases in rents, so the decision to buy or rent I think it would still be in favor of the first.

From the point of view of demand, the recovery after the pandemic could increase the level of incomes of families, and consequently sustains high prices. Another relevant point is the analysis of the population pyramid in Europe. We are not a young continent. This, contrary to what was thought decades ago, instead of reducing the demand for housing due to the aging of the population, the demand is increasing, both to change to a better home and for investment. I suppose that during this pandemic it has been the section of the population over 45 years of age who has pushed home purchases, specially new houses. It is really difficult to afford down payments for first time home buyers.

I leave for the end the topic that I consider most relevant both in the formation and fluctuation of prices and in the forecasts of housing demand. If there is not an accessible housing rental market, it is difficult for prices to drop. In the absence of a stable and affordable rent, the option to buy, even assuming long terms of indebtedness, is considered by many to be the best option to secure a home. An interesting debate between value and price appears here.

In the rental housing market is where the solution to the housing problem really lies. Measures by some governments to control rental prices I would say that are on the right track, although they are still insufficient.

I do not understand the fear of many sectors to favor an affordable rental housing market. It would be to the benefit the vast majority, and it would avoid new crises in this important sector. Perhaps the Next Generation EU funds should also be used to rehabilitate homes and convert unused built spaces into residential.

Jesús Escamilla Romero, Economist, Spain

New Barcelona Chair of Housing Studies

The Generalitat de Catalunya and the Barcelona City Council, together with four universities, have recently created a university chair that addresses the various problems related to housing.

Universal access to decent housing and its stable, affordable and sustainable enjoyment is one of the most urgent and complex challenges faced by public and private agents in today's societies, and which has been accepted internationally in Goal 11 as a fundamental pillar of the UN Agenda 2030 in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This challenge has a strong impact on the design of public policies and their regulatory deployment, and generates a very considerable flow of basic and applied research, of great transversality, which needs to be strengthened and developed.

The nature of the housing crisis is polyhedral, to the extent that it is a convoluted problem, interconnected with others, urgent, systemic and complex, which traditionally in our context has not been an academic object of main attention, despite the meritorious efforts already deployed, and which need to be brought together, strengthened and developed.

For all these reasons, a comprehensive approach is required from the different disciplines that investigate and intervene in the reality of housing. And in this task, the role of public universities is essential, as centres of research, teaching and knowledge transfer, as well as the role of public administrations, as units for the design and implementation of public policies in the service of the general interest, to be developed in collaboration with the private sector.

Consequently, the Generalitat de Catalunya and Barcelona City Council, together with Pompeu Fabra University (UPF), Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya–BarcelonaTech (UPC), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and the University of Barcelona (UB), have recently created a university chair that addresses the various problems related to housing in order to collaborate in the promotion of innovative and evidence-based public housing policies, through training, research, evaluation and dissemination programs in this field of knowledge. The chair will have offices in the four universities, the reference being located at the UPC, working together with the academic world of the rest of Spain and also at a European and international level to generate high-level knowledge, disseminate it and transfer it.

One of the objectives of the Barcelona Chair in Housing Studies is to create a transdisciplinary group of researchers, interested in deepening the exchange of knowledge, research and useful experiences for the design of housing policies and instruments.

The presentation of the Chair has taken place on February 28.

Josep Maria Montaner

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Co-directors of the Barcelona Chair of Housing Studies (UPC-UPF-UB-UAB)

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

ENHANCING AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY THROUGH GREEN BUILDING PRINCIPLES: AN INTEGRATED PARTICIPATORY SYSTEM MODELLING APPROACH **Stefen MacAskill**

This thesis establishes new insights into the provision of affordable, operationally efficient rental housing in Australia, within the context of government-supported affordable rental housing schemes. A revision to the Australian 'Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator' (AHBA) model is proposed, which includes the integration of a green building mandate on affordable rental housing stock and the utilisation of sustainable financing pathways – notably green bonds. Linkages between the operational utility efficiency of rental housing, sustainable financing avenues, and outcomes for low- and middle-income households are investigated; furthermore, how ongoing operational utility efficiencies, achieved through green building principles, may be captured to improve the efficacy of government social support schemes as a system is examined. Stefen MacAskill successfully graduated with a PhD degree at Griffith University.

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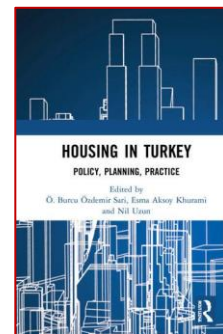
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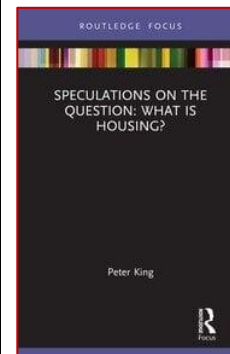
In this book Peter King argues for the need to distinguish between housing as private dwelling and housing as policy thinking. Private dwelling is an activity that is based on habitual practices which sustain our personal security, comfort and privacy. Policy thinking is the study of how the policy process fails, where objectives are missed, and which tries to understand why this might have occurred. However, policy thinking does not have anything intrinsically to do with housing. It tells us nothing about the experience of housing as private dwelling.

This book then offers a critique of current housing research which focuses overwhelmingly on policy thinking to the detriment of how housing is used and perceived as a subjective dwelling environment. King's aim in this book is to bring together many of the concepts and ideas from my previous books into a concise essay that answers the question: What is housing?

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