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A photograph of a modern, multi-story apartment building with a facade of blue and white panels. The building has several balconies with black railings, some of which have plants and laundry. A large, semi-transparent yellow graphic element, resembling a stylized 'E' or a series of overlapping shapes, is overlaid on the left side of the image. The text '2022 Newsletter' is positioned in the bottom right corner of the image.

**2022  
Newsletter**

*Cover: social housing in Barcelona, ENHR conference city 2022*

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## EDITORIAL

### Embracing home-making in displacement as constitutive to the fabrication of the city

Seemingly regardless of the ubiquity and timelessness of the phenomenon that homes may be made in displacement appears extremely difficult to accept for many politicians and policymakers, as well as for some scholars. Yet, as we live today in a highly globalised world – of which transnational migration is intrinsically part – a mere juxtaposition of ‘home-making’ on the one hand and ‘displacement’ on the other, cannot remain unreviewed or unchallenged. As two of the editors of the volume *Making Home(s) in Displacement* (2022)\*, we find it therefore of great importance to unpack for an audience of housing scholars what continues, particularly in policy, to be seen as a contradiction. In our view, not unsettling this contradiction would do injustice to the lived experiences and multiple subjectivities of too many home-makers and house-builders in the world across space and time.

#### Unpacking a contradiction

In the (Western) common imaginary, ‘home-making’ and ‘displacement’ are sometimes seen as antithetical terms that define the opposites of a dyad. Whereas in the common sense ‘home-making’ is characterised by a positive undertone that implicates addition and construction – to create a place to dwell, to create relationships, to build a consistent life environment –, ‘displacement’ is understood in a rather subtractive way that relates to the idea of disaggregation and loss of the roof over one’s head (the house), the native home, of bonds, of wealth, of security. “Home is where the heart is” recites a popular saying, appointing the ‘home’ to the emotional sphere beyond the mere physicality of the house. ‘Home’ thus recalls stability, rootedness and comfort, a psycho-spatial condition where identity and community develop and where bonds and relations are fostered and cultivated. As the counterpart of the dyad, ‘displacement’ evokes movement, instability and uprootedness. Displaced people are typically seen as underprivileged, moved by need or emergency, living at the mercy of events, and eventually reduced to passive recipients of policies and conditions dictated by the places they temporarily transit through, or eventually settle in – if they ever get to reach a final destination.

However, looked from a closer distance, these interpretations are rather simplified and stereotypical, affected by generalisations and clichés that romanticise the ‘home’ on one hand while demonising ‘displacement’ – and displaced people particularly – on the other. What happens if we reconsider the terms of the discussion by looking at home-making and displacement as collaborating processes that together contribute to the formation of our everyday built environments? We have dedicated quite some time now visiting this perspective, starting with organising the conference *Displacement and Domesticity since 1945* held in Brussels in 2019, and afterwards, by compiling the volume *Making Home(s) in Displacement*, marking two steppingstones of this exploration that relies on the experience brought by an interdisciplinary group of scholars and professionals and variety of cases from different parts of the world. At the time, these intellectual activities arose in response to the so-called European refugee ‘crisis’ of 2015 and, indeed, there is much to be said about the *poverty* of the response from European States and institutions, in particular when compared to the way the Ukrainian people have been welcomed over the course of last year.

#### Broadening the scope of house-builders and home-makers: spatial and political implications

With our book we sought to bring to the fore the spatial decisions, strategies and practices of those whose impact certainly resonates globally on what is often called the ‘age of migration’. Ultimately, our effort to challenge and broaden the canon of architectural histories and theories concerns establishing a legitimate position within architectural and housing scholarship for all those house-builders and home-makers that have hitherto been marginalised by it. This objective resonates with recent feminist architectural histories of migration, for instance, by

Anooradha Iyer Siddiqi (2018)\*\*, that aim to destabilise and decentre certain historiographical presumptions, for example, by attributing architectural authorship to non-experts, such as migrants who “may have lacked signature, but not significance”. Therefore, we intended to confront the presumption of powerlessness and inertia attached to the labels of ‘migrants’ and ‘refugees’, categories with which many people subsumed under them would not identify (often precisely for this reason). The challenge in this approach is to avoid romanticising – and even fetishizing – the spatial agency of those who have been historically, socially and politically marginalised, for it is clear that displaced persons must often operate in very precarious circumstances. Instead, it was our intention to acknowledge the significance (and, indeed, signatures) of migrants’ and refugees’ contributions to the built environment and to the production of everyday (material) life. Equally, by including contributions that unpack this topic in a variety of geopolitical and historical contexts, written by a diversity of authors, we aimed to liberate the bibliography in current architectural scholarship and challenge the continuous (re-)production of Eurocentric academic knowledge in this field.

(His)stories collected from across the globe – including Europe – indeed proved to challenge the conventional view of ‘home’ as a static and permanent entity, bringing to the fore its transnational, multiple and even mobile dimension. The shattering of the idealistic view of the ‘home’ as a timeless unity gave space to an understanding of it as also a site and practice of gendered and racial violence, asymmetrical power relations, privatisation and commodification, and colonial socialisation and oppression. At the same time, it broadened our understanding of ‘displacement’, even embracing the idea that one can be in a condition of displacement without any physical movement away from a place. Accordingly, homelessness can even occur with the avail of housing, as having a house is far from being equated to having a home, which is to say to inhabit, partake and appropriate the place of where one is living. The experience of the pandemics over the past three years has accelerated with dramatic undertones the reaching of this understanding.

### **Home-making in displacement as city-making**

Just like two lenses of the same goggle, to look at life in the city through ‘home-making’ and ‘displacement’ together proved to offer a more all-around, nuanced and layered view. The meaning of ‘home’ as the collector of basic rights – the right to stay put, to dwell and to root – emerged as complementary and not antagonist to the right of movement and search for suitable life conditions linked to the idea of ‘displacement’. Learning to appreciate the manifold forms of home-making and displacement as processes that actively contribute to constructing our cities and everyday living environments, is key to a broader understanding of housing too. Only when we fully embrace the manifold ways displaced people actively contribute to and challenge the city, its spaces and houses, its rituals and rhythms, and only when we understand urban citizenship as something that can be transnational and multiple, we can plan, govern and design housing in ways that are fully inclusive.

As home-making and displacement go beyond the intimacy of the house, the next time we pass by that ethnic grocery store in the neighbourhood, we can give a thought about how it works as a home-making element for a particular ethnic community, as it enables – for example – to connect with its origins by providing what is needed for reproducing recipes, smellscape and tastescape from the motherland. Yet, at the same time, that shop has become part of our everyday landscape, it is perhaps the same that saved our Christmas dinner when we forgot an ingredient and all other shops were closed for holidays, or provides us a sense of security staying open until late while we are coming home at night.

*Alessandra Gola (KU Leuven University) & Luce Beeckmans (KU Leuven University and Ghent University)*

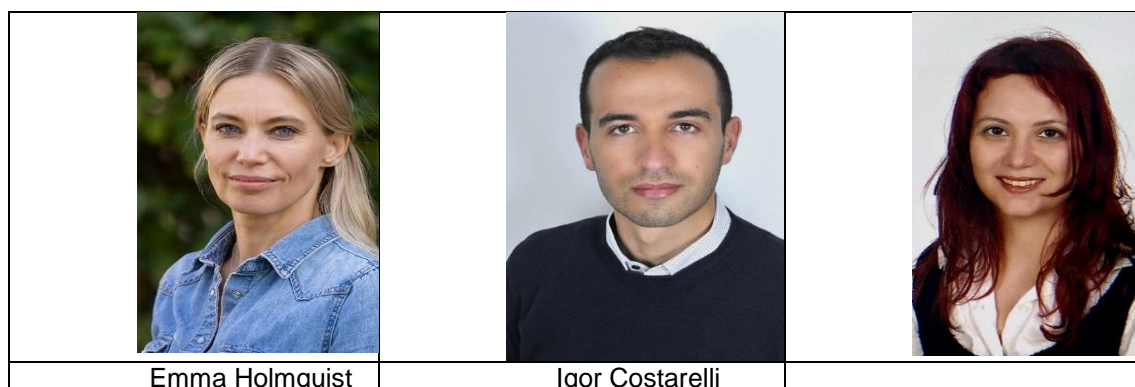
\* <https://lup.be/products/139084>

\*\*<https://www.e-flux.com/architecture/structural-instability/208707/writing-with/>

## 2022 ELECTIONS RESULT

The 2022 Coordination Committee members election resulted in three new members and two re-elected members for 2022-2026.

Emma Holmquist (Sweden), Ebru Karahan (Turkey) and Igor Costarelli (Italy) are the new members.



Darinka Czischke (The Netherlands) and Iván Tosics (Hungary) were re-elected.

*ENHR Election Committee*  
*Gerard van Bortel*  
*Lars Gulbrandsen*  
*Dirk Dubbeling (ENHR Secretariat)*  
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## ENHR CONFERENCES

### ENHR Conference 2022 Barcelona (Spain)

30 August - 2 September 2022, Barcelona (Spain) at the ETSAB - Barcelona School of Architecture (Polytechnic University of Catalonia)

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

#### Opening



*Opening session by Local Organizing Committee members  
Montse Pareja-Eastaway and Josep Maria Montaner.*

#### Some personal Barcelona conference impressions

After the 'New researcher's on-line seminar' held in March of this year, where we could present and discuss our work with our peers, but in a technology-mediated surrounding, in beautiful Barcelona we finally had the opportunity to meet other ENHR PhD members in person. The New Housing Researchers Colloquium was a great chance to get to know each other and to get critical feedback from experienced senior researchers.

After a long day of hard work and discussions, we enjoyed the hot and sunny Tuesday afternoon on a field trip to the El Born District including the Centre de Cultura i Memòria. In the next few days, I participated in the main conference events, listening to interesting and relevant panel discussions and working groups, but also meeting other ENHR members and making new friends.



*New acquaintances from the ENHR conference (left).  
This year's and last year's winners of the Bengt Turner Award: Anamaria Klasić (Croatia)  
and Bence Kovats (Hungary) (right).*

I personally liked the second day of the main conference best, when we were, in the context of the field trip no. 4, presented with the Superilla Barcelona project and where we saw examples of improvements made in the surroundings of the Sant Antoni market. We finished the day on a cheerful note with the delicious dinner at Estació de França, where I had the honor of receiving the Bengt Turner Award for my paper 'A post-socialist view on social mix in Zagreb's large housing estates – quantitative insights' (result of the project 'Quality of living in the Housing Estates of the socialist and post-socialist era: a comparative analysis between Slovenia and Croatia' (<http://hesc.uirs.si/en-us/>)). It was also a pleasure to share the joy with last year's winner Bence Kovats. Barcelona was great, I hope to see you all next year in Lodz! Best wishes to all ENHR members,

*Anamaria Klasić  
Institute for Social Research, Zagreb, Croatia*

### **Working Group coordinators' lunch meeting**



*Working Group coordinators were informed about ENHR and Working Group matters during lunch.*



During the ENHR conference in Barcelona a Working Group Coordinators lunch meeting took place on 31 August 2022.

### Programme:

- 1 Welcome by the chair Peter Boelhouwer
- 2 Coordinators' impressions of the Barcelona conference
- 3 Short presentations by CC members
  - ENHR's Sustainability statement – Catalina Turcu
  - New Working Group manual – Terry Hartig
  - Participation of coordinators in future activities – Peter Boelhouwer
- 4 Questions and suggestions

### Plenary sessions



*Plenary session 'Building Back Better: Reform and Recovery in Europe' including a live link with Kyiv, Ukraine.*

**Coordination Committee meetings**



*Two Coordination Committee meetings took place during the conference and numerous informal discussions.*

**Bengt Turner Award 2022**

Anamaria Klasić (Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia, is this year's winner of the Bengt Turner Award with her paper 'A post-socialist view on social mix in Zagreb's large housing estates – quantitative insights'.

**Abstract**

Social mix, defined as the presence of diverse social groups within a neighborhood, has been a burning topic in academia and public policy in recent decades. In Western and Northern Europe, post-war housing estates stand out as areas of segregated, minority-populated and cheap housing, and have been the site of numerous attempts of reconstruction with the idea of social mixing. Large housing estates (LHEs) in Central and Eastern Europe had different developmental pathways. In line with the socialist ideology, the new neighborhoods were inhabited by various social strata, from working class to nomenclature. According to research in other CEE countries, the diverse structure of these estates has persisted to this day, but due to the systematic neglect and aging, the estates are threatened by physical and social deterioration. Based on the results of a survey conducted in Croatia in the spring of 2022 on two types of housing estates (socialist and post-socialist), in this paper two research questions are analyzed at the level of Zagreb estates (N=657). Firstly, the objective and perceived level of social mix in LHEs of the socialist period are compared to those from the post-socialist period. Secondly, based on types of residential satisfaction and residential mobility, it is assessed whether the existing composition in the estates is endangered in the long run. The results confirm that the social composition in both types of estates is mixed, with a predominance of middle-class residents and without pronounced social differences. The residential satisfaction at the building and estate level is high in both types of estates, and the majority of residents would like to continue living there. Nevertheless, the population of the socialist LHEs is aging, which could jeopardize the present social mix, so certain regeneration policies should be adopted.

### Jury report

The co-ordination committee members were impressed with this paper, which used a survey approach to explore social mix in 19 pre- and post-socialist housing estates in Zagreb. The author provides a well-grounded justification as to why social mix may still be desirable, despite numerous previous studies having dismissed the notion as unworkable or unrealistic, and gives an interesting overview of large housing estates in Croatia and Zagreb. The research question and method are appropriately described, and the empirical results well presented and meaningfully discussed. The paper is readable and clearly structured. Finally, the author recognised explicitly that their research could not answer all questions about social mix in large housing estates. Overall the paper gave an interesting and novel insight into residential social mix in post-socialist countries.

Igor Costarelli (University of Milan Bicocca, Department of Sociology and Social Research, Milan, Italy) ended as runner-up with his paper 'Rethinking Affordable Housing Provision For Young Adults: Opportunities And Pitfalls'.

### Abstract

In many European cities, the lack of affordable housing refrains young adults from grabbing jobs or educational opportunities, creating an obstacle to social mobility. Against this backdrop, new ways to promote access to affordable housing solutions for students and young adults are emerging. These are promoted by partnerships of different local actors, including social/public housing providers, city councils, volunteering associations, and universities, which offer temporary, affordable rental units in return for youths' commitment to community-oriented activities for the benefit of disadvantaged social groups. This paper shows how this new approach to youth housing inclusion taps into youths' non-financial resources and capabilities, e.g. relational skills, pro-social motivation, and willingness to help, that are channeled into neighbourhood-based initiatives designed to promote encounters across diversity and practices of civic engagement. Drawing on an international comparison of similar programs in contexts far apart as the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, and Italy, this paper discusses the implications this emerging paradigm of youth housing inclusion has in terms of equality of opportunities and mitigation of socio-spatial exclusion.



*Anamaria Klasić and her proud mentor Dr Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac, and Igor Costarelli with ENHR Chair Peter Boelhouwer.*

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.

**Slide show competition**

In the annual slide show competition at the conference 13 teams, all in all at least 80 people, attending in the Auditorium. This was remarkable, as the competition took place in the afternoon of the last day of the conference, when half of the people have already left. The Auditorium was an optimal place for this event and the technique was excellent.

The winners of this years' Slide Competition recieved small presents from organizer Iván Tosics. The results of the competition are as follows:

	TEAM	POINTS		TEAM	POINTS
1	<b>Trans Everything</b>	<b>121</b>	8	Expat-1	87
2	<b>Urban Punks</b>	<b>120</b>	9	Daisy	85
3	<b>Alma Mater</b>	<b>116</b>	10	Team100	82
4	Area Code 93	115	11	Spaced (Out)	71
5	Yatta	111	12	Swegans	66
6	Let's Try	100	13	KJBC	37
7	The Desparates	97			



**I. TRANS EVERYTHING**

- Catalina Turcu – University College London, UK
- Ylva Noren-Bretzer – University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Alix Gabaude – University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Thomas Watkin – University of Nîmes, France



II. URBAN PUNKS  
Gerard Kössl  
Robert Wiener  
Eduard Cabré Romans  
Philippa Hughes



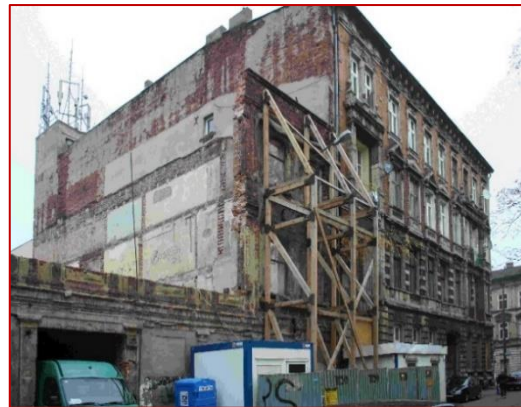
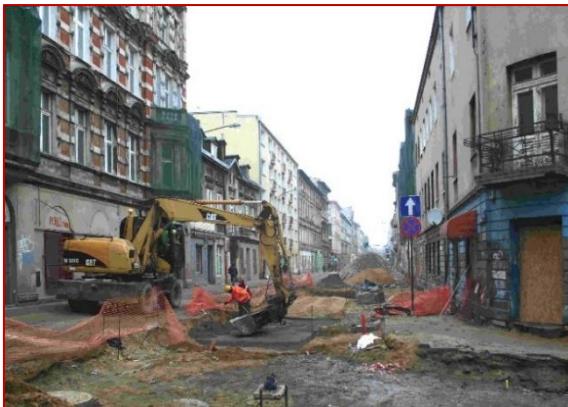
III. ALMA MATER  
Sien Winters  
Jana Verstraete  
Willem Korthals Altes  
Silvia Cittadini

## 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 and 2025

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 and 2025.

A formal proposal for the 2024 conference should be submitted **by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** to the ENHR Secretariat ([enhr@tudelft.nl](mailto:enhr@tudelft.nl)) based on the ENHR-application form.\*

A formal proposal for the 2025 conference should be submitted **by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** to the ENHR Secretariat ([enhr@tudelft.nl](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:p.j.boelhouwer@tudelft.nl)).

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

## 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](http://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.

### **WG Crises, Recovery and Reform (in preparation)**

*Galyna Sukhomud and Pavlo Fedoriv (coordinators)*

This new working group aims to provide a focus on housing systems, homes, and neighbourhoods in the context of war and crises. A network for research exchange and collaboration on the topic of conflict and reconstruction can provide a useful forum in the context of the ongoing war on Ukraine and experience of post war reconstruction in other countries, regions and territories inside or near Europe.

The working group encourages European researchers and policy developers, from a range of disciplines and fields to share information, analyse and debate the process of crises, reform, and recovery. Potential topics include emergency responses such as accommodating displaced persons as well as long term housing and urban reconstruction processes, including a focus on the role of donor agencies and civil society, in housing system reform and the emergence of new forms of housing provision and neighbourhoods. Contributions from both inside and outside Ukraine are encouraged, for example which reflect on post-conflict reconstruction in other regions and eras. The co-ordinators will support the organisation of relevant events and ensure that there is a workshop with a series of sessions at the Poland ENHR conference in Lodz, 2023, by inviting papers from researchers across Europe to focus on this issue.

#### **Activities**

- Policy review of the housing policy in Ukraine before the full-scale war and during the military conflict to be published in a peer-reviewed journal;
- Contribution to local expertise in online events, capacity building and university training with a focus on housing reform and recovery;
- Series of thematic workshops (e.g., modes of research and knowledge production in housing during the war; finance and investment instruments for affordable housing and their application in war and post-war environments; data collection for housing research during the war; housing allowances vs capital investments: European experience and its relevance to Ukraine; land value capture instruments and their implementation in war and post-war environments).
- Series of informal networking events to discuss current news, ideas, and developments in group participants' areas of interest;
- Series of policy papers discussing the latest developments in the domain of housing policy in Ukraine.

#### **Outputs**

At least 5 thematic workshops successfully organised;

At least 5 informal networking events successfully organised;

At least 3 policy papers prepared and ready for presentation during the ENHR conference 2023.



### **WG Homeownership and Globalisation**

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*Caroline Dewilde, Justin Kadi and Richard Ronald (coordinators)*

Last June (15-16<sup>th</sup>), the ENHR Working Group Homeownership and Globalisation organized a workshop, hosted in Amsterdam (University of Amsterdam - UvA), around the theme of 'late homeownership'. The aim of this workshop was to bring together research that revolves around the idea of 'late homeownership' as put forward by the late Ray Forrest and various collaborators, i.e. the transformation of homeownership associated with the financialization of mortgage and housing markets. 'Late homeownership' is characterized by a range of phenomena such as: the rise of outright homeownership; increased multiple-property ownership and the concentration of housing wealth; restricted access to homeownership for vulnerable groups and young adults, and consequent refamilization and re-stratification; the demise of the so-called 'property-owning democracy'; the emergence of rentier interests, 'new politics' of housing and associated institutional change. Notwithstanding some last-minute COVID-cancellations, about 12 papers – all engaging with Ray's work – were presented at the workshop and discussed by an audience of about 20 participants. All participants will probably agree that in-person meetings are more fruitful and rewarding compared with Zoom-meetings!

### **WG Housing and New Technologies**

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*Michel Vols and Rosa Maria Garcia-Teruel (coordinators)*

News from ENHR Working Groups - Report from the conference workshop

During ENHR conference in Barcelona, the CC approved the permanent status of Working Group Housing and New Technologies, which was in preparation during the last two years. Due to the pandemic, it was the first time that the WG organized a face-to-face session.

The meeting, moderated by Dr. Garcia-Teruel, took place on the 2nd of September and gathered three papers related to new technologies for the construction sector (Modern Methods of Construction, MMC). In particular, Ms. Holmes shared their research on the challenges of offsite construction in the UK, including a geographical impact assessment and socio-economic outcomes. Ms. Maslova explained how to redefine customer feedback in social housebuilding and how to take profit of new technologies to improve building procedures, including housing associations using MMC. Finally, Ms. Shojaei described how the building process is changing due to new technologies and their impact on stakeholders' relationships. The three papers were also coauthored by Prof. Burgess (University of Cambridge) and brought questions on the new role and liability of traditional intermediaries in the building sector, on how new technologies may help to achieve a faster, better and consumer-oriented building process, among others.

We expect to organize an online-seminar during this academic year in order to further discuss this topic as well as other ones, such as artificial intelligence techniques for housing research, peer-to-peer technologies for housing management, data protection issues of smart homes, etc.

### **WG Residential Context of Health**

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*Emma Baker and Terry Hartig (coordinators)*

The Residential Context of Health Working Group held the latest in its long series of workshops during the ENHR conference held in Barcelona. The 14 papers discussed were put forward by colleagues from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the USA. They addressed topics such as DNA methylation as a mediator of the association between housing quality and depression in

mothers of young children; harm to health from cold homes; social support as a buffer against depression and self-reported poor physical health in persons waiting for access to subsidized housing; some effects of a large-scale housing estate revitalization on child mental health; how housing policies in Canada and France treat gender in efforts to achieve greater housing equity; well-being effects of a subsidy retention fund for captive owners; the use of domestic space for remote work during the COVID-19 pandemic; how neighborhood relations buffered the negative impact of the pandemic on subjective well-being and trust; and the role of neighbourhood green space in protecting mental health during the pandemic. Almost 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. Our exchange proved to be rich, collegial and enjoyable.

The Working Group plans to convene its next workshop at the ENHR Conference to be held in Lodz, Poland (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 Lodz workshop will follow the format used in our previous workshops: draft manuscripts submitted before the meeting, assigned discussants, and maximal time for discussion. If you want to participate in the Lodz workshop or interim meetings, or 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](mailto:terry.hartig@ibf.uu.se)) or Emma Baker ([emma.baker@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:emma.baker@adelaide.edu.au)).

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### **WG Housing and Young People**

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*Igor Costarelli, Oana Druta and Constance Uyttebrouck (coordinators)*

After the kick-off seminar held in February 2022 at the University of Milan Bicocca and online attended by some 40 participants, the newly established working group Housing and Young People organized its first workshop at the annual ENHR conference in Barcelona. Fifteen papers dealing with intergenerational dynamics, spatial processes, housing pathways and concepts, in countries such as the Netherlands, Italy, Czech Republic, Taiwan, and China, were presented in five distinct thematic sessions, each of them attended by about twenty participants who actively contributed to the discussions. The papers addressed different topics related to housing and young people: some highlighted the increasing importance of parental help (gifts, transfers) in structuring youth's future life opportunities and wealth accumulation, while others focused on young people's experiences of the crisis of housing affordability exploring whom youth attribute responsibilities for and current policies implemented to solve these problems (house splits, intergenerational living arrangements, shared housing markets). The working group coordinators are satisfied with the results of the first edition of the workshop, in terms of both quantity and quality of papers received as well as contents of the discussions. Opportunities to strengthen the cooperation between the workshop participants will be explored in the coming months.

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

### PhD news

*This section is open to all PhDs to present and discuss their work, promote activities, exchange information, announce defence dates and more.*

#### **New Housing Researchers Colloquium**

24 PhDs registered for the New Housing Researchers Colloquium on 30 August at the ENHR conference in Barcelona. An inspiring presentation about how to successfully get your articles published by Coordination Committee member Mark Stephens ("Read the comments of the editor, have a drink and read them again", was one of his down-to-earth advices) preceded the series of sessions during which they presented and discussed their work with peers and several CC members.



*NHRC participants including reviewers Mark Stephens, Peter Boelhouwer and Richard Sendi among others.*

#### **New Housing Researchers Coordinators**

Igor Costarelli and Emma Holmqvist take over as New Housing Colloquium Coordinators from Richard Sendi. Thank you Richard, for many years of dedication.



Emma Holmqvist ([Emma.Holmqvist@ibf.uu.se](mailto:Emma.Holmqvist@ibf.uu.se)) is a researcher in human geography at IBF at Uppsala University. Primary research areas are sustainable urban planning in relation to migration policy, housing segregation, housing as a right and inclusion. A common focus for these areas is the interest in how urban policies are implemented in reality, and how well different tools and strategies work to achieve set goals. "I am happy to have become part of ENHR's Coordination Committee this September and to be contact person, together with Igor, for the New Housing Researchers Colloquium. ENHR particularly has a lot to offer to new housing researchers, and I hope to maintain the open atmosphere between the new and established housing researchers, as we have a lot to learn from each other. With your help I would like to develop new and inspiring ways to share research."

Igor Costarelli ([igor.costarelli@inimib.it](mailto:igor.costarelli@inimib.it)) is an urban sociologist interested in social housing management, social mix policies and housing issues for young people. He works as a postdoc researcher at the University of Milan Bicocca and is adjunct professor of Sociology of Housing at the Polytechnic of Milan. "Last year I became the co-coordinator of a new working group, Housing and Young People, and I recently joined the ENHR Coordination Committee to enhance the involvement of younger members in the activities of the network. It is in this spirit that I welcomed the chance of becoming a contact person for the New Housing Researchers Colloquium. In this role, I look forward to continuing to organize mentoring activities, such as the online seminar for new housing researchers and the bi-annual colloquium, and exploring how to further enhance the involvement of early career members. Some possible ideas are training programs or networking groups to exchange research issues and tools, but let's reflect on it together: is there something in particular that you would like to propose? Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any suggestions to share or want to get involved in the organization, your contribution is valuable!"

### **PhD degree with Honours for Maryam Khatibi**

Maryam Khatibi defended her PhD on 27 May and was awarded PhD degree with Honours (Cum Laude) in the Programme Architectural Urban Interior Design ([www.auid.polimi.it/completed-research/](http://www.auid.polimi.it/completed-research/)) in the Department of DASTU ([www.dastu.polimi.it/](http://www.dastu.polimi.it/)) (Architecture and Urban Studies) at Politecnico di Milano.

Her PhD dissertation is entitled: Adequate Urban Housing: Case Studies of Novel Settlements of Housing Cooperatives in Zurich, Switzerland – Intermediate Spaces: Enablers of Social Connection. Available at [www.hdl.handle.net/10589/187736](http://www.hdl.handle.net/10589/187736).



*Maryam Khatibi (left) during her presentation for the jury members.*

Maryam's study investigates the need for adequate housing in order to localize the UN urban agenda 21 (1992) of Human Right to Adequate Housing, by adopting the potential of the collaborative approaches in current urban housing practices in Europe, as an element for methodological and strategical development in the area of urban housing research and practice. To feed this purpose, case studies of housing settlements of Zurich cooperative model, which is a purpose-built collaborative social housing incentive in Switzerland are investigated through a transdisciplinary research approach by testing socio-spatial theories. While the study is

grounded in the concept of collaborative housing (Dorit Fromm), it is guided by the theoretical framework of the right to the city (Henri Lefebvre) and criticism of the process of mass means of housing production (N. John Habraken). The research concludes, however, that the challenge of adequate urban housing cannot be solved with a one-size-fits-all approach and step towards adequate housing needs exploring the good examples in order to render context-dependent knowledge to enable adequate solutions for the contemporary cities.

Three publications, available from the dissertation:

- Khatibi, M., (2022). A Socio-spatial Approach to the First Legal Hall Dwelling Setting in Switzerland: The Case study of Hallenwohnen in Zurich. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10901-022-09980-y>
- Khatibi, M., (2022). Khatibi, M., (2022). Socio-spatial interactions of a cluster-house concept apartment in mehr als wohnen project in Zurich, Switzerland. *Frontiers of Architectural Research*. Vol. (11)2, pp. 191-202. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foar.2021.10.002>
- Khatibi, M., (2022). Collective Occupation of Residential Space: From Counter-cultural Practices to Cluster Cohousing and Hall Cohousing in Zurich, Switzerland, *Att bo tillsammans. Från protester och utopier till klusterlägenheter och hallboende i Zürich. Bo tillsammans*. nr. 61, pp. 6-7, <http://kollektivhus.se/category/bo-tillsammans/>

### PhD degree for Marco Peverini

Marco Peverini recently received his PhD degree at the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU) of Politecnico di Milano.

His research focuses on housing affordability as a main domain for investigating social sustainability in urban planning and policies. He is part of the Foundational Economy Collective and one of the coordinators of the ENHR working group 'Social Housing: Institutions, Organisation and Governance'.



*Marco (with backpack) surrounded by colleagues and friends.*

His thesis has addressed the topic of housing affordability, a widely researched topic and one traditional theme of Housing Studies. In recent times, we see concerns over an affordability crisis mainly related to the concentration of capital and people in attractive cities and to the processes of financialization of land and housing. The doctoral research, with the supervision of prof. Massimo Bricocoli and thanks to the active collaboration of Consorzio Cooperative Lavoratori (a consortium of Milanese housing cooperatives, which funded the scholarship), has addressed the broad question "how to promote rental housing affordability in European cities?" To do so, the thesis adopted a grounded theory approach implemented through an interplay between theory construction and empirical research, mainly conducted through case studies in Milan and Vienna. The thesis has built new theoretical ground on the theme of affordability, especially regarding its normative and operative definition (what is housing affordability?) and how to promote it in attractive and growing cities. The main result of the thesis is that affordability outcomes are the effect of interrelated actions and policies that control and

redistribute urban land rent as well as other economic resources. Therefore, low-cost housing provision is only one of the possible ways to make housing and cities more affordable, while the connection of housing policies with planning and social policies is crucial.

This stream of research on housing affordability has evolved in the creation of the Observatory of Housing Affordability in Milan (OCA), based at the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies of Politecnico di Milano and coordinated by prof. Massimo Bricocoli. By relying on quali-quantitative methods, the observatory aims at monitoring affordability-accessibility outcomes of Milan's housing market, addressing the relation between housing costs, income distribution and location-related factors in the core city and its metropolitan area. We will release yearly reports and organize side activities such as seminar series and research projects.

## Institutional members



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### CaCHE (UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence) has been refunded

The second phase of ESRC funding begins on November 1, 2022 and will last for four years. Find out more about our proposed work programme [here](#).

CaCHE has recently led a multi-institutional evidence team investigating purpose-built student accommodation for the Scottish Government. The team included colleagues from the University of Cardiff (Jenny Hoolachan) and Rettie and Co. as well as a CaCHE team consisting of Ken Gibb, Tom Moore, Moira Munro and Jenny Preece. We hope the report will be published shortly. CaCHE has launched a new [animation](#) which explores leaseholders' experiences of living through the building safety crisis.

CaCHE has developed a suite of work on rent control – an evidence review, a policy briefing paper, an academic article, and this autumn a report to the Scottish cross-party group on housing on the pros and cons of rent control in a Scottish context.

CaCHE are pleased to announce that we will continue to provide support the Housing Studies Associate annual conference as part of our wider support work for early career researchers. More on our network can be found on our [website](#).

University of Glasgow has commenced a [homelessness initiative](#) focused on the city of Glasgow and seeking to make a difference through leveraging the University community specialism and expertise. A scoping report will shortly be published on the CaCHE website.



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### Recent research and events

#### *Talking About Land Series*

'Talking About Land' is a series of seven talks organised by the Housing Agency, The Land Development Agency and the Geary Institute of Public Policy at UCD. The series will examine how governments in other countries intervene in the management of state lands and land markets to ensure there is adequate affordable housing supply. International experts will share their experiences with Irish practitioners and explore how they can apply their practices to an Irish context. Each event will see an international speaker sharing a case study of land management in their respective country, followed by a speaker working in housing and land management in Ireland.

Some of the topics that are set to feature include why and how governments intervene in land markets; land value tax, public land leasing; and inclusionary zoning.

The events will take place at 12pm on Tuesdays between early October and February 2023.

#### *Summer Series Webinars*

The Housing Agency's Research Summer Seminar Series showcases new and interesting research on housing in Ireland conducted, or supported by, The Housing Agency. This series brings together a variety of academics, practitioners, and public servants. The series will be of

interest to housing practitioners, academics, legislators, policy makers, academics, and all those working in the housing, local government, justice and equality sectors here in Ireland.

The first session of the Research Summer Series was on the topic of renting in Ireland and took place on 9th June. It focused on the private rented sector and featured insights from Dr. Richard Waldron, of Queen's University Belfast, who discussed housing precarity and 'generation rent' and Anne Murphy, Research Analyst at the Housing Agency, who looked at The Housing Agency's national study of Irish housing experiences, focusing on the difference between renters and homeowners. You can watch the event back on our YouTube channel.

The second session focused on issues facing Local Authorities, and featured presentations on void management and tenant engagement. The first presentation was delivered by Jon Slade, Director at Campbell Tickell, and was entitled Empty Homes Performance - Can we do better.

The second presentation was by Prof. Padraic Kenna of NUI Galway, and his presentation was entitled Tenant participation or tenant collaboration? Which way for Irish LA tenants.

You can re-watch this webinar on our YouTube channel.



### *Housing Insights Series*

The Housing Agency Housing Insight Series aims to disseminate good practice in housing and innovative solutions among housing practitioners in Ireland. Issues are published quarterly and provide a case study of effective, practical implementation of a piece of housing policy or practice. The resulting short paper is intended to provide a knowledge base and provide ideas to others in the sector, building the overall capacity of the sector. The Housing Agency sources case-studies from our staff, The Housing Agency panels, housing practitioners and stakeholders.

This first issue of the Housing Insights Series was published in May 2022 on the topic of Homeless Services in the South-East Region of Ireland and can be found on our website.

This second issue of the Housing Insights Series was published in September 2022 on the topic of Developing a Tenant Engagement Culture and Structure: The Case of Circle VHA. This Housing Agency Policy Insights Paper describes how Circle VHA has collaborated with tenants to build a tenant engagement culture and structure. It demonstrates the benefits that can be gained – both for tenants and social housing providers – from a structural approach that embeds tenant engagement policy and practice within an organisation's strategic vision. With the publication in 2022 by the Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority (AHBRA) of new standards requiring AHBs to actively seek input from tenants and provide opportunities for engagement on service provision, the aim of this case study is to provide information to other social housing providers developing tenant engagement structures.

### **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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### Ongoing projects

#### *The Financialisation of the Housing Market*

In February 2021, LSE London started a new project to explore the financialisation of the housing market in thirteen 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 in the housing context; the role of international and institutional finance in 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 concerns might be addressed. On 12 September 2022, LSE London co-organised a seminar in collaboration with the Boligøkonomisk Videncenter (Knowledge Centre for Housing Economics) in Copenhagen. National experts from eleven of the countries included in the project came together to discuss the preliminary findings of the research including the ways financial actors view financialisation and the main impacts of financialisation on the cities under study. The seminar, hosted at the Danish Architecture Center, allowed researchers from around the world to gather in person for the first time and to gain a better understanding of the peculiarities behind the financialisation of the housing sector in different urban and national contexts. This collaborative research project will continue through the end of 2022, with a report due to be published early next year. Learn more about the project on our [blog](#).

#### *Safety before status (No Recourse to Public Funds and Domestic Abuse)*

In January 2022 the Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales asked LSE London to produce a report on support for victims and survivors of domestic abuse who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF). The research was mainly conducted over the nine months from January – September 2022 and provides an estimate of the number of victims and survivors of domestic abuse in the UK who have NRPF, a condition which prevents people from accessing housing benefit and other public funds due to their immigration status. It also assesses the costs and benefits associated with possible policy approaches to improving support. The final report will be published later this year.

#### *Healthy Homes, Healthy Lives*

In April 2021, LSE London began a new three-year research project led by the 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 together with an evaluation of both process and outcomes.

#### *North London boroughs – Temporary Accommodation*

In July 2022, LSE London started a new research project to study the current business models for procuring temporary accommodation in the five North London boroughs that make up the North London Housing Partnership (Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey, Islington, Westminster) as well as boroughs' strategies for reducing reliance on temporary accommodation. Particularly, we are looking at how well these strategies have been working and the potential for improvement, given current wider sub-regional housing market factors, and the additional pressures on temporary accommodation and homelessness coming from both Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. On the basis of the evidence collected up to August 2022, LSE London responded to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Technical Consultation on the Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023/24 onwards, raising a number of fundamental issues about the potential impact on London's boroughs of their proposed funding formulae.

### *Progressing Planning series of podcasts*


In May 2021, Planning for Justice in collaboration with LSE London launched the Progressing Planning series of podcasts, exploring the role of planning in fostering change in contemporary society. Planning for Justice is a coalition of graduate students, alumni and faculty at LSE questioning the relationship between urban planning and systemic inequality. A new series of Progressing Planning podcasts focusing on housing affordability issues was released in September 2022. In the first episode of the new series entitled "Using urban theory to understand land-financialisation", Dr Callum Ward, LSE Fellow in Urban Planning and Geography, explains how urban political theory can help better understand contemporary economic and political processes as they affect cities and citizens. In the podcast, Callum discusses his recently published article on Antwerp's planning policy in a context of neoliberal urban governance and aggressive land-financialisation.

### *New publications*

- In June 2022, LSE London concluded a research investigating how the coronavirus pandemic, in combination with selective licensing of private landlords, welfare reforms and increased taxation, is affecting the behaviour of individual private landlords and the rents and conditions tenants face, at the lower end of the private rental market in the capital. The [final report](#) is now available on LSE London's website.
- In August 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) published the [scoping report](#) to which LSE London contributed – along with researchers from UCL and Durham University – on the forthcoming evaluation of the Affordable Homes Programme 2021-2026. This report provides a guide to evaluate the highly complex programme ensuring it is designed in a way that maximises the potential for assessing impact, actionable insight and ability to estimate value for money. It sets out the research questions and suggested methodologies that might be used to answer them.
- In August 2022, LSE London also submitted evidence to the Levelling Up Housing and Communities Select Committee on Rental Reform. The Committee is examining the Government's proposals set out in its recent White Paper, A Fairer Private Rented Sector. The inquiry aims to scrutinise the Government's plans to introduce a decent homes standard for the private rented sector; reform the system of tenancies and abolish no-fault evictions and the grounds on which landlords can take possession of their properties. Read the [submission](#) on LSE London's website.

### *Short film*

Progressing Planning recently published the short film '[Deliver higher-density suburban development](#)', as part of the research led by Dr. Nancy Holman and Dr. Alan Mace on the impacts of densification on residents and the design of buildings in Outer London.



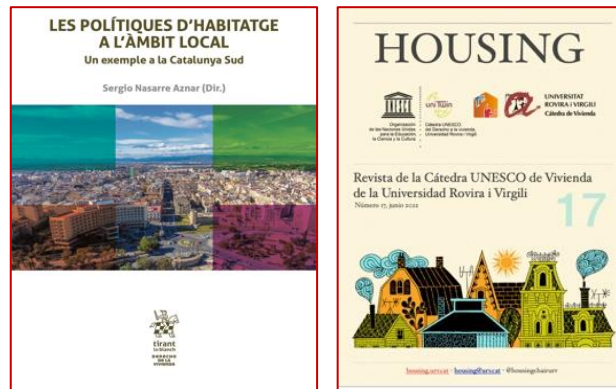
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### **New books and studies**

*Sergio Nasarre Aznar (Dir.), Les polítiques d'habitatge en l'àmbit local. Un exemple a la Catalunya Sud (Housing policies at the local level. An example in the South of Catalonia), Valencia, Tirant lo Blanch, 2022.*

This book is a guide to better understand the current housing situation and to know what are the specific lines of action that can be carried out by local authorities in this area. The reader will find a first academic approach to the housing problem without biases, as well as the tools on how to prevent, treat or react to it: generation of new housing and new forms of land tenure, increase in the supply of existing housing, treatment of empty housing and squatting, how to progress towards affordability, how housing is interwoven in the municipality and in the territory and issues related to governance and sustainability.

Also far from purely theoretical digressions, the tools are explained in detail, since the work is the result of research and synthesis resulting from the authors' experience in drawing up rigorous local housing plans in the south of Catalonia, which is based on a prior diagnosis, necessarily to plan any action. The work has an exemplary and replicable vocation. In short, this is an essential work for mayors, councilors, local and regional housing managers and technicians, associations and foundations dedicated to promoting social housing and for all those who must conceive or implement housing policies, if they want to be effective in their work and know what works and what doesn't in our environment and internationally. See more information about this publication, as well as other publications within the collection "Law of housing" at [www.housing.urv.cat/en/cover/research/publications/](http://www.housing.urv.cat/en/cover/research/publications/).



### *Journal Housing, June 2022*

The UNESCO Housing Chair of the University i Virgili published the No. 17 (June 2022) of the biannual journal "Housing", which can be freely accessed through pdf. This issue deals with tourist housing, housing accessibility and real estate brokerage, among other topics. The journal can be found in the following link (in Spanish): [www.housing.urv.cat/en/cover/research/newsletter/](http://www.housing.urv.cat/en/cover/research/newsletter/).

## News from partners



**Urban Affairs Association (UAA)**  
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### **2023 Urban Affairs Association Conference**

The 2023 Urban Affairs Association Conference will be on April 26-29, 2023 in Nashville, Tennessee

Theme: From Global to Local: Urban Communities in Flux

Proposal submissions deadline: November 1, 2022.

Complete details about the conference, including the detailed Call for Participation, are available on the conference website: [www.urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/](http://www.urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/).

The UAA invites proposal submissions for paper, poster, panel, colloquy, and roundtable sessions to stimulate thinking and re-thinking of urban affairs, and to widen intellectual and professional networks.

UAA 2023 will feature approximately 200 interdisciplinary sessions, a variety of professional development and networking opportunities, book exhibits, and more. Over 1000 international researchers and doctoral students attend the conference each year.

In addition to the conference theme, UAA encourages proposals that focus on an array of research topics, listed on the website.

The UAA is an international professional organization for 700+ urban scholars, researchers, and policy analysts.

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## Other news

### **War damage repair in The Hague: an inspiration for other war torn cities?**

**Although completed decades ago, the war damage repair operations in The Hague (and in many other cities in Europe) could generate hope to those suffering violence of war today.**

In their article 'Rebuilding homes in Ukraine' in Newsletter 2 (2022), Julie Lawson and Alona Liasheva mentioned several cities that were badly damaged during WW II, namely Vienna, Rotterdam, Helsinki and Hamburg. To these, many can be added. One would be The Hague, where the German army caused enormous damage as a result of the construction of the Atlantic Wall. This defense line the Germans built along the coast from the North Cape to Spain, intended to prevent an invasion from Britain, ran through the city from north to south.

### **Refugees and demolished homes**

A large number of villas, single-family and multi-storey houses, churches, hospitals, schools, bridges and public space were ruthlessly destroyed to make way for concrete defenses, anti-tank ditches and a clear field of fire.

Thousands of residents were ordered to leave their homes in 1942, both tenants and owners-occupiers. 3200 homes were demolished and 14,000 inhabitants became homeless. Another 135,000 residents had to leave an adjacent part of the city that was declared a no-go area, leaving 25,000 homes unattended for several years. Many of those houses were badly damaged as wooden parts were removed and used as fuel.

My grandparents and their children were among the ones that had to leave their house at once and were only able to return a year after the war, in their case to a still habitable house.

News images of the war in Ukraine often remind me of the photos of the damage in my hometown and the stories of relatives about their forced removals and billeting with strangers.

### **Successful post-war building plan**

After the war, a major repair operation was launched. Assigned only two days after the liberation, the leading urban planner started a redesign process and a year later, in 1946, his plan was presented. Modernisation was the key element: new roads, government buildings, a new town hall, a music theater, offices. The municipal planning department and the urban planner had their own views on the quality and architecture of the brick houses that had disappeared. They opted for a new form of living: concrete apartments in spacious neighborhoods with parks and ponds. It was a top down approach; participation was scarce at the time. The houses in parts of the plan were intended for the wealthier inhabitants, so that more money was available for the design.

Municipal authorities, housing associations, private construction companies and architects worked together to restore devastated areas, solve the housing shortage and expand the city. New insights in the field of architecture and urban planning were put into practice in combination with modern techniques and building materials.

In the mid-1950s (about ten years after the end of the war), much of the city districts where the Atlantic Wall had run had been restored according to these principles. In view of the tight budgets and the urgency of the assignment, this was a remarkable achievement. Together with the public gardens and water features, this part of the city is seen as the result of one of the most successful post-war local building plans.

I consider myself lucky as thanks to that achievement I have been able to live in one of these still well-preserved apartment buildings for fifteen years, right on the edge of the former Atlantic Wall area. I therefore realize all the more that it would be great if the ENHR community could contribute in one way or another to the reconstruction of recent war-torn areas elsewhere in Europe.

*Dirk Dubbeling*  
*ENHR Secretariat*

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*Part of the former Atlantic Wall area seen from south to north, just after the reconstruction according to a new town planning paradigm.*



*A recent view of the same area seen from north to south.*

## NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

### **LOST INFORMAL HOUSING IN ISTANBUL GLOBALISATION AT THE EXPENSE OF URBAN CULTURE**

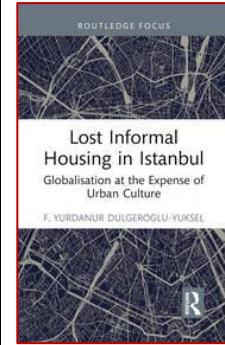
*By F. Yurdanur Dülgeroğlu-Yüksel*

This book provides a worldview of multi-stakeholders in the urban housing market. The urban renewal processes are implemented without participation and the book highlights a field-based information for policymakers. The reader will find, with the information provided from the field, why participation is necessary for a sustainable urban development, why there are different types of urbanizations, and how it works under different conditions. Better understanding of the challenges of urban renewal processes in the world cities is intended with the focus on the changing informal settlements.

F. Yurdanur Dülgeroğlu-Yüksel currently teaches several online courses at Waqf University on culture, space and urban renewal and has been serving The International Journal of the Open House, in its editorial board for the last three decades. She continues to lead workshop on Housing in Developing Countries of ENHR (European Network for Housing Research). She was the director of HREC (Housing Research and Education Center) at ITU for 6 years; and was the head of the Department of Architecture, of the Faculty of Architecture for 2 years until retirement.

*2022, 184 p. Routledge, ISBN 9781032283609*

[www.routledge.com/Lost-Informal-Housing-in-Istanbul-Globalisation-at-the-Expense-of-Urban/Dulgeroglu-Yuksel/p/book/9781032283609](http://www.routledge.com/Lost-Informal-Housing-in-Istanbul-Globalisation-at-the-Expense-of-Urban/Dulgeroglu-Yuksel/p/book/9781032283609)



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