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EDITORIAL

Delft: the place to be to make housing systems work

The 2024 ENHR conference 'Making housing systems work: evidence and solutions' will take place in the picturesque city of Delft. After a period of 18 years, when the Rotterdam conference was organised, the ENHR is finally back in the Netherlands. The conference will run from August 27 to August 30 at the Aula Conference Center of Delft University of Technology and at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment. The New Housing Researchers Colloquium will take place on the 26th of August. Preparations for both conferences are in full swing and more than 450 people already registered! Both the organising committee and the municipality of Delft are extremely happy to welcome you to the city of the painter Vermeer. Delft has around 1,500 monuments but has not only historical sites to offer: you find modern architecture throughout the city.

Delft is located in the heart of the Randstad, between the major cities of The Hague and Rotterdam. In this region, completely new residential areas have been created in recent decades, hard work has been done to restructure the partly outdated housing stock and various housing experiments have been carried out in the field of sustainable construction, parent housing and collective living. The restructuring of the Nieuw Delft railway area is spectacular, where the trains have gone underground and a unique residential area including beautiful small parks have been created on top. Many homes in this area have been developed by the residents themselves or by collectives.

Housing is back on the political agenda in many European countries

Housing is back on the political agenda in many European countries. For example, during the Dutch elections in November 2023, housing was one of the most discussed topics during the political debates. This can be explained by the many urgent housing problems that need to be solved today. Many countries are facing greater demand for housing than predicted a few years ago and living in the existing stock is becoming increasingly expensive, partly due to poor insulation and high energy prices. Nowadays housing is hardly affordable for young, low- and middle-income groups, especially in larger cities in many parts of Western Europe. Marginalisation, segregation and affordability are therefore back on the political agenda.

The ENHR2024 conference in Delft will not only be dedicated to further exploring these issues. The emphasis will be on how these problems can be solved. These solutions will be discussed from different perspectives during the six plenary meetings at the conference. First of all, the current Dutch housing policy will be presented. Over the past two years, the Minister of Housing in the Netherlands has launched an impressive number of policy proposals on various aspects of the housing market. But less established and promising new forms of new housing initiatives will also be discussed, such as the development of a third sector of housing cooperatives. These can be part of the solution to social, affordable and environmental challenges in our housing markets. Affordability problems can also be solved by the energy transition and by producing homes in an industrialised manner. Both topics will be discussed in detail during the plenary meetings. Not all households are suffering equally from the housing crisis, but the housing future of young people is really at stake. The conference will address key socio-economic and housing transformations and how they are reshaping the standard life course of young people. At the end of the conference, the debate from the Barcelona 2022 conference on the role of housing researchers continues: should they become housing activists or try to remain independent and provide insights and knowledge about the housing system?

In addition to the scientific programme, there is also an extensive range of unique field trips. These field trips are organised in the municipality of Delft as well as in the neighboring cities of The Hague, Zoetermeer and Rijswijk. Some of the excursions are on foot, some by bicycle, and busses are used on two field trips. Interesting visits to the Green Village on the University campus, a cycling trip to various housing collectives' initiatives and of course the unique Spoorzone (Railway zone) in the centre of the city are on the programme. From the offer of trips to neighbouring cities, participants can choose from restructuring and sustainability in the new town of Zoetermeer, a brand-new green suburban neighbourhood in Rijswijk or the massive restructuring of an early post-war neighbourhood in The Hague, organised in a public-private partnership of the municipality, housing associations and project developers.

Peter Boelhouwer
Chair of the local organising committee of the Delft ENHR2024 Conference

2024 Coordination Committee Elections

Ten seats were available in this year's Coordination Committee election procedure. Nine candidates were nominated. All nominations met the conditions according to the Election Committee (Julie Lawson, Gerard van Bortel and António Duarte Santos). As a result no election round will have to take place. The new term for these candidates will start right after the General Assembly on 30 August during the 2024 conference in Delft and will last four years.



Claire Carriou, Jaana Nevalainen, Catalina Turcu
João Carvalhosa, Kath Scanlon, Peter Boelhower
Magdalena Zaleczna, Lena Magnusson Turner and Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway.

Magdalena and João are new to the CC, although Magdalena was added to the CC in the recent past, being the chair of the Local Organising Committee of the Lodz conference in 2023.

ENHR Position on sustainability

The ENHR is committed to the pursuit of societal sustainability and to improving the ecological, social and economic wellbeing of our community, considered broadly. This involves, inter alia, reducing our carbon footprint and encouraging diversity and inclusiveness across our activities. More specifically, the ENHR focuses on sustainability aspects in two areas of action: how we operate as an organisation and how we work with the Local Organising Committees to implement sustainability principles in conference organisation.

During its November 2023 meeting the Coordination Committee finalized the position on sustainability. This is included in the updated [Guidelines for organizing an ENHR conference](#) and also published as a separate statement and document on the [ENHR in short page](#).

ENHR CONFERENCES

ENHR Conference 2024

Making Housing Systems work: Evidence and Solutions
26-30 August 2024
Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment
The Netherlands
www.enhr2024.com

Conference news

Well over 400 participants registered for the ENHR2024 conference in Delft. Almost 400 of them will present a paper.

On the New Housing Researchers conference day on 26 August around 25 young researchers will discuss their research findings with their peers and senior ENHR members. A small excursion and a dinner will top this day. Some researchers will also present at workshops later that week, an option offered for the first time.

The Welcome event will be held in the [Prinsenhof Museum](#) in the heart of the city.

An informal dinner will be organised at a beachclub at [Scheveningen beach](#). Bring your swimming trunks or swimsuit if you want to have a swim between courses (and a raincoat to be on the safe side).

On Monday 26 August an Urban Photo Safari will take place in the afternoon. More info will be available soon. Discover the city on foot, capture striking locations on photo and discuss them afterwards at an informal get-together downtown. The Urban Photo Safari is a popular ENHR conference side event for quite some years now.

You may find the time at the conference to watch the film *Thinking Beyond the Market: a film about genuinely affordable housing*, by Brian Doucet (Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo, School of Planning in Canada), which will be released in July 2024 at the Canadian Institute of Planners conference in Edmonton. While the content is Canadian, the topics of rent control, non-market housing, public land, speculation, gentrification and displacement are all central to housing challenges elsewhere.

Don't forget to register for the Bengt Turner Award. You find the conditions in this Newsletter and on the [Bengt Turner Award page](#) of the ENHR website.

Bengt Turner Award 2024



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 9,000 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
- 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 2024 conference website ([deadline 19 July 2024](#)).

Bengt Turner Award 2024

Previous winners and runners-up about the award:

“It was an opportunity to challenge myself and produce a scientific article that could be published in the future.”

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“I had nothing to lose by participating [...] and I had a lot to gain – valuable feedback from senior researchers in the ENHR.”

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“I wanted to know what is the quality of my research in comparison with my peers from all across Europe.”

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“It definitely helped boosting my confidence a little bit after I had won it because there is much uncertainty in the early post-doc years.”

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“It was mentioned in my tenure package as a measure of my work being recognized by international organizations in the housing field.”

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“The award motivated me to continue working in the field of housing research.”

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“I believe this will turn out as a plus in current and future job applications.”

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“It has given me great insight in my abilities to write [...]”

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“An award from Europe's housing research network is a great and unique achievement that barely goes unnoticed in your CV.”

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“The Bengt Turner Award was the first academic prize I received for my work and it was a great recognition that made participating in my first ENHR conference particularly special.”

International Conference on Urban Affairs April 24-27, 2024 New York City

Cities on the edge. Promoting Equity and Resilience through Research, Activism, Planning and Policy

Located in New York City, a compelling example of a city on the edge, with its hyper-diverse and politically charged environment, the ICUA conference brought together more than 1,300 experts to discuss strategies for creating more equitable and resilient cities. As cities face irreversible change, the focus of the conference was on developing sustainable and equitable policies for the future. The following topics were considered: Cities as Global Landscapes: Cities as conflict zones, global networks, and migration centres; Resilient Cities: Urban health, environmental policy, disaster planning, accessibility, infrastructure, arts, and culture; Rights to the City: Community development, gentrification, social exclusion, education, labour, housing, income disparities, and technology; Democracy Under Stress: Institutions, governance, economic development, urban fiscal policies, metropolitan dynamics, and public safety and a Special Track on Asian Cities on the Edge: Spotlight on Asian cities facing unique challenges.



Margaret Wilder (Executive Director UAA, second left) and Iván Tosics, Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway, Kath Scanlon and H el ene B elanger (ENHR members attending the ICUA in New York City).

The ENHR together with EURA were partners of the conference, providing an international scope of a well-attended conference by American scholars. Several members of the ENHR contributed to the different tracks presenting their recent research to other attendees and participating in the following discussion. Kath Scanlon (LSE, Secretary of ENHR) was involved in the plenary on 'Building Pathways to Equity and Resilience: Challenges and Possibilities in England, Brazil and South Africa' and Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway (CBEH, UB, Vice-Chair of ENHR) was a member of the Program Committee of the conference. The event was a success in terms of participation and organisation. In addition to the different workshops and plenary sessions, social networking events (including a cruise in the Hudson!) and three exciting field trips were organised.

Since January 2016, ENHR and UAA have a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate knowledge exchange and joint research ventures among their associates. UAA and ENHR members are welcome in the conferences organized by the two associations and are eligible to the membership fee.

Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway

More information on UAA and future conferences check: <https://urbanaffairsassociation.org/>

In the PhD column you can read ENHR member Źaklina Grgi c's report of the conference.

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.

Working Groups activities in 2023

During 2023 the Working Groups organised 23 Workshops, mostly during the Lodz conference. Three books and special issues were published. Working Groups also participated in conferences, symposia and at courses. You can find all activities in the [Working Groups 2023 activity report](#).

During 2023 the following changes took place:

- WG Housing and Young People has become a regular working group in November after having been a working group in preparation for two years.
- Isobel Andersson stepped down as coordinator of WG Housing in Developing Countries.
- Anita Blessing stepped down as coordinator of WG Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance.
- Caroline Dewilde stepped down as coordinator of WG Home Ownership and Globalisation.
- Michael Thomas stepped down as coordinator of WG Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics.
- Ida Borg (Stockholm University, Sweden) joined WG Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities as a coordinator.

More information about each Working Group can be found on the ENHR Working Groups [webpage](#).

WG Gender and Housing

Claire Hancock, Chloe Salembier, Saila-Maria Saaristo, Lidewij Tummers (coordinators)

Gender & Housing Working Group has been set up!

A Gender & Housing Working Group has been established as a result of the Special Session on Gender and Housing, which took place at the ENHR Conference in 2023. Over the past few decades in Europe, issues related to gender inequalities have not received much attention in Housing Studies, and similarly, Gender Studies has not fully integrated housing-related issues such as the built environment, public housing policies, and city production professions. The ENHR interdisciplinary Gender & Housing Working Group aims to address these gaps by bringing together researchers involved in Housing Studies working with feminist methodologies and epistemologies, and/or those conducting empirical work on minority groups or communities (women, LGBTQIA+, migrants, etc.).

Led by Claire Hancock, Saila-Maria Saaristo, Chloé Salembier, and Lidewij Tummers, the Working Group has already had an active academic year, with online conferences showcasing the work of Working Group participants and a meeting in Brussels at the occasion of the conference *Habiter le care*. The Working Group will be well-represented at the upcoming Delft conference, with two sessions focusing on the theme 'The feminisation of the housing crisis: determining factors and empirical

knowledge.' The first session will specifically address housing systems from a gender perspective, while the second session will explore gendered practices of housing and care. We hope for active participation at our sessions in Delft and welcome all interested individuals to join the Working Group!

Contact details: [Chloé Salembier](#): and [Saila-Maria Saaristo](#).

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Institutional members



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Delft, The Netherlands

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



Developing renovation services to support condominium associations

More than 70% of the European urban dwellings are part of a condominium. Renovating these condominiums to an energy label above A is a major challenge due to the complexities of ownership.

CondoReno, short for Condominium Renovations, is a 4-year research project co-ordinated by researchers from the MBE Department at the faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment that aims to create viable business models for Integrated Home Renovation Services to address this challenge.

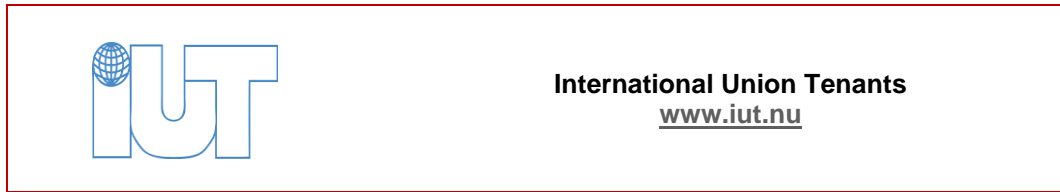
Home Renovation Services comprehensively combine process guidance tools like advice, planning, financing solutions, execution, and quality assurance.



Erwin Mlecnik and the Dutch-Flanders CondoReno team.

The project focuses on the Netherlands and Flanders. It develops six business models and tests the process management tools in eight case studies. The business models combine the strengths of market-driven services in the Netherlands and community-led services in Flanders. They will be adapted and scaled up for application in 10 different European countries. "This research helps to achieve the transition in the most difficult market segment", says project coordinator Erwin Mlecnik.

*CondoReno is funded by the European Union's Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) MGA and runs until 2026.
See www.condoreno.org.*



Key housing priorities for the next European Parliament

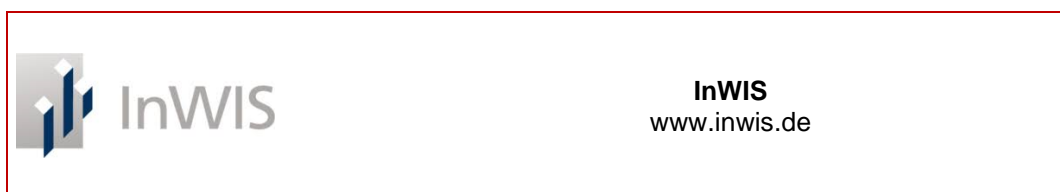
The International Union of Tenants (IUT) key priorities for the next European Parliament include recognizing housing as a fundamental right, setting maximum housing costs at 25% of disposable income by 2030, and establishing a 30% quota for social and affordable housing. Additionally, regulations on short-term rentals, de-financialization of housing, and promoting tenure neutrality are among the top goals. Lastly, IUT advocates for fair energy transition and equal access to energy-efficient housing, aiming to foster social cohesion and well-being across the whole continent.

These points were selected to tackle key issues in Europe's housing crisis, they reflect a careful and long-lasting analysis, research, and consultation with our members and other stakeholders, in order to address root causes and improve the lives of tenants and protect their rights.

An overview of all priorities (in various languages) you can find [here](#).

The IUT employs different methods and strategies of advocacy to foster our priorities. Among them we engage directly with members of the European Parliament, conduct campaigns to raise awareness, collaborate with other stakeholders and actively participate in policy-making processes. Furthermore, since IUT is an umbrella organization, our national members are committed to give legal aid to tenants locally, protect and defend them from unjust or unfair treatment.

*Margherita Mango and Emiliano Rocchetti,
International Union of Tenants (IUT)*



WÄRME4ALLE - Participatory and Socially Sustainable Heat Transition in the Neighbourhood

The InWIS Institute, together with the Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, EPC gGmbH and the IKEM Institute, initiated a new project to link the economic requirements of a future CO₂-neutral heat transition in residential buildings with social issues in the context of climate justice.



The search for long-term, reliable, effective and socially acceptable solutions for the heating transition in neighbourhoods is currently one of the biggest challenges for the housing industry and is just as important for the tenants affected and the planning administration. This is where WÄRME4ALLE (in English: HEAT4ALL) comes in to unite the voices of tenants and the housing industry.

When it comes to energy renovations and the expansion of the heat supply in neighbourhoods, problematic decisions are still often made that do not adequately consider the different, sometimes conflicting needs of tenants and the housing industry. For this reason, the WÄRME4ALLE project aims to develop a transparent and participatory planning process with the housing associations involved in the project in the interests of a resilient and socially acceptable heating transition. This will create a network between housing associations on the one hand and a process that is not only resilient but also socially acceptable and can serve as a model.

The goal is clear: to combine the economic requirements of a carbon-neutral future in the housing sector with social issues in terms of climate justice.



WÄRME4ALLE spans a period of 36 months and is funded by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection (BMWK) as part of the 7th Energy Research Program of the Federal Government. After the preparations are completed, the focus will be on implementing the participatory process and developing future pathways for three neighbourhoods. Subsequently, there will be evaluations, public relations, and communication throughout the project duration. The project commenced with a kick-off on February 16, 2024, at InWIS.

Are you curious about the project or do you have any questions? Visit the [website](#) or contact Prof. [Torsten Bölting](#) or [Rabea Bieckmann](#).



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The Housing Agency's Research Support Programme Call for Proposals 2024

The Housing Agency's Research Support Programme aims to fund projects which respond to key topical issues in housing and have the potential to impact on housing policy and practice. Since 2020 the Housing Agency has supported twenty-one independent research projects and some recipients have gone on to secure funding from other sources. Previous successful projects are available on [The Housing Agency website](#).

The 2024 Research Support Programme will focus on sustainable communities, particularly innovation, adaptability, affordability and social inclusion. We envisage that successful applications will be awarded a maximum of €30,000 over a twelve-month period. Successful proposals will be awarded in late 2024 and research must be completed in 2025.

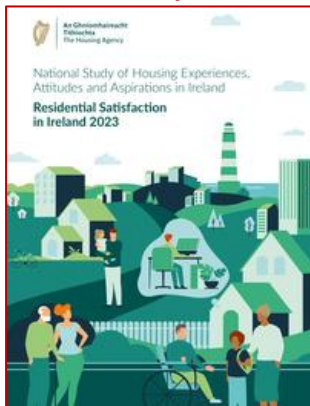
The Agency is open to joint funding of research projects with partnership organisations and welcomes collaborative proposals which may involve academics/professional researchers, housing practitioners working in the local authority sector, approved housing bodies, and NGOs.

Those wishing to apply for the Research Support Programme can do so by completing an application form which can be found [here](#). Applicants are strongly advised to consult the guidance documents which provides further details on the programme.

As part of our commitment to build capacity in the housing sector, the Housing Agency plans to award one grant to an early career researcher.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm, Friday 30th August 2024. Late applications will not be accepted.

National Study of Housing Experiences, Attitudes and Aspirations in Ireland



The National Study of Housing Experiences, Attitudes and Aspirations in Ireland - Residential Satisfaction Report 2023 has been launched.

The study measures householders' satisfaction levels with their homes and neighbourhoods and investigates their aspirations for future housing.

The national study commenced its first wave in 2018, the second wave was conducted in 2019 and the third took place during pandemic restrictions in 2020.

The report presents the findings of a nationally representative survey of 1,212 householders in Ireland and qualitative focus groups, with a further 47 householders as part of the fourth wave of the National Study of Housing Experiences, Attitudes and Aspirations in Ireland.

You can access the report [here](#). David Silke, Head of Insights & Operations at The Housing Agency, was interviewed about the report on the national broadcaster. Listen [here](#).

About The Housing Agency

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

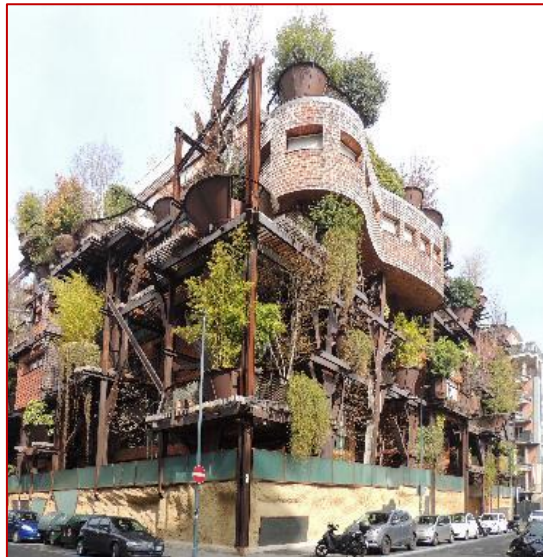
Contact: [Audrey Tachiera](#).



Metropolitan Research Institute
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Renoviction, green gentrification: addressing housing inequalities in the EU's green transition

As Europe navigates the challenges of recent crises and embraces the ambitious EU green transition, housing inequalities have become a pressing concern. The ReHousIn project (2024-2027), funded by the EU Horizon Europe programme, aims to better understand, identify and mitigate the impacts of the green transition on housing inequalities. The implementation of green interventions: energy retrofitting, nature based solutions, densification, often lead to negative social externalities, such as renoviction, green gentrification, displacement of poorer households.



ReHousIn conducts a comparative, multi-level analysis in 9 European countries – Austria, France, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom – focusing on attractive metropolitan regions, middle-sized cities and rural areas by means of a mixed-method project design. A quantitative data analysis on recent trends in housing inequalities and their relation to crises across different levels of urbanization will provide the framework for 27 local cases studies in which the impact of multi-level trajectories of housing-systems, welfare regimes and environmental policy instrumentations on the (re)production of local housing inequalities and the emergence of inclusive housing initiatives are analyzed. Based on this, ReHousIn compares mechanisms of differentiation feeding into policy labs, aiming to formulate recommendations on how to tackle negative social externalities related to the EU green transition at EU, national and local levels.

The leader of the ReHousin Consortium is Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest. Consortium partners are TU WIEN Technische Universität Wien, UNIVIE Universität Wien, UAB Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, SCIENCES PO Fondation Nationale Des Sciences Politiques Paris, POLIMI Politecnico Di Milano, NMBU Norges Miljø-Og Bioteknologiske Universitet Oslo, UNILODZ Uniwersytet Łódzki, ICLEI European Secretariat, ETH ZÜRICH Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich, UCL University College London.

PhD news

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

Digital network mapping of stakeholder relations by participatory approach in collaborative housing production in urban transformation areas

In her study, PhD researcher Ayşegül Baghal proposes a participatory and collaborative digital network mapping in urban transformation areas in Istanbul, based on a Digital Network Mapping project of which she was project coordinator.

In Turkey, policies and strategies for urban transformation that do not use participatory planning principles have led to the growth of unplanned, unhealthy, and identity-less cities that do not meet people's physical, social, cultural, and psychological needs. Urban transformation applications involve numerous stakeholders, so solving challenges requires applying tried-and-true methodologies, involving stakeholders in all aspects of the transformation process, and collaboratively coming up with innovative solutions.

Understanding complex networks in urban transformation projects

A research team from Yildiz Technical University has examined effective participatory and collaborative strategies and their effects, to understand complex networks in urban transformation projects and achieve a sustainable process. An extensive network analysis of relevant data and conclusions was used for studying the urban transformation process. It explored innovative social methods and tools that enable various network interpretations.

This research project was aimed to decipher the network of relations through network mapping in urban areas and to visualize the networks of urban relations in the digital environment. To analyse the network of relationships, new methods of analysis and various tools were utilised to interpret the network environment from several perspectives. In the research, an analytical approach has been created through the Actor Network Theory method, which is an approach that makes it possible to monitor relational systems and interactions. The proposed digital network mapping describes the interactive networking process.

Active participation of stakeholders

A proposed approach involves the active participation of stakeholders in the planning, design, and implementation phases by analyzing three distinct case studies in the province of Istanbul:

- Case Study 1: Fikirtepe 1st Stage: Urban transformation at block and parcel scale by free market actors.
- Case Study 2: Kismet Apartment Kadıköy: Urban transformation at risky building scale (building that has completed its economic life or is determined to be at risk of collapse or serious damage) in the historical and central areas of the city.
- Case Study 3: Bağcılar: Urban transformation at risky area scale (area that carries the risk of causing loss of life and property due to the ground structure or the construction on it) in areas whose transformation is 'locked' within the market.

The proposed digital network mapping describes a network process of interactive relationships where the public sector, the private sector and local communities can participate together on a shared platform to decide on the sustainable and affordable housing model.

The research project analyzed completed or implemented case studies in various district municipalities in Istanbul. In the scope of the project, the proposed digital network mapping

online platform (www.networkforurban.yildiz.edu.tr) allows for the visualization of the case studies in Istanbul. This web portal utilizes various tools to monitor network relationships, employs filter applications for edges & nodes, and presents a list of types that may be updated based on flexible criteria and parameters.

This research was proposed to address the requirements arising during my doctoral thesis and contributed to the digital network mapping web portal of the thesis entitled 'Housing Production Process and a Model Proposal in the Context of Actor-Network Theory'. The project's analytical framework and testing of the functionality and feasibility of digital network mapping have contributed to developing strategic decision-making models while conducting the thesis. It is mainly input for my PhD research.

Ayşegül Baghal,

PhD researcher at the Department of Architecture at Yildiz Technical University (YTU) in Turkey and project coordinator of the 'Digital Network Mapping of Stakeholder Relations by Participatory Approach in Collaborative Housing Production in Urban Transformation Areas' project.

The research project was funded by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and supported by Social and Human Sciences Research Group (SOBAG) as part of the TUBITAK 1002 Rapid Support Program. The research team from Yildiz Technical University (YTU), Housing and Building Application and Research Center (KAUM), completed this study within 12 months.

Impression of the UAA 2024 conference in New York (USA)



PhD student at the University of Georgia (USA) and ENHR member Žaklina Grgić visited this year's Urban Affairs Association conference. ENHR was represented by several members and responsible for part of the programme.

The International Conference on Urban Affairs (ICUA) - Cities on the Edge: Promoting Equity and Resiliency through Research, Activism, Planning and Policy - was held in New York on April 24-27, 2024.

The conference was a collaborative effort that primarily provided a medium for gathering academics, researchers, scholars, and the public sector from both sides of the Atlantic, resulting in over 1,200 attendees. The main topics covered in the conference were Cities as Global Landscapes, Resilient Cities, Rights to the City, Democracy Under Stress, and Special Track on Asian Cities on the Edge. The ICUA started off with board meetings and workshops, followed by 2.5 days full of in-person presentations on various aspects of issues cities around the globe face today and proposals of possible avenues for sustainable growth and resolutions of conflicts. Each evening, there were networking events and the official dinner cruise towards the end of the conference. The last day of the conference was reserved for field trips in New York, which complemented the first-hand experience of some topics discussed earlier during the conference. Conference co-sponsors were the Urban Affairs Association (UAA), the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR), and the European Urban Research Association (EURA).

At ICUA, I presented part of my work for the first time as a PhD student. I presented a poster titled 'Comparative Analysis of Existing Housing Pathways for Emerging Adults and Their Suitability to Croatian Context', and I got a chance to engage in academic discussions with many other academics and scholars who are in different phases of their scientific journey. There were several opportunities for us graduate students to participate in workshops that covered topics such as doctoral theses, job finding, professional mentoring, and more. I participated in the Dissertation Workshop for Graduate Students, which gathered 25 graduate students and covered topics such as facilitating thesis writing, the importance of grants, well-being during PhD, and communicating your project.

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Other news

New research project: Living the Urban Soundscapes: Integrating sound measurements with subjective perceptions

This research project aims to develop a comprehensive understanding of urban soundscapes by integrating subjective perceptions, features of the built environment, and spatiotemporal sound variations.

Igor Costarelli (University of Milano Bicocca, Italy, and ENHR CC member) is the Co-Principal Investigator of this one-year project. Previous studies on urban soundscapes have primarily focused on noise assessment measurements, neglecting the meanings attributed to noise sources and how these meanings are influenced by individuals' socio-cultural and demographic backgrounds, psychophysical conditions, and dwelling features, including energy efficiency, acoustic insulation, exposure, and size. This project will develop a holistic approach to assessing urban soundscapes by examining the interplay between individual experiences, attributes of the living environment, and noise levels in the post-industrial neighborhood of Bicocca in Milan (Italy). The social and functional diversity, as well as the mix of housing tenures and typologies, make the Bicocca district a compelling site for investigating how sound perception varies among different social groups and its implications for individual well-being.

The project combines GIS mapping of acoustic data extracted from pre-installed automatic recorders on building facades with semi-structured and walking interviews with residents in selected residential contexts. This approach will shed new light on the societal drivers of sound perception, including housing conditions, while offering a multisensory experience of urban spaces that can support policymakers and urban designers in addressing the acoustic dimension of well-being beyond metric-based noise assessment (decibel limitations). Early findings from this interdisciplinary research will be presented at the upcoming ENHR conference in Delft, within the workshop Residential Context of Health.

For further information or to explore potential collaborations, contact Igor Costarelli at igor.costarelli@unimib.it.

The project is funded by the University of Milano Bicocca (Italy), under the "Bicocca Starting Grants 2023" scheme, which supports interdisciplinary projects by early career researchers. The research team comprises experts in acoustics and urban sociology from the University of Milano Bicocca. The acoustics specialists include Dr. Valentina Zaffaroni Caorsi and Giorgia Guagliumi from the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. The urban sociologists are Dr. Oscar Luigi Azzimonti and Giulio Panzeri from the Department of Sociology and Social Research.

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RETHINKING NEIGHBORHOODS CONNECTIONS AND COHESION

By William A.V. Clark

Although neighborhoods are sometimes perceived as just a backdrop to our lives, there is considerable evidence that they are central to our sense of wellbeing, and in the functioning of the city. Rethinking Neighborhoods is about these areas of geography: what we know about how neighborhoods function, why they matter and how we chose where to live. Rethinking Neighborhoods is a follow up to his earlier book on Advanced Analysis of Housing Studies.

Emphasizing the importance of place, of connections, cohesion, and local attachment, Clark argues that the relevance of the local is increasing, rather than decreasing, and examines how this informs our choices and their outcomes. Situating neighborhoods and their evolution in historical and societal context, he uses a range of international case studies to assess key issues such as residential and neighborhood search, the segregation inequality debate, the connections between neighborhoods and health, the role of planning in the localized city and the 20 minute community.

Author William Clark is Research Professor of Geography at the University of California and an ENHR member.

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