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Newsletter

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ENHR Conference 2025

30 June - 4 July 2025

ENHR conference in Grand Paris/Marne-la-Vallée

'Affordable Housing in Greening Cities'

Université Gustave Eiffel in Champs sur Marne / Cité Descartes

With climate change and air pollution increasingly affecting urban living conditions, the conference will focus on the socio-economic and urban impact of green urban interventions, such as energy-efficient retrofits and sustainable housing developments. Green initiatives can lead to paradoxical outcomes, such as "green gentrification," where vulnerable populations face displacement as housing costs rise in eco-friendly neighborhoods. Studies indicate that wealthier households tend to benefit more from decarbonization efforts, which risks deepening urban fragmentation and socio-spatial inequalities.

Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

New Housing Researchers Colloquium

A special day is intended for new researchers, engaged in PhD studies on any housing related topic. It will take place on June 30, 2025 in Créteil, close to Paris.

You may choose to present work that's nearing completion or in progress in a friendly, constructive atmosphere. Based on short presentations you will receive oral feedback on your presentation and questions you might have by the session chair and other participants. You may choose to present your paper in a setting that offers a mentor's critique: the papers will be reviewed by experienced researchers who provide critical feedback and suggest improvements. The aim is to help you develop your work. It's also a setting in which unresolved research questions and difficulties encountered can be tackled collectively. This day also offers participants the opportunity to establish new academic contacts worldwide, through informal exchanges, and an event dedicated to new researchers and mentors. See [here](#) for more information.



The three conference buildings on the Université Gustave Eiffel campus.

Proposals welcome for ENHR Conferences 2027 and 2028

The ENHR Coordination Committee (CC) invites research institutes and research centres which would be interested in organising an ENHR conference in Europe in 2027 and 2028.

A formal proposal for the 2027 conference should be submitted to the ENHR Secretariat (enhr@tudelft.nl) based on the ENHR-application form.

A formal proposal for the 2028 conference should be submitted **by March 1st, 2026** to the ENHR Secretariat (enhr@tudelft.nl) based on the ENHR-application form.

An application form and guidelines for ENHR conferences are available on the [ENHR conference page](#). 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 and research centres that are interested in organising a conference are encouraged to contact the ENHR Secretariat (enhr@tudelft.nl).

ENHR WORKING GROUPS

Basic information concerning the aims, activities and membership of the various Working Groups is available on the ENHR website at www.enhr.net/working-groups/. 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 Housing and Young People

Igor Costarelli, Oana Druta, Constance Uyttebrouck (coordinators)

On January 30, 2025, the WG Housing and Young People met for a one-day workshop in Luxembourg, with the precious support of the Urban Development and Mobility Department of the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER). This insightful event – *Housing young people in the affordability-crisis context: a European view on family support, market supply and policy responses* – brought together academic and policy experts to discuss a broad range of housing issues facing both students and young professionals: tenure changes disrupting life courses, intergenerational inequality, family support dynamics, accelerated financialisation driven by new rental housing forms, and the pressing need for non-profit housing alternatives.



Working Group coordinator Constance Uyttebrouck (top left) and guest speaker Richard Ronald (right) addressing the audience.

We are grateful to the academic speakers (Magdalena Górczyska-Angiulli, Richard Ronald, Oana Druta, Igor Costarelli, Petr Kubala, Jakub Zasina, Constance Uyttebrouck, Charlotte Casier), expert panellists (Lindsay Flynn, Nathalie Schirtz, Luc Biever, Jean-Michel Campanella, Gilles Hempel, Mehdi Mribah) and the Luxembourg Minister of Housing for being part of this fruitful day and for contributing to current debates on the issue of housing young people in the affordability-crisis context.

This event was followed by another conference in Luxembourg, jointly organised by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Housing. The purpose of this conference was to introduce a new call for projects to boost the development of affordable housing for the youth in Luxembourg (*jugendwunnen*). Constance had the opportunity to present a [recent policy report on the housing situation of young people in Luxembourg](#) during this event and the Ministry of Education posted an interview of each speaker on social media after the event (see Constance's interview [here](#)).

Call for abstracts for the ENHR Grand Paris workshop session

Igor, Oana and Constance look forward to receiving abstracts on topical issues surrounding the question of young people's housing conditions and the provision of housing for/by young people for the next ENHR main conference in Grand Paris. We will also team with the WG Housing, Migration and Family Dynamics to run one (or more) joint session(s). See you all in July!

WG Towards Sustainable Communities and Housing: Actors, Interventions and Solutions Housing and Young People

Jesper Ole Jensen, Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway Nessa Winston (coordinators)

Call for papers for the ENHR Grand Paris workshop session

The Working Group Towards Sustainable Communities and Housing: Actors, Interventions and Solutions welcome papers on the social, economic, environmental, or political dimensions of sustainable communities and sustainable housing.

This year we wish to host two panel discussions: one panel on case studies of best practices in addressing energy poverty. This may take place as a joint session with the Working Group on Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing. Confirmed speakers include Stefan Bouzarovski and Niki Willand. We aim to produce a publication on this topic. The other panel is a discussion organized by Federico Zanfi and Filippo Tattara on 'Retrofitting Suburban Housing – Policies, Experiments, and Future Directions' paying particular attention to Single Family Homes.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Institutional members



ESRI
The Economic and Social Research Institute
www.esri.ie/

The ESRI is dedicated to producing high-quality, independent research to inform public policy and promote economic and social progress in Ireland. The institute's research is designed to provide policymakers with robust, evidence-based insights that can address complex challenges. By maintaining rigorous academic standards and a commitment to independence, the ESRI plays a crucial role in shaping informed policy decisions that benefit Irish society.

ESRI Housing Research Area established in 2024 ([Housing](#) | [ESRI](#))

In 2024 the ESRI established the Housing Research Area. This Area focuses on a range of topics to provide evidence to support housing policy decisions. We undertake a range of applied empirical and policy research in collaboration with various Irish Ministries and bodies. We are regular contributors to parliamentary committees and present our research extensively within the policy and academic communities. Researchers working in the housing area in our institute have published in a range of international journals including Review of Finance, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Financial Stability, International Journal of Housing Policy, Real Estate Economics, Land Economics and the Journal of Real Estate Economics and Finance. Our research topics include house price modelling, measuring housing affordability, analysing the rental sector and rent regulation, supply-side and land market analysis and social aspects of housing. In 2024, our overarching research themes included measuring the structural demand for housing and analysing household size, exploring the sustainability of housing prices, improving the monitoring of rental trends, and exploring energy efficiency for rented properties.

ESRI Recent Research Highlights

- Analysis of new Irish rental data show most sitting tenants didn't face rent hikes in 2023 and provides insights for policymakers understanding the impact of rent controls <https://doi.org/10.26504/jr10>
- Research highlights strong underlying demand for housing on the back of demographic pressures and inward migration <https://doi.org/10.26504/rs190>
- Household size in Ireland is high in an international context driven by population age structures, other demographic factors and housing supply constraints https://doi.org/10.26504/QEC2024SUM_SA_OToole
- Research covering Ireland, the UK and Northern Ireland highlights the importance of government investment to expand social and affordable housing <https://www.esr.ie/index.php/esr/article/view/2787>
- Studies exploring the link between credit and house prices identified the re-emergence of credit effects in putting upward pressure on prices <https://www.intereconomics.eu/pdf-download/year/2024/number/5/article/credit-and-house-prices-in-the-irish-residential-market.html>

Having established the ESRI's Housing Research Area, we are keen to expand our activities internationally, broaden our network, create contacts and foster potential collaborations with

researchers working on similar topics across Europe. We are keen to share our research findings by participating in working groups, workshops and conferences, particularly in the areas of Housing Economics and Private Rental Markets.



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Publications

Gareth James, Madhu Satsangi and Victoria Lawson produced a prominent piece of research into [land supply for housing in rural Scotland](#). This was featured in the Herald. In an earlier report commissioned by the Scottish Land Commission, Reid et al (2020) examined the role of land in enabling and/or constraining the supply of new housing in rural and remote rural areas of Scotland. They argued that a wide range of factors –including land ownership constraints, land prices, costs of development, site effectiveness, limited skills and resources, and planning constraints, for example – were preventing rural sites from being developed.

Increasing the supply of new build, affordable housing in rural Scotland is key to meeting housing need, as well as reversing depopulation and supporting economic growth opportunities (where these exist) in rural areas.

In this report, we pick up where they left off. Our aim is to build on their conclusions by making some practical recommendations to help deliver a 10-year pipeline of developable land for new housing development in rural Scotland.

Another two of our colleagues, Vikki McCall and Jenny Preece, produced research on [the role of home improvement services in England](#). This report presents the main findings from the national evaluation of home improvement services in England. The Centre for Ageing Better appointed the Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research (CRESR) at Sheffield Hallam University in partnership with the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE), the University of Sheffield, the University of Stirling, the Building Research Establishment (BRE), and Foundations to conduct the evaluation which ran for 18 months between May 2023 and October 2024.

The evaluation builds on the Good Home Inquiry, which called for more effective local delivery of home improvement services across England. Better evidence is required to demonstrate the contribution and impact these services make, and to nationally influence for increased prioritisation and investment. The evaluation is central to continuing to evidence the recommendations of the Good Home Inquiry, particularly the key recommendation around the creation of local delivery bodies or Good Home Hubs that provide or signpost to information and advice, finance, home repairs, adaptations and energy retrofit services and operate as a one-stop shop.

It is hoped that learning from the evaluation will help to inspire local policy makers to improve their home improvement service offer and implement change.

Ken Gibb featured in a new column in Housing Today

Professor Ken Gibb, director of the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence at the University of Glasgow was featured in a [new column in Housing Today on the Right to Buy](#). In this first in a series of monthly pieces for Housing Today by the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence, he reflects on the endurance of Thatcher's flagship housing policy.



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Recent Research and Publications

Key Irish Housing Publications in 2024



The Housing Agency has created a reference document listing, by month, the key Irish housing papers, publications and reports which were released during 2024. The document, which includes links to sources, is a useful resource for housing practitioners, academics and students.

You can find more information [here](#).

Spotlight on Research – Dr. Michael Byrne

The latest in The Housing Agency Spotlight on Housing Research series focuses on Dr. Michael Byrne, and recent research he is working on for 'Beyond Generation Rent? Political economy, inequality and the private rental sector', a book that aims to develop a political economy perspective for the analysis of the private rental sector.

You can read the full spotlight [here](#).



Peer Support Models – Examining models both nationally and internationally

Peer support is a supportive relationship between people who have shared experiences. It is based on the knowledge that disabled people are experts in recognising the barriers they face and the means in which such barriers can be tackled. As part of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People, The Housing Agency has examined national and international examples of peer support models and explored what supports are currently available in Ireland and how, if necessary, they can be adapted or expanded to assist disabled people to live independent lives in their community.

The report, *Peer Support Models - Examining models both nationally and internationally*, finds that the value of lived experience has been acknowledged as an integral component in assisting marginalised groups such as disabled people to live independently.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Upcoming and Recent Events



WEBINAR

An Ghníomhaireacht Tithíochta
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COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING WEBINAR SERIES

1 INTRODUCING COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING 12th February 12 - 1pm SPEAKERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Sara Brysch - Co-author of Together: Towards Collaborative Living• Tom O'Donnell - Self Organised Architecture	2 COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING 25th February 12 - 1pm SPEAKERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eduard Cabré Romans - Barcelona Municipal Institute for Housing and Renovation• Ailbhe Cunningham - Cork Community Land Trust• Eve Olney - Cork Community Land Trust
3 COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING FOR AGE FRIENDLY LIVING 11th March 12 - 1pm SPEAKERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Brenton - UK Cohousing Network• Anne Connolly - Cohousing Communities Ireland	4 STATE SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING 26th March 11.30 - 1pm SPEAKERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elke Seipp - Hamburg Baugemeinschaften Agency• Eadaoin Ní Chléirigh - Irish Council for Social Housing• TBC

Community-led Housing Webinar Series

The Housing Agency is running a webinar series exploring community-led housing across February and March. The aim of the series is to raise awareness of community-led housing as a new form of affordable housing in Ireland, to showcase examples from other countries and reflect on its future in Ireland.

The first webinar introduced community-led housing, while subsequent webinars looked at community-led housing as affordable housing and in the context of age friendly living. Webinar recordings can be viewed here [The Housing Agency - YouTube](#)

The final webinar takes place on March

26 and will consider state support for community-led housing. Details of how to register can be found here [Community Led Housing Webinar Series | The Housing Agency](#).

Housing Practitioners' Conference 2025

The Housing Agency and the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) will host the 2025 Housing Practitioners' Conference, taking place in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co Westmeath on Thursday, 10th April and Friday 11th April (half day). The conference will involve expert speakers and workshops, with more details on the agenda to follow. The conference is aimed at housing practitioners including local authority staff, approved housing bodies and Government officials. You can find more information and register for the conference [here](#).



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HOUSING PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE 2025

RADISSON BLU HOTEL, ATHLONE

APRIL 10th & 11th, 2025



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STAKEHOLDER NEWSLETTER

The Housing Agency publish a bi-monthly stakeholder newsletter which includes content of interest to Local Authorities, AHB's, the general public, various state agencies and public and private sector bodies.

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The Housing Agency's Stakeholder Newsletter

Have you subscribed to The Housing Agency Stakeholder Newsletter? Sign up now to stay up to date with our events, conferences, publications and resources.


February's newsletter shines a spotlight on our Research Support Programme which funds research into topical housing issues that have the potential to impact housing policy and practice. We take a look at the Property Optimisation Unit, a team within the Agency that provides advice and support to local authorities addressing vacancy within their areas. This edition also contains more information about our Housing Practitioners' Conference, our new four-part webinar series

on community-led housing, and much more.

Read the latest newsletter [here](#) and subscribe to future editions [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.



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Tarragona, Spain
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Forthcoming events

Seminar “Elderly, housing and robots”

<https://housing.urv.cat/vejez-vivienda-y-robots/>

Vejez, vivienda y robots

Jueves, 10 de abril 2025
Tarragona



The Seminar “Elderly, housing and robots”, coordinated by Prof. Sergio Nasarre Aznar and Dr. Gemma Caballé Fabra (UNESCO Housing Chair, Universitat Rovira i Virgili) will take place on 10 April 2025 in Tarragona, Spain. The aim of the workshop is to bring together experts from different disciplines who are interested in knowing the recent developments in the field of the elderly, housing and robots. Registration is free of charge at housing@urv.cat. It is possible to follow the seminar online: <https://tinyurl.com/JVVRCH>.

5th International Workshop on Rent Control

<https://housing.urv.cat/5th-international-workshop-on-rent-control/>

5th International Workshop on rent control

19-20 June 2025
Tarragona, Spain



The 5th International Workshop on Rent Control, organized by Konstantin A. Kholodilin (DIW Berlin), Sergio Nasarre Aznar (UNESCO Housing Chair, Universitat Rovira i Virgili) and Aurora Iannello (Associazione culturale Vera Nocentini, Turin) will take place on 19–20 June 2025 in Tarragona, Spain. It will be hosted by the UNESCO Housing Chair at Universitat Rovira i Virgili. The aim of the workshop is to bring together experts from different countries and different disciplines (economics, history, law, sociology, urbanism, etc.) who are interested in rent control and other housing policies. The annual workshop, taking place for the fifth time, aims to be a forum for discussing housing policies around the world and exchange ideas. Furthermore, it also aims to encourage joint research cooperation in the field.

To apply for participation in the workshop, please complete the following form:

https://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.928657.en/forms/5th_workshop_on_rent_control.html.

The deadline for the submission of papers or abstracts is March 31, 2025. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting us at: housing@urv.cat.

Publications



Journal Housing

The UNESCO Housing Chair of the University i Virgili published the No. 20 (December 2023) of the biannual journal “Housing”, which can be freely accessed through pdf. No. 21 will be available soon. This issue deals with cohousing, housing accessibility and hidden homelessness, among other topics. The journal can be found in this [link](#) (in Spanish language).

Doctoral thesis and book

Dr. Pablo Ruiz Osuna, researcher at University Rovira i Virgili and member of the UNESCO Housing Chair, defended his doctoral thesis entitled “The legal personality of intelligent automata” on 13 September 2024. The research has been published by Aranzadi publishing house. The work deals with what is possibly the great invention of this century: intelligent automata. The research seeks to determine their legal nature (what are they?) and proposes a basic private legal regime for them, as new citizens and agents in legal transactions. [Here](#) you find more information.



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TEVIPROP: working on new regulatory instruments that can contribute to advancing the guarantee of the right to housing

The research group of Anthropology of crises and contemporary transformations (CRITS) recently organized the international workshop 'Ethnographing the multidimensionality of crises' around their TEVIPROP project 'Tensions between the right to housing and private ownership in rental relations. A socio-legal approach'. The importance of its research lies in the chronic housing crisis that was exacerbated after the outbreak of the real estate bubble.

TEVIPROP is led by professors Irene Sabaté (Universitat de Barcelona) and Marco Aparicio (Universitat de Girona). As Prof. Irene Sabaté describes it: "Through an ethnographic lens combined with legal analysis tools, the project aims at tackling the asymmetries between the mechanisms protecting private property, that tend to be strongly supported by state and judiciary institutions, and those aimed at granting access to adequate housing for social majorities, which greatly depend on the contingent potential of popular claims and mobilisations". In this regard, Prof. Marco Aparicio adds that: "The project aims to analyse the set of limitations to private property in order to ensure its social function, the basis for the construction of the right to housing. The purpose is to help clarify the legal framework in which they must be based, confronting some of the main objections that the property culture has been building".



The importance of its research lies in the chronic housing crisis that was exacerbated after the outbreak of the real estate bubble and that has led to at least two million people being evicted from their homes since 2008, the rise in rental prices, the increase of racial discrimination in the access to housing and the proliferation of speculative uses in the housing market. A context which is not strange to other European countries and that can generate synergies with other ENHR members willing to connect with TEVIPROP to realize compared analysis and discussions.



The project carries out an interdisciplinary socio-legal analysis of the discourses, strategies and practices of the actors involved in the housing problem, promoted by a research team made up of anthropologists and jurists, together with researchers from other disciplines of the social sciences. It also promotes an analysis of cases of discrimination in access to rent and occupation of untitled housing, both debates that give rise to broader discussions about, on the one hand, different conceptions of the justice and, on the other, on the juridical-normative disputes generated by the tension between the need for justice and the property prerogatives. In this tension are originated new regulatory instruments that can contribute to advancing the guarantee of the right to housing, and inspiring forms of self-protection of the same right by the affected groups.

For more information you can contact [Irene Sabaté](#) or [Marco Aparicio](#).

ENHR members in the media

This section is open to all members who made a media appearance. Send details to enhr@tudelft.nl.

ENHR CC member João Carvalhosa interviewed by EU Observer



EU Observer, an online newspaper, is working on a series of articles exploring the housing crisis. For an article about under-occupation—examining how policies addressing this phenomenon might contribute to alleviating the broader crisis, João Carvalhosa was interviewed about the main policies designed to address this problem, the results of these policies so far and how tackling under-occupation could help mitigate the overall housing crisis.

You can find the article ('Could reducing under-occupation help solve the European housing crisis?' [here](#)).

Previous ENHR members that appeared in the 'In the media' column:

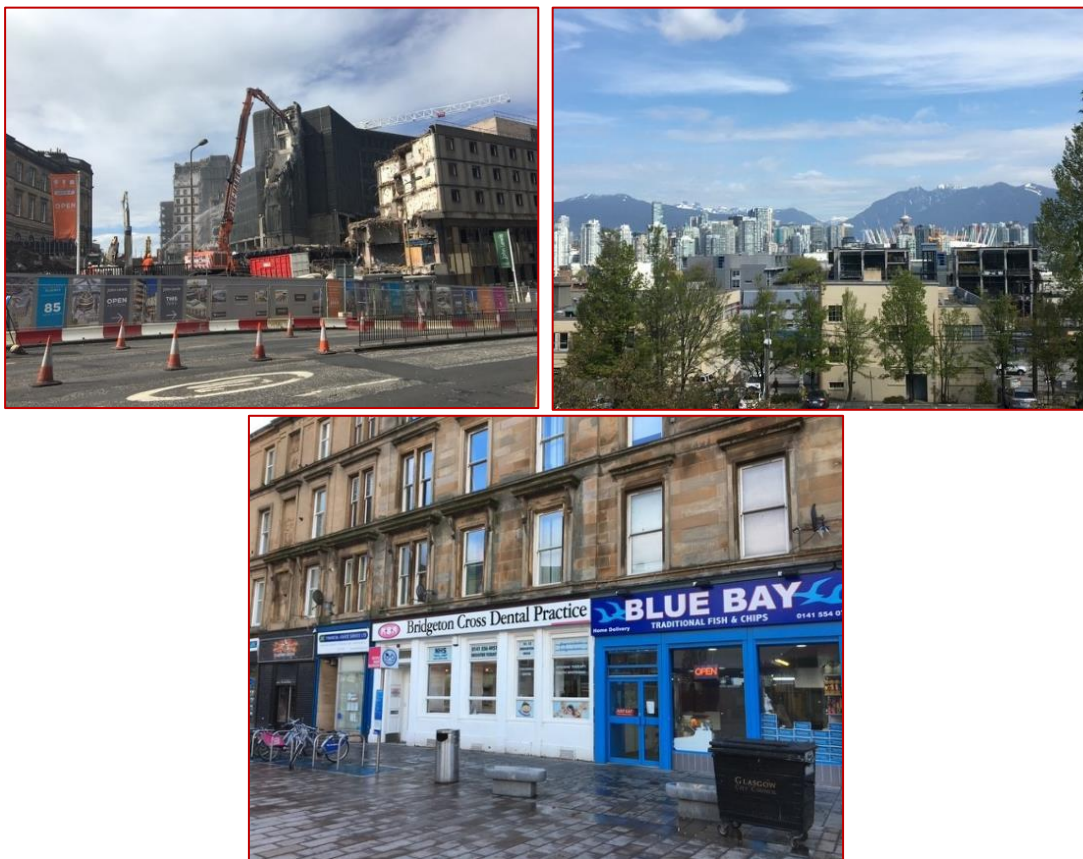
- **Stefanie Horian and Ragy Elgendy** interviewed by TU Delft magazine about involving Dutch residents in the energy transition (Newsletter 4, 2024)
- **Igor Costarelli** was interviewed for German television on high rent levels of student accommodation (Newsletter 3, 2024)
- **Ad Straub** (TU Delft) was interviewed for Dutch National television and radio and the NOS (Dutch Broadcasting Foundation) website about [circular demolition and re-use of building materials](#). (Newsletter 4-2023).
- **Justin Kadi** was interviewed by the New York Times on Vienna housing system. (Newsletter 2-2023)
- Two appearances (among many more) by **Peter Boelhouwer** (TU Delft) on national television about the housing shortage and dropping production. (Newsletter 2-2023)
- AHURI's managing director and ENHR member **Michael Fortherington** spoke with America's [ABC News](#) on high rental prices and property scarcity in Australia. (Newsletter 2-2023)
- **Julie Lawson** was interviewed for the [RMIT University website news pages](#) about the article she co-wrote on Ukraine in Housing Finance International. (Newsletter 1-2023)
- **Daniel Felipe Marín Vanegas** coordinator of the project 'Pedagogical model for the teaching of habitat intervention design in higher education programs', made an appearance on the Universidad Nacional de Colombia website. (Newsletter 1-2023)
- **Justin Kadi** (TU Wien) was interviewed on [ARTE](#) about why housing has in European cities has become so unaffordable for many and what can be done about it. (Newsletter 4-2022)
- ENHR and Coordination Committee member **Darinka Czischke** was interviewed for the [TU Delft online magazine](#): 'Collaborative living has potential for many societal challenges'. (Newsletter 4-2022)

Other news

Wanted: ENHR member collaboration on two research projects

He is post full-time work and spends two thirds of his time in Canada and the rest primarily in Scotland ("I'm the only person that goes there for the winter"), but Duncan MacLennan still works on the applied economics of housing issues and is in the early stages of two projects that colleagues in the ENHR may find interesting.

Over the last few years, I have been trying to develop a framework of how to think about the governance of housing policies when a systems perspective is adopted. A series of papers I completed for CMHC in 2023-4 on 'governance aspects of systems perspectives' is on the CHEC website at McMaster University, where I have an Adjunct position in Housing Economics. Along with Jim Dunn, Director of CHEC, I funded some work from the Federal Department of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities exploring the question of how strategic place (metropolitan area or rural region), multi-order, multi-sector investment partnerships would be a more effective way of making connections and distributing resources for housing investment. We are exploring Canadian experience (pretty limited) and a range of vehicles such as UK City Deals and their (quite different) Australian equivalents.



Case-study locations Edinburgh, Vancouver and Glasgow.

(As part of the project, after literature review and case study work, the project will establish a cross-national series of webinars to discuss our project findings with academics and officials. If you have an interest in this topic area or have reports and experiences that you find useful then please let us know and we'll try to involve you in our concluding webinars (they will be, we hope, in June and September).

I stay connected to my alma mater, the University of Glasgow, and of course CACHE. I started work at Glasgow on 1st August, 1974, on the reform of rent acts. It has been an

interesting journey. I am, using the 'systems governance' framework, doing a Review of Scottish Housing Policy for the David Hume Institute and happy to share findings with colleagues. As part of that work, I have been trying to craft a better 'economic' narrative for the, still, impressive non-profit sector in Scotland. In the three countries I work in the Scottish and Canadian sectors have no economic story and in Australia some aspects of how good housing impacts productivity have been explored. Much of this work appears in non-academic literatures. I would be very pleased, and grateful, to hear of any work explored in the wide range of contexts reached by ENHR. The issues of interest are broadly covered in my chapter with Jinqiao Long in the [Routledge Handbook of Housing Economics](#) published in 2024 and edited by Ken Gibb *et al.*

The best way to reach me is via my [University of Glasgow email](#).

This Late Career Researcher (maybe we should have ENHR Group) would much appreciate your interest.

Duncan

International Collaboration Project: The Encyclopedia of Housing and Home will get a second edition

Following the success of the first edition of the **Encyclopedia of Housing and Home** (Elsevier ScienceDirect, 2012), a comprehensive major reference work that brings together cutting-edge scholarship on housing in its many dimensions will get a second edition. This new edition will include over 700 articles and it will feature revisions of existing entries alongside a wealth of new contributions reflecting the latest research and developments in the field. The editors have started work on revising entries, adding new ones, deleting some others.

This second edition will be led by Sasha Tsenkova as Editor-in-Chief, working with a team of seven section editors: Marja Elsinga (TU Delft), Susan Wachter (University of Pennsylvania), Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway (University of Barcelona), Katrin B. Anacker (George Mason University), Rebecca Bentley (University of Melbourne), Marietta Haffner (TU Delft), and Arthur Acolin (University of Washington), several of whom are affiliated with ENHR.

The Encyclopedia of Housing and Home has been a key resource for housing scholars and practitioners worldwide. ENHR members, and particularly Working Group coordinators, will be invited to contribute to this landmark publication, ensuring it remains at the forefront of housing research.

More details will be shared soon. We encourage all interested members to stay tuned for further announcements.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

BEYOND BRICKS AND MORTAR: BUILDING HOMES, COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

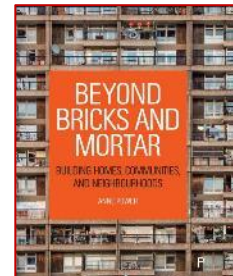
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Social housing continues to decline as existing tenanted homes are sold to their occupiers and run-down council estates are demolished. Demonstrating the value of the 'Housing Plus' approach –investment beyond “bricks and mortar” – this book outlines the role social landlords can play in tackling community problems. By investing in estate renewal, helping to house the vulnerable, offering a wide range of tenures and encouraging community housing, this approach builds links between housing design and a wider social value agenda. With the voices of tenants and frontline staff at the forefront, Anne Power demonstrates how policy and practice can shift the bias against social housing in favour of its re-expansion. Beyond Bricks and Mortar presents a history of social housing in the UK, exploring the vital role that housing associations and councils have played in providing low-cost, rented housing and wider support in low-income communities. The book illustrates the immense contribution that this housing makes to social and community wellbeing.

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PRIVATE RENTING IN THE ADVANCED ECONOMIES GROWTH AND CHANGE IN A FINANCIALISED WORLD

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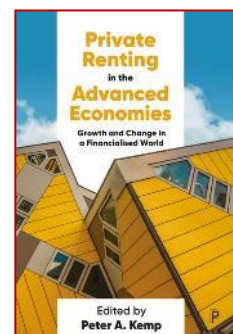
The private rental housing market plays an important and growing role in the advanced economies. Providing accommodation for a wider range of households than before the global financial crisis, rental housing is also a key asset class for private individuals and companies, while the rise of Airbnb lettings has pushed up rents and reduced the number of homes available to residents.

This edited collection by leading experts in the field analyses recent changes in the private rental market, using case studies from the UK, Europe, Australia and the USA, and assesses the initial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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6 STEPS TO REIMAGINE YOUR HOME INTERIOR DURING LIFE TRANSITIONS: NAVIGATING BEYOND AESTHETICS

By Catherine De Langhe

As interior designers design with intention, we consider not only the immediate impact on the inhabitants but also the larger implications for community and environment. It's about fostering a sense of belonging while being mindful of our ecological footprint.

The spaces we inhabit profoundly influence our mental and emotional well-being. Interior design is an act of compassion, and we must approach our work with a deep sense of empathy, understanding how the places we create can either nurture or hinder the journey of those who dwell within them.

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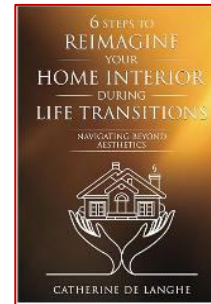
Today's interior spaces must reflect a growing awareness of our social and ethical responsibilities. As designers, we have the unique opportunity to advocate for sustainability and community resilience through our choices. Using ethically sourced materials, promoting energy efficiency, and supporting local artisans are small yet significant steps toward creating spaces that honor our planet and those who inhabit it.

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