Call for Papers

The ENHR Working Group Homeownership and Globalisation, in collaboration with the <u>Lab for Interdisciplinary Spatial Analysis (LISA)</u> at the University of Cambridge, is organizing a workshop around the theme:

Families, Housing, and the Asset Society

June 4-5, 2026 University of Cambridge, UK

Abstract Deadline: February 1, 2026

While owner-occupied homes have long represented the largest household asset, the aggregate value of privately owned housing property has significantly augmented over the last three decades, exaggerating the differences between households according to housing tenure, market segment and timing of market entry. Indeed, inequalities in access to housing and housing wealth have become central to emerging patterns of inequality, both inter and intra-generational, across European economies. In context of an increasingly asset-orientated society, family practices have become ever more aligned toward housing strategies aimed at maximizing property buying and rent extraction capacities or minimizing exposure to the volatility of the housing market. Meanwhile housing markets and housing inequalities have become increasingly affected by kinship practices and the mobilization of intergenerational resources.

In this ENHR workshop, we will explore various themes surrounding transformations in housing and home ownership, drawing from empirical analyses from across Europe and beyond. A particular focus, nonetheless, is how housing, wealth accumulation and family processes are becoming ever more embedded with each other, as well as the implications of this embedding for family formation and life courses, growing social and economic inequalities, and housing market and urban transformations.

The workshop aims to bring together scholars working on these and related issues. We welcome single case studies and comparative papers, as well as studies focused on the national and the urban/local level.

Workshop organisers: Justin Kadi (University of Cambridge), Richard Ronald (University of Amsterdam), Helen Bao (University of Cambridge).

Abstract submission deadline: February 1, 2026. Participants will be notified about the outcome of their submission shortly after the deadline.

Please send your abstracts to Justin Kadi (jk914@cam.ac.uk)





