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2026 Newsletter

Cover: Housing project in Oslo (Norway).

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2026 Elections: Call for nominations to the ENHR Coordination Committee

The ENHR Election Committee and the ENHR Secretariat invite you to nominate candidates for the ENHR Coordination Committee (CC). The purpose of this call for nomination is to identify candidates who will stand for election for the ENHR Coordination Committee. Six seats will be open for the 2026 election. You will be elected for four years.

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Elected until</i>
Peter Boelhouwer	Male	The Netherlands	2028
Claire Carriou	Female	France	2028
João Carvalhosa	Male	Portugal	2028
Jaana Nevalainen	Female	Finland	2028
Lena Magnusson Turner	Female	Norway	2028
Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway	Female	Spain	2028
Kath Scanlon	Female	United Kingdom	2028
Catalina Turcu	Female	United Kingdom	2028
Magdalena Zaleczna	Female	Poland	2028
Igor Costarelli	Male	Italy	2026
Darinka Czischke	Female	The Netherlands	2026
Emma Holmqvist	Female	Sweden	2026
Ebru Karahan	Female	Turkey	2026
Iván Tosics	Male	Hungary	2026

*Conference representatives
(not elected, but acting as full
members)*

Maja Flåto	Female	Norway	2026 (Nov.)
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The aim is to achieve a balanced composition, enabling diversity in terms of discipline, country and gender. The elections will take place in April, May and June 2026. The results will be announced during the General Assembly (3 July) at the 2026 conference in Oslo (Norway).

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

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

How to nominate

ENHR members can nominate a candidate or be nominated as a candidate provided that they have paid their membership fee for 2026. Members from associate institutional members and members from outside Europe are excluded.

Please complete the nomination form on the [ENHR website](#) with the names of nominee and nominator and send the form, together with a short biographical sketch (± 200 words) and a photo, to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl).

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

The deadline for receipt of nominations (including the biographical sketch and photo) is **31 March 2026, by midnight CET**.

Voting

The nominees will be introduced to all ENHR members by e-mail and on the ENHR website shortly after **31 March 2026** and in Newsletter 2. All ENHR members except associate institutional members and members from outside Europe are allowed to vote, provided they have paid their membership fee for 2026. We will inform you about how to vote in a later stage.

Election Committee

The Election Committee consists of three ENHR members, supported by the ENHR Secretariat.

- Julie Lawson
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Melbourne, AUSTRALIA
- Gerard van Bortel
Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft, THE NETHERLANDS
- António Duarte Santos
Autonoma University of Lisbon, PORTUGAL

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

ENHR CONFERENCES

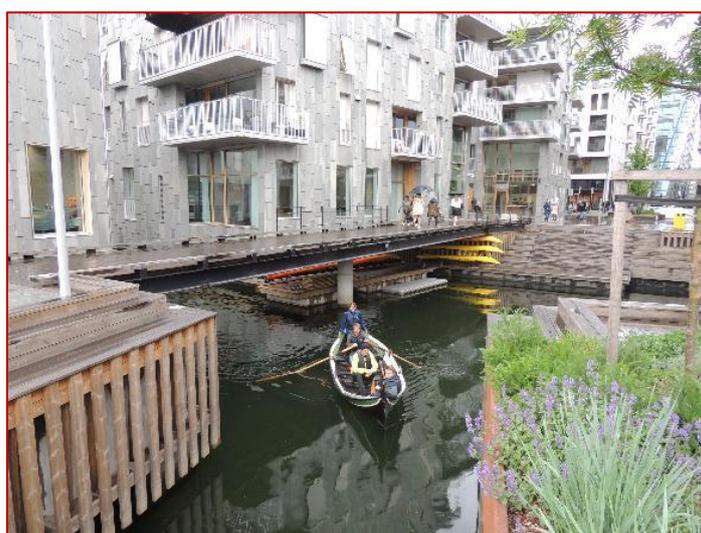
ENHR conference 2026

30 June - 3 July 2026

Theme

**Homeownership, Prosperity, and Inequality in the 21st Century
Social, Spatial, and Historical Patterns**

www.trippus.net/enhr2026



Waterfront development in Oslo.

From 30 June to 3 July 2026, the [ENHR Conference at Oslo Metropolitan University \(Norway\)](#) will gather researchers, policymakers, and housing professionals to explore how changing housing systems shape and are shaped by social stratification, urban development, and economic transformation. What is the role of homeownership in a period marked by housing affordability crises, rising wealth gaps, and demographic change? Once seen as a pathway to security and social mobility, homeownership now also reinforces inequality and segregation in many cities. How do these dynamics occur, and how are housing systems adapting to demographic and economic change? Will policymakers manage to address these challenges?

Information about the programme, plenary speakers, field trips, etc. will be updated continuously.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: 15 March 2026

Early bird registration deadline: 15 April 2026

Location

The conference will be held at Oslo Metropolitan University. The campus is located in the centre of Oslo (on the premises of a former brewery) and is surrounded by cafes and restaurants. All rooms to be used are in the same building, and the neighbouring building across the street if needed.

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.

Research institutes and research centres that are interested in organising a conference are encouraged to contact the ENHR Secretariat (enhr@tudelft.nl).

PhD news

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

PhD Defense at Istanbul Technical University



ENHR member Dr. Elif Cemre Çelikcan Yozçu successfully defended her dissertation titled “*An Analysis of Self-Help Housing and Related Methods Based on Turkey’s Experiences*” that is prepared under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Ahsen Özsoy (Coordinator of ENHR WG Residential Buildings and Architectural Design) as part of the Doctoral Program in Architectural Design at Istanbul Technical University (Turkey).

Elif’s study holistically examines the self-help housing model, which offers solutions to the housing problem for different user groups on a global scale and has specifically been implemented for low-income groups in Turkey. The research covers a broad time span from the proclamation of the Republic to the present day (1923-2025), analysing housing policies, legal regulations, academic publications, and architectural projects through primary sources. Within the scope of the thesis, the legislative framework underpinning housing policies is detailed; studies produced by public institutions and academic circles but not yet included in the literature have been brought to light through meticulous archival research and added to the academic corpus. Identifying the reasons for past failures through design issues and regulatory inconsistencies, the thesis guides policymakers by outlining the conditions for success of alternative models in response to the current housing crisis.

Preliminary findings of this study were presented at ENHR conferences in Barcelona, 2022 and in Delft, 2024. The research article “Why self-help housing failed in urban Turkey: A policy and legislation misalignment” will soon be [published online here](#). Elif continues her research and teaching activities as a faculty member at Baskent University (Turkey), Department of Architecture.

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

Oana Druta, Igor Costarelli and Constance Uyttebroeck (coordinators)

We have a news to share from our WG: Our Special Issue 'Housing Young People Under Late Neoliberalism' has been published as the first 2026 issue in *Housing, Theory and Society* (Vol. 43): <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/shou20/current>

The issue contains the following articles:

- Housing Young People Under Late Neoliberalism
Constance Uyttebroeck, Igor Costarelli & Oana Druta
- The Construction of Resourceful Tenants in Collaborative Housing for Young People in Milan
Igor Costarelli
- Intergenerational Support and the Financial Strategies of Young Homebuyers in Shanghai
Junru Cui & Richard Ronald
- Designing Home for and with Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness in the Netherlands
Oana Druta, Mina Fatemidokhtcharook, Valentina Cortés-Urra, Daniek Reijnders & Chris Steenhuis
- The Position of Young Adults on the Amsterdam Housing Market. Combining the Housing Pathway and the Capability Approach
Martina Gentili & Joris Hoekstra
- Time Perspective and Housing Inequalities Among Czech Young Adults: The Role of Intergenerational Financial Transfers in the Housing Affordability Crisis
Petr Kodenko Kubala & Petr Sunega

WG Residential Context of Health

Emma Baker and Terry Hartig (coordinators)

Call for papers for the ENHR Oslo Conference 2026 workshop session

The Residential Context of Health Working Group will convene its next workshop at the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) Conference in Oslo in 2026. This meeting marks the latest in a long-running series of Working Group workshops, beginning with the ENHR Conference in Gävle in 2000, and represents an important coming together of both long-standing and warmly welcomed new members.

The Working Group provides a forum for interdisciplinary research examining how housing, neighbourhoods, and residential systems shape physical, mental, and social health outcomes. We welcome conceptual, empirical, and policy-oriented contributions drawing on diverse methodological traditions and geographical contexts.

Our 2026 workshop will provide a highly interactive session format, designed to foster discussion, collaboration, and future joint publications.

2026 Session Coordinators will be Emma Baker, Amy Clair, and Terry Hartig.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Institutional members

ETH zürich

ETH Zürich
ETH Wohnforum - ETH CASE
www.wohnforum.arch.ethz.ch/

International annual conference on housing, settlement and urban development: ETH Forum Wohnungsbau: Green And Affordable? - Housing between climate targets and social sustainability

9 September 2026, Zentrum (ETH Zurich Main Building), Auditorium Maximum (Room HG F 30), Zurich (Switzerland)



Housing in the Swiss alps (southern part of the Bern canton).

The ecological transformation of Switzerland's building stock has gained significant momentum in recent years. At the same time, evidence suggests that this fundamentally positive development in pursuit of sustainability goals is not without consequences for the housing market. Environmental and energy policy instruments may affect housing affordability, thereby introducing new socio-economic challenges. This conference addresses these emerging tensions between the climate-related adaptation of the built environment and its potential socio-economic implications in Switzerland.

As in many European countries, concern is growing in Switzerland about rising housing costs and the widening gap between incomes and housing expenses, especially in urban areas. Environmental and energy policy measures aimed at promoting energy-efficient renovations, densification, and nature-based solutions have been identified as factors that may contribute to higher housing costs, gentrification, and displacement, thereby exacerbating the housing crisis.

The Forum addresses these issues within the framework of the research project ReHousIn (Contextualised Pathways to Reduce Housing Inequalities in the Green Transition), funded

by the EU and the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). The event will include expert presentations and practical insights from representatives of academia, professional practice (planning and architecture), politics, and public administration, as well as panel discussions and a concluding synthesis, accompanied by open Q&A sessions and discussions following the presentations.

Further information about the upcoming conference and registration details will follow [here](#). The conference will be held in German. We would be happy to add you to the [conference programme](#) mailing list. For more information contact [Salome Rohner](#).



University of Glasgow
www.gla.ac.uk/

We are pleased to share that the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE) will be hosting a two-day multidisciplinary conference taking place in Glasgow in early September. We will be announcing a confirmed date and venue very soon. Following this confirmation, we will be opening a call for submissions thereafter.



Since conception, CaCHE has acted as a platform to facilitate evidence-based housing research and in this final year of our ESRC funding, we look to celebrate this through providing a forum for academics, policymakers and practitioners to come together to discuss how housing can move forward during turbulent times.

Please [sign up our CaCHE Bulletin mailing list](#) where regular updates and deadlines for submissions will be shared. We will also be sharing frequent communications on our [LinkedIn](#) and [Bluesky](#) channels so this is another place to find up to date information about the conference.

The [UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence \(CaCHE\)](#) is led by the University of Glasgow.



Uppsala University
Institute for housing and Urban Research
www.uu.se/en/

In Memoriam: Mats Franzén 1948–2025



We are saddened to announce that our long-time colleague and dear friend Mats Franzén at the Institute for Housing and Urban Research, Uppsala, Sweden, has passed away. At the time of his sudden passing on 7 November, Mats Franzén was Professor Emeritus of Sociology, and as such remained highly active, engaged, and present in the research environment at the Institute for Housing and Urban Research. Mats completed his PhD in 1981 together with Eva Sandstedt with what has now become a classic dissertation, *Grannskap och stadsplanering: om stat och byggande i efterkrigstidens Sverige* (*Neighbourhoods and urban planning: the state and building in post-war Sweden*), and subsequently worked for many years at the Department of Sociology in Uppsala. He joined IBF as a Senior Lecturer in Housing and Urban Sociology in 1996, and from 2002 to 2015 he held the institute's professorship in Sociology. With the passing of Mats Franzén, IBF has lost a much-loved and highly valued colleague and mentor. He is mourned and deeply missed by many.

"Mats' combination of broad theoretical and methodological expertise, immense empirical and historical knowledge, his eye for concrete details of general relevance, and his calm and considerate commitment made him a perfect colleague and an ideal collaborator. Mats' contribution to IBF cannot be overstated," says Head of Department Nils Hertting. At the time of his passing, Mats was in the final stages of working on his major book project, *Minnet av Gubbängen* (*The Memory of Gubbängen*). (Gubbängen is a district in southern Stockholm that was developed in the mid-20th century). The publisher, Mats' wife Agneta Hugemark, and all of us at IBF are committed to completing this final major research endeavor in a long, successful, and highly esteemed academic career.

The colleagues at the Institute for Housing and Urban Research, Uppsala, Sweden

Sincerely,
Ulrika Wahlberg
Information Officer
Uppsala University, Institute for Housing and Urban Research

News from partners and sister organisation



European Federation for Living (EFL)

www.ef-l.eu/

**EFL Annual Conference 2026 – From Solving Housing Shortage to Urban Regeneration
– What can Europe learn from Dutch social housing, finance and urban renewal?**

3–5 June 2026, Rotterdam (the Netherlands), Ortec Finance

The timely theme will spark discussions on the strengths of the Dutch social housing system, large-scale urban renewal, the future of cities, digital innovation, and financial strategies. Participants will also take part in a site visit to one of the largest pre-war neighbourhoods in Rotterdam South — an area undergoing major regeneration. In addition, the programme will include updates on the European Affordable Housing Plan and insights into the impactful work of EFL's Topic Groups.

Participation is free of charge for EFL members, associated partners and invited speakers.

For registration: click [here](#).

Other news

Call for an international internship

Aylin Jahns, currently a Master's student in International Social Work at the Fachhochschule Erfurt in Germany, is looking for an international internship (Praxissemester).

Dear ENHR Community,

As part of my degree, I am required to complete an international internship (Praxissemester) of approximately 600 hours (approximately 15 weeks). "I am available to start from mid-September 2026 (and no later than mid-October 2026) for a placement of approximately 15 weeks."

I am writing to express my strong interest in the work of ENHR and to inquire about internship, research, or similar opportunities for Master's students, or to advise me on relevant opportunities within your network.

Interests

My academic and professional interests focus on research on housing, homelessness, migration, and social exclusion. Alongside my studies, I currently work as a social worker in an emergency shelter for homeless families. This has further fueled my interest in housing policy, comparative research, and evidence-based approaches at the European level. ENHR's role in connecting housing research and policy across Europe is therefore particularly inspiring to me.

Expected outcome of the internship

The internship is a compulsory component of my Master's degree in International Social Work. It combines practical experience with the development and reflection of a research perspective. During the internship, I am expected to contribute to ongoing work within the host organization, while simultaneously developing and refining ideas for a research project that will later feed into my Master's thesis. Specific physical output is therefore not strictly required; the focus is rather on learning, contributing to practice, and academic reflection.

Supervision

I will be supervised by a mentor from my university who will provide the academic framework for the internship. Day-to-day supervision will, of course, take place within the host organization, ideally by a staff member with a background in the social sciences. However, this is not absolutely necessary.

Funding

I am currently exploring funding options for an international stay, such as Erasmus+ or other mobility grants. I am aware that financial support cannot be automatically expected from host organizations.

Previous research

My bachelor's thesis was about combating female genital mutilation (FGM/C) in Germany, focusing on human rights, protection systems, and postcolonial structures that influence access to support. I'd be happy to provide more information or a summary if that would be helpful.

Thank you again for your offer to contribute to the newsletter and for sending me the draft for confirmation. I am very grateful for this opportunity and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Aylin Jahns (jahnsaylin@gmx.de)

'Open Regeneration of Housing Estates in Barcelona' prize winning project



Recently the Regenerar Barcelona project was awarded a prize in the XVII Bienal Española de Arquitectura y Urbanismo 'Flujos Comunes'. Among the winning team was ENHR member Sara Vima Grau, Lecturer Professor at the Barcelona School of Architecture, Department of Architectural Technology (ETSAB-TA, Research group REARQ-UPC).

The project, 'Open Regeneration of Housing Estates in Barcelona' explores the design of an open system for the large-scale adaptation of housing estates in the Barcelona metropolitan area. It features an efficient infrastructure that can be attached to existing buildings to upgrade, protect, repair, reequip, and expand homes and shared spaces. The system is based on an open design that consists of a modular, self-supporting wooden structure that can accommodate kits that address different needs, providing flexibility for diverse uses and future transformations (see <https://labienal.es/regenerar-barcelona/>).

In 2025 some members of REARQ-UPC (Pere Joan Ravetllat (coord.), Sara Vima-Grau, Jesús Quintana, Aleix Salazar, Isaac Colin, Còssima Cornadó and Marta Domènech) exposed their research 'Open Regeneration of Housing Estates in Barcelona' in La Biennale Architettura 2025 in Venice (Italy), in the international pavilion exhibition curated by Carlo Ratti.

New member Lola Vives is currently proposing a new research project and is seeking international collaboration

Dear all,

I am Lola Vives, a French sociologist working at the Enseis School of Social Work near Lyon (France). In addition to training future social workers, the School has a research department where we combine academic research, teaching and practical collaboration.

My main interest lies in housing policies related to social inequalities. I completed my PhD on Housing First implementation, a model that provides direct housing access to homeless people. I analysed the diffusion of this model from the US, Canada to France, and how the model was transferred, implemented into national homelessness policies and local practices. To understand how stakeholders respond to public problems related to housing issues I usually use qualitative methods as ethnography, interviews and documentary study.

I am currently promoting a new research project with a team of sociologists, geographers, a photographer and an architect for the next three years. We titled it “RenovLOCabordable” for energy renovation and affordability in rental housing. We’ll start soon and we are a part of a French funding program titled “Housing needs in an ecological context”. Our project focuses more specifically on supported housing, from the private market, to poor people, managed by social organizations.

The first work package aims at highlighting the local stakeholder’s system as part of the housing market from a political sociology and social geography perspectives. Our second work package focuses on the housing social-materiality and includes inhabitants’ perspectives (website coming soon).

I am looking for international collaborations and as a new ENHR member I’m willing to take part in ENHR Working Groups to present, attend seminars and coordinate events. Also, I’ll do my best to attend the conference in Oslo and I would be thrilled to meet members and make contacts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at vives.lola@enseis.fr.

Public Sector Performance Programme 2022-2025 - An International Benchmarking Study

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), in collaboration with the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, prepared the fourth edition of the ‘Public Sector Performance Programme 2022-2025 - An International Benchmarking Study’. It includes three contemporary housing topics: the search for suitable housing solutions related to the ageing of the European population, the use of the existing housing stock by vertical extension of dwellings, and landlady rentals.

This report examines the performance of the public sector in 10 policy areas in 35 countries: the 27 EU Member States plus United Kingdom, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. The EIPA study updated the SCP (the Netherlands Institute for Social Research) report from 2015 and broadened its perspective by including additional indicators*. The main objective of the study, as agreed with the Ministry, was to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, satisfaction and trust of citizens, enterprises and other relevant stakeholders regarding available products, services, provisions and outcomes concerning the policy areas under consideration, with a longitudinal perspective. Moreover, all policy areas are analysed in depth and separately to support better insight in the achievements of every policy domain. This was made possible thanks to the agreement reached between EIPA and the Ministry to divide the analysis of ten policy areas in four sub-studies as follows:

2022

- Public administration
- Education
- Housing
- Social Safety.

2023

- Social Security, Employment, Income and Wealth
- Economy, Infrastructure and Science, Technology and Innovation
- Environmental protection and Climate change

2024

- Health
- Sports
- International Best Practices in Social Security Systems.

2025

Update of the sub-studies published between 2022 and 2024, including Housing.

In 2025, the housing chapter updates the benchmarking of public sector performance in housing policy presented in the 2022 edition, which concentrated on international variations in availability, affordability, and housing quality. The 2025 chapter did not update the housing quality section: quality characteristics of the entire housing stock change very slowly, and updated housing satisfaction data is expected only in 2026. The updated version includes three contemporary topics, the search for suitable housing solutions related to the ageing of the European population, the use of the existing housing stock by vertical extension of dwellings, and landlady rentals.

You can find the study [here](#).

* Previous reports were published in 2004, 2012 and 2015.

Participatory Academic Online Workshop – Emotional Dynamics of Housing Policy in the Visegrad Region: Security as a Social Value

12 March 2026, 10:00–11:15 (CET), online

The University of Warsaw (Poland), Charles University (Czech Republic), ELTE Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary), and Trnava University (Slovakia) are launching a new international research project on the role of emotions in housing and public policy in the V4 countries (Visegrad Group). We would like to invite you to a participatory academic online workshop aimed at jointly developing a conceptual and methodological framework for housing research in the V4 region.

The workshop builds on a research programme devoted to emotions in social and public policy, developed by Prof. Ryszard Szarfenberg and involving partner organisations from Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. The programme is being implemented through a special issue of the journal *Social Policy Issues*, a forthcoming academic monograph, and this international research project funded by the International Visegrad Fund.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- deepen understanding of the conceptual and methodological frameworks of the research
- ensure comparability of national case studies across the V4 countries
- introduce the project to the wider research community and support the development of a long-term research network.

The workshop is intended for researchers, students, PhD candidates, as well as members of the professional community with an interest in housing, public and social policy, and socio-affective approaches.

The programme will include thematic presentations, moderated discussions, and interactive group work.

[Registration and access](#) (required for project reporting purposes). The working language of the workshop is English.

The workshop is co-organised by ELTE Eötvös Loránd University (Prof. Adrienne Csizmady, Dr Lea Kőszeghy) and the University of Warsaw (Prof. Ryszard Szarfenberg, Prof. Aleksandra Zubrzycka-Czarnecka).

16th edition of the Modern Studies in Property Law (MSPL) Conference

30 March - 1 April 2026, University of Southampton, Highfield Campus (Centenary Building 100), (United Kingdom)

Established at the University of Reading in 1996, the conference remained there for a decade before being hosted by leading institutions including Queens' College Cambridge (2008, 2024), Oxford (2010, 2022), the University of Southampton (2012), the University of Liverpool (2014), Queen's University Belfast (2016), and University College London (2018). The conference also underpins the well-regarded Modern Studies in Property Law book series, publishing peer-reviewed papers from the conference since 2001.

We are currently finalising the programme and will publish it on the conference website shortly.

Registration and payment, along with full pricing information, are now available via the [University of Southampton Online Store](#). General information can also be found on the [conference website](#).

Workshop 'Housing and property in the framework of the housing crisis'

9-10 July 2026, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law (Oñati, Spain)



This [workshop](#) will bring together experts from Anthropology and Law that have been in dialogue with the project '*Tensions between the right to housing and private ownership in rental relations. A socio-legal approach*' (TEVIPROP). As its final workshop it will serve to communicate and sharpen its conclusions regarding the interdisciplinary socio-legal analysis of the discourses, strategies and practices of the actors involved in the housing problem, especially regarding the tensions between the right to housing and private ownership, discrimination in access to housing, and occupation of untitled housing. For more information you can contact workshop@iisj.es

The workshop is coordinated by Prof. Irene Sabaté (Universitat de Barcelona), Marco Aparicio (Universitat de Girona), João França (Departament d'Antropologia Social, Universitat de Barcelona, c. Montalegre) and Miguel Ruiz (Universitat de Barcelona (TEVIPROP) y Observatori DESCA, Universitat de Barcelona).

ESPI International Real Estate Conference: Call for thematic sessions, abstracts and full papers

November 24-26 November 2026, Paris (France)

ESPI International Real Estate Conference

ESPI2R will host its biannual International Conference on Real Estate in Paris, serving as a premier platform for discussions and insights on the evolving real estate landscape at various levels - from global to local.

Thematic sessions will consist of three to four papers connected by a unifying topic. We welcome submissions for thematic sessions and of abstracts up to 300 words for papers focusing on real estate, housing, and property.

Important dates

- Deadline for proposing thematic sessions: February 27th, 2026
- Notification of acceptance of thematic sessions: April 3rd, 2026
- Deadline for abstract submission: June 1st, 2026
- Deadline for full papers submission for a publication (special issue or proceedings): June 1st, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: June 30th, 2026
- Early-birds registration: July 1st - July 31st, 2026
- Deadline for registration at the conference: November 10th, 2026

For further information, please contact the program committee at recherche@groupe-espi.fr or via the conference website <https://espi-irec-2026.sciencesconf.org>. ENHR member Anne Reimat is a member of the Program Committee.

NEW BOOKS / STUDIES

BEYOND GENERATION RENT: POLITICAL, INEQUALITY AND THE PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR.

By Michael Byrne

As societies struggle to respond to the revival of private renting, this book offers the first comprehensive and critical account of the inequality at the heart of contemporary housing systems. Bringing together cutting-edge research and case studies from a host of countries — from the USA to Australia, from Spain to Germany — Michael Byrne examines inequality, financialization, the rise of 'generation landlord' and evictions. He analyses the everyday power dynamics between landlords and tenants and the social and economic structures that mean the ownership of residential property is concentrated in fewer and fewer hands. Moving beyond the kind of thinking that treats landlordism as natural and inevitable, Byrne's political economy framework demonstrates how declining homeownership and its consequences for inequality and housing justice are major political challenges for contemporary societies. At the same time, a new generation of tenant activism can point the way to fairer housing systems.

A groundbreaking study, *Beyond Generation Rent* is crucial reading for housing researchers, policy-makers, activists and anyone who cares about decent housing for all.

2026, 208 p.,hardcover ISBN 9781509563418

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