



From the President



I want to thank the Research Committee 43 for allowing me to serve as President for the next four years. I am following the footsteps of some memorable individuals and this is a challenge for me that I am pleased to share with great board members!

RC43 was officially formed in 1990 and the previous Board members were motivated and persistent in pursuing the following objectives:

- i. to create an international community among scholars in the field of housing and the built environment.
- ii. to promote the development of social science theory and research on housing and the built environment.
- iii. to contribute to informed decisions regarding intervention in and invention of housing and the built environments supportive of human needs.

We shall pursue these objectives by the promotion of collaborative research among members and to learn together with our differences and practice in mutual engagement activities. For our current members and prospective members, I want to assure you that the intention of this board is to grow and most important, become involved!

It is a great opportunity to celebrate our 30th anniversary at the Fourth ISA Forum in July 2020 in Porto Alegre, Brazil! Let us make this a memorable event for RC43!

Flávio A M de Souza, RC43 President

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ISA and RC43 events



ISA Forum of Sociology is designed as a mid-term meeting of Research Committees, Working Groups and Thematic Groups combined with the Business Meeting of the ISA Research Council. Below are important dates.

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020>

February 4 – 15 March 2019 Call for Sessions: RC session proposer must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform.

March 16 – 8 April 2019 Final list of Sessions: RC Program Coordinator must finalize a list of sessions including format, titles, descriptions and the language in which they will be held (English, French or Spanish).

April 25 – 30 September 2019 Abstracts submission: Participants must submit abstracts on-line via Confex platform. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

Member updates

C. Aujean Lee graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a PhD in Urban Planning and will be starting as an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma in the Regional and City Planning program for Fall 2018. She has a forthcoming article in *Housing Policy Debate* entitled "Heterogeneity in Income: Effects of Racial Concentration on Foreclosures in Los Angeles."

Dr. Youqin Huang, Professor of Geography and Planning at University at Albany, State University of New York, organized a two-day symposium titled *A Decent Home for All: International Symposium on Housing in China* during July 5-6, 2018 in Chengdu, China. She worked with a local partner, China Household Finance Survey & Research Center of Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (SWUFE) to organize this symposium. Scholars from all over the world presented their research on various aspects of homeownership and housing inequality in China, followed by heated discussion. Prof. William Clark from University of California at Los Angeles and Prof. Chris Hamnett from King's College London provided commentary. Papers will be submitted to two journals for the consideration of publication in special issues, which will make significant contribution to our understanding of housing and homeownership in China.

Stéphanie Cassilde (Centre d'Etudes en Habitat Durable, Belgium) is the PI of the TAPE project (Taux d'effort et Amélioration de la Performance Énergétique dans le logement social)—an ongoing project. I analyse the effect of insulation works on the energetic consumption of households in the social housing sector. To do so, I gathered several primary data sources: management data (including works descriptions and year) and description of households from 11 social housing institutions (i.e. 40% of the overall sector in Wallonia), electricity and gas consumption of households from the energy suppliers, EPC label and key indicators on the EPC document (from the Walloon Administration), and households behaviours toward energy (on the basis of a dedicated survey). Then, I compare the consumption before and after each relevant date of work, controlling for household behaviour, the housing features, and the elements which depend on time (using the elements when there is no work). It relies on impact analysis techniques. This project is related to the forthcoming renewal calculation of social housing rents in order to take into account the thermic characteristics of dwellings.

Please send ideas for updates as well as books, publications and events to feature on relevant housing and built environment policy, theory and practice to isa.rc43@gmail.com.

New books and publications

Anacker, Katrin B., Andrew T. Carswell, Sarah D. Kirby, and Kenneth R. Tremblay. 2018. *Introduction to Housing: A comprehensive approach to understanding housing in the United States and abroad*. University of Georgia Press. 2nd Edition. http://www.ugapress.org/index.php/books/index/introduction_to_housing

This foundational text for understanding housing, housing design, homeownership, housing policy, special topics in housing, and housing in a global context has been comprehensively revised to reflect the changed housing situation in the United States during and after the Great Recession and its subsequent movements toward recovery. The book focuses on the complexities of housing and housing-related issues, engendering an understanding of housing, its relationship to national economic factors, and housing policies. It comprises individual chapters written by housing experts who have specialization within the discipline or field, offering commentary on the physical, social, psychological, economic, and policy issues that affect the current housing landscape in the United States and abroad, while proposing solutions to its challenges.

Forrest, Ray and Yosuke Hirayama. 2018. Late Home Ownership and Social Re-Stratification. *Economy and Society* 47(2): 257-279.

Home ownership was a significant element of social change in the post-war, mature, capitalist economies such as the United Kingdom, United States and Japan. This growth of individual home ownership occurred, however, within a particular demographic, economic, social and political context... including the atomized, nuclear family; suburbanization; high growth; the conventional mortgage market and a young, working population. These conditions have changed and coalesce in the constitution of what we refer to as 'late home ownership'. The paper conceives of contrasts between 'real estate families' or 'accumulating families' which maintain or further accumulate valuable multiple property assets over generations; 'dissipating families' which are forced to deploy and diminish their property assets accumulated in the exceptional era; and propertyless 'perpetual renter families'. It is argued that these emergent divisions are pivotal in understanding new forms of social re-stratification in which the patterns of ownership of residential property, the income flows from residential property investment, a changed demographics and intergenerational dynamics are key drivers.

Hirayama, Yosuke and Misa Izuhara. 2018. *Housing in Post-Growth Society: Japan on the Edge of Social Transition*. Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/Housing-in-Post-Growth-Society-Japan-on-the-Edge-of-Social-Transition/Hirayama-Izuhara/p/book/9781138085008>

The volume offers a greater understanding of the characteristics of post-growth society – changing demography, economy and society – in relation to housing. It considers how a definitive shift to the post-growth period has produced new housing issues including risks as well as opportunities. Through analysis of the impact on five different areas: post-crisis economy, urban and regional variations, young adults and housing pathways, fertility and housing, and ageing and housing wealth, the authors use policy and institutions as overarching analytical tools to examine the contemporary housing issues in a post-growth context. It also considers any relevance from the Japanese experiences in the wider regional and global context. This original book will be of great interest to academics and students as well as policy makers and practitioners internationally in the fields of housing studies, urban studies, social policy, sociology, political economy, comparative analysis, and East Asian Studies. (Routledge, 2018)

Morris, Alan. 2019. *Gentrification and Displacement: The Forced Relocation of Public Housing Tenants in Inner-Sydney*. Springer. <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9789811310867>

This book examines the forced displacement of public housing residents in Sydney's Millers Point and The Rocks communities. It considers the strategies deployed by the government to pressure tenants to move, and the social and personal impacts of the displacement on the residents themselves. Drawing on in-depth interviews with tenants alongside government and media communications, the Millers Point case study offers a penetrating and moving analysis of gentrification and displacement in one of Australia's oldest and more

unique working class and public housing neighbourhoods. *Gentrification and Displacement* advances work in urban studies by charting trends in urban renewal and displacement, furthering our understanding of public housing, gentrification and the effects of forced relocation on vulnerable urban communities. (Springer).

Robbins, Glyn. 2017. *There's No Place Like Home: The American Housing Crisis and What it Means for the UK*. Red Roof. <https://www.amazon.com/Theres-No-Place-American-Housing/dp/0993019811>

"A fascinating insight into the way that different policies in the US and Britain have inexorably driven housing toward crisis point. It is methodical, well-researched and will be accessible to a wide range of audiences, but is especially valuable for giving voice to the people for whom inadequate housing and homelessness is a constant presence in their lives. I will recommend this book to everyone I know" Suz Muna, branch sec. Unite housing workers.

"I don't know of any text that takes on as many of the key housing challenges in a single volume. It's also unusual because it's grounded by clearly voiced views of local housing activists." Professor Larry Vale, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Glyn Robbins is a London (UK) - based housing worker and campaigner. His articles about housing and urban policy appear regularly in the labour movement and housing press and have also been published by The Guardian. Glyn is an active trade unionist and socialist and has a PhD in urban policy. This is his first book.

Rolnik, Raquel. 2019. *Urban Warfare. Housing Under the Empire of Finance*. Verso Books. <https://www.versobooks.com/books/2890-urban-warfare>

"In *Urban Warfare*, Rolnik charts how the financialisation of housing has become a global crisis, as home ownership and private property become the sole model of social advancement around the world. These changes were largely promoted by those who benefit the most: construction companies and banks, supported by government-facilitated schemes, such as "the right to buy," micro-financing and urban land reforms.

Using examples from Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Chile, Israel, Haiti, the UK and especially Brazil, Rolnik shows how our homes and neighbourhoods have effectively become the "last subprime frontiers of capitalism". Since the financial crisis, millions have been left homeless, forced onto the streets by urban development politics, and mega-events such as the Rio World Cup in 2014. These narratives are weaved together with theoretical reflections and empirical evidence to explain the crisis in depth. In response, Rolnik restates the political need for activism and resistance around the right to housing and to the city." (Verso Books).

Vale, Lawrence J. (2018). *After the Projects: Public Housing Redevelopment and the Governance of the Poorest Americans*. Oxford University Press. <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/after-the-projects-9780190624330?cc=ca&lang=en&>

In *After the Projects*, Lawrence Vale investigates the deeply-rooted spatial politics of public housing development and redevelopment at a time when lower-income Americans face a desperate struggle to find affordable rental housing in many cities. Drawing on archival research and more than 200 interviews with public housing residents, real estate developers, and community leaders, Vale analyzes the different ways in which four major American cities implemented the federal government HOPE VI program for public housing transformation. While some cities attempted to minimize the presence of the poorest residents in their new mixed-income communities, other cities tried to serve as many low-income households as possible. While Vale examines the social, political, and economic forces that underlie housing displacement, he also reveals that the disparate results of HOPE VI are ultimately linked to different kinds of governance and community pressures that have evolved in response to each city's struggles with urban renewal. (Oxford University Press, 2018)

Conferences and publishing opportunities



HOMING: THE HOME-MIGRATION NEXUS

HOME AS A WINDOW ON MIGRANT BELONGING, INTEGRATION AND CIRCULATION

HOMInG will host a mid-term symposium at the University of Trento next June 3-4. The symposium will be on **HOMING: accounting for mobility, suspension and displacement in the study of home and migration**. A call for papers will be circulated later on this month on homing.soc.unitn.it

Sing up for the HOMInG newsletter at: homing.soc.unitn.it



Conference in Athens August 27-30, 2019
Housing for the Next European Social Model
<http://enhr2019.com/>

Key Dates:

- Call for Abstracts 1 January 2019
- Abstracts Deadline 22 March 2019
- Notification 28 April 2019



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extend and deepen both theoretical debate and empirical research in the housing studies field. The series is looking for novel and cutting edge contributions which may offer new links across disciplines, new policy insights or open up new research agendas. The core audience is anticipated to be rooted in critical approaches in the social sciences but proposals from scholars in other relevant disciplinary fields are also welcomed. The editors are particularly keen to hear from new scholars with ideas for books. Introduced at a time when housing, in its various dimensions, is particularly closely intertwined with the impact of demographic change, economic instability, the shaping of life chances and wealth distributions and with the uncertain impacts of environmental and technological change, the series may engage with these and related issues from a variety of perspectives and methodologies. The key test will be whether the proposal offers new energy and new excitement to the housing studies field.

To Submit a Proposal: Please contact the series editor closest to your region.

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