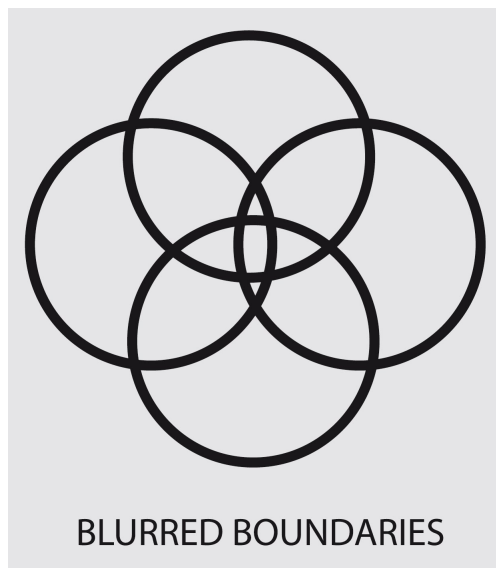


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Working Group:  
Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance

Main theme:  
Blurred Boundaries  
Implications of affordable housing policies for organizations, institutions and governance.



The European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) is holding its annual International Research Conference from July 1-4 2014 in Edinburgh, Scotland. The leading theme will be **Beyond Globalisation: Remaking Housing Policy in a Complex World.**

The working group **Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance** is organising a full workgroup programme in Edinburgh, with sessions on institutional, organizational and governance dynamics in social housing. We use the term 'social

housing' in a broad sense to include the many international variants of state-subsidized or cooperatively provided rental housing that aim to achieve housing outcomes such as quality, tenure security and affordability that may not be provided by commercial markets alone. The overall objective of the working group is to explore and develop concepts for analysing institutional and organisational change and dynamics in social and affordable housing provision. Government policies, management reforms and rapidly changing social and economic contexts have placed new expectations on social and public landlords. Policies encouraging partnering with the private sector and/or direct private market provision of social/public housing have blurred the lines between public and private housing activities. Throughout Europe and many other regions, new forms of self-organisation in building, housing and the neighbourhood from squat to co-housing are appearing, as markets often do not provide appropriately for rapidly changing societies. The working group wants to explore and understand the processes and outcomes relating to these developments.

In addition to papers that connect to the core of our working group as described above, we especially invite papers on our main theme for the ENHR 2014 conference: **Blurred Boundaries – implications of ‘affordable’ housing policies for organizations, institutions and governance**. In the context of rental housing provision, ‘affordability’ describes the ease with which a household can pay the rent, whilst still meeting other basic living costs on a sustainable basis. Yet in a number of national settings both within and beyond Europe, the term ‘affordable housing’ is now used by policymakers to describe new types of state-supported rental housing, often at sub-market rents, that may lack some of the features of traditional social or public housing. The term ‘affordable housing’ or ‘affordable rental’ is heard more and more often, but what are the implications for tenants, providers and investors? How does its meaning vary across different national contexts?

This theme includes, but is not limited to the emergence of new forms of ‘affordable’ rental housing, new actors in the field of affordable housing, such as citizen-driven and community-led models for housing provision, and for-profit affordable housing providers. Following our ‘blurred boundaries’ theme, we welcome papers that connect the domain of social housing organizations, institutions and governance with other housing themes, for example papers that explore the relation between social inclusion and citizen-driven models for housing provision, the impact of new funding models on social housing institutions and governance and the relationship between research and housing policies.

#### More information

- Visit the conference website for more information, deadlines and for the submission of your abstracts and papers: [www.enhr2014.com](http://www.enhr2014.com).
- More information on the Working Group Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance can be found on the ENHR website: <http://www.enhr.org>.
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