



Call for Abstracts

Working group Collaborative Housing, European Network for Housing Research (ENHR)

“Collaborative Housing: More Together?”

ENHR Conference 27-29 June 2018, Uppsala, Sweden

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The co-ordinators of the ENHR working group “Collaborative Housing” invite abstracts related but not limited to this year’s ENHR conference topic, with a particular focus on the **links between collaborative housing forms and social cohesion**. In addition to the themes of the Working Group (see below), this year we would like to particularly encourage papers addressing **“Collaborative Housing in Nordic countries”** (I.e. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland). Taking advantage of this year’s location, the workshop co-ordinators are particularly keen to receive abstracts addressing different aspects of collaborative housing in this part of the world, including but not limited to: the specificities of Nordic collaborative housing models; historical trajectories; contemporary trends; international transfer of knowledge and practices; and future perspectives.

The working group focuses on six central themes:

1. Wider social, economic and technological trends underpinning contemporary collaborative housing initiatives.

Work within this theme addresses the overarching societal trends that may be driving current collaborative housing initiatives, as well as their mutually shaping relationships. These trends include socio-demographic developments such as ageing, the redefinition of gender roles, the environment and sustainability agenda, new lifestyles, and increasing ethnic diversity. Socio-economic developments to take into account include economic and financial downturns and their impact on housing markets and income levels of the population. In addition, trends such as the decline in social housing and the impact of welfare state transformations in the rise of collaborative housing. Last but not least, papers could address the impact of technological changes such the increasing role of social media in self-organisation, the rise of the smart city paradigm and advances in sustainable construction and domestic/urban recycling systems, amongst others.

2. The organisational dynamics of collaborative housing: management, stakeholders and networks.

Work within this theme addresses the variety of ways in which these initiatives and their participants are organised and structured, and how they re-structure as the specific projects progresses. This includes intra-organisational dynamics and the changing role(s) of professionals working with residents’ groups in collaborative housing. It also looks at wider stakeholder relationships, networks and collaboration arrangements in which these initiatives take place.

3. The links between collaborative housing initiatives and wider policy and institutional frameworks.

Work within this theme deals with the degrees and types of embeddedness of collaborative housing initiatives in wider policy, legal and institutional frameworks in their respective countries. Furthermore, papers in this theme could explore the relationship between collaborative housing and other/adjacent housing fields and sectors (e.g. social housing, non-profit housing), and related sectors and policy fields (e.g. social care, social enterprises, socio-political movements).

4. Collaborative housing, urban planning and neighbourhood dynamics.

Work within this theme deals with the connections, synergies and tensions between the proliferation of collaborative housing initiatives and the wider neighbourhood and urban scales. Papers may focus on specific (public) promotion programs for collaborative housing in different countries or planning/developer competition programmes targeting collaborative housing models. Further, contributions may focus on the role of intermediaries and sector umbrellas in accelerating the promotion of these types of housing.

5. Epistemological frameworks, methods and ethics in collaborative housing research.

Work within this theme reflects on the specific epistemological and methodological (quantitative and qualitative) frameworks that are most useful to research the different aspects of collaborative housing. In addition, it takes into account ethical considerations of potentially invasive methodologies used in this field (e.g. action research, participant observation, longitudinal ethnographic research, etc.). Such ethical questions relate to the boundaries between normative and empirical aspects of this research and the role of the researcher as militant/advocate and scientist.

6. Theoretical perspectives on collaborative housing research.

Papers are also welcome to elaborate on the applicability of theories from a range of disciplines to understanding the different dimensions of collaborative housing, including but not limited to social network theory, innovation theory, institutional theory, management and organisational theories, transitions theories, etc.

Key dates:

26 March

Deadline for submission of abstracts

Submit your abstract online on:

http://www.appinconf.com/kas/Abstract?projectName=enhr2018&choose_project

30 April

Notice of abstract approval

14 May

Deadline for Early Bird registration

1 June

Submission of full papers requested (NB: all papers to be considered for the Bengt Turner Award must be submitted by this date).

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