

TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IN THE CONTESTED FIELDS OF CARE AND HOUSING IN EUROPE



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Transformative Change in the Contested Fields of Care and Housing in Europe

Care and housing are foundational for human well-being. Both deal with organising and sustaining livelihoods: while care as a human activity reacts to the ever-given contingency of life, housing arranges a place for undertaking everyday need-satisfying activities. In both fields, crises have exacerbated over the last decades, manifesting in care gaps, labour and care migration, and precarious working conditions of care workers, respectively in overburdening costs due to the transformation of homes into assets, leading to gentrification and segregation. Despite being seldomly investigated together, care and housing as well as their related crises are co-constitutive.

From the 1990s onwards, two simultaneous tendencies can be observed in European care regimes and housing systems. On the one hand, neoliberal reforms have aimed at privatisation, commodification, marketisation, and financialisation. This has rearranged welfare states, promoting variegated forms of capitalism. Allegedly singular events like the global financial crisis, subsequent austerity measures, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the current cost of living crisis have furthermore deepened structural problems of access and affordability. This has led to increasing socioeconomic and spatial polarisations as well as social inequalities in the relations of gender, race, and class. On the other hand, these developments have transformed the provision of care and housing into a contested terrain leading to labour disputes and struggles, such as care protests, or initiatives for expropriating institutional investors. The wide range of community-based or infrastructural projects has to be seen against the backdrop of the increasing search for alternative care and housing provision. On top of that, rapid technological developments and climate change further accelerate the reorganisation of care and housing arrangements and practices built up by all parties involved in both contested fields.

Given these multiple transformations, the conference “Transformative Change in the Contested Fields of Care and Housing in Europe” seeks to analyse the contemporary developments in care regimes and housing systems and respective configurations of care and housing. It aims at a broad interdisciplinary dialogue of social sciences to grasp different perspectives of these multidimensional changes.

Registration

Please register for the conference via the [registration-webpage](#) by November 30th, 2023. There are no conference fees. For further information see the [website of the conference](#).

Day One

Monday, December 4th

[Uni Center](#) (University Cafeteria/Mensa), Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A)

16.30 - 17.30 Registration

17.30 - 18.00 Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

Chair: Roland Atzmüller (*Johannes Kepler University Linz, International Karl Polanyi Society*)

Stefan Koch (*Rector, Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Gerald Pruckner (*Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics, Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Alexandra Strickner (*Competence Centre for Infrastructure Economics, Public Services and Social Provisioning*)

Ulla Kriebner (*Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care, Karl-Franzens University of Graz*)

Klaus Wegleitner (*Sorgenetz - Association for the Promotion of Societal Care Culture*)

18.00 - 20.00 Opening: On-Stage Conversation, Lecture, and Discussion

18.00 - 19.15 Transformative Change in the Fields of Care and Housing

Panelists: Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*), Cornelia Klinger (*Eberhard Karls University Tübingen*), Flavia Martinelli (*Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria*), Andreas Novy (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

19.15 - 19.40

Care and Housing – Insights from Crossover Research in Europe

Benjamin Baumgartner (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*), Valentin Fröhlich (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*), Florian Pimminger (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*), Hans Volmary (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

19.40 - 20.00

Discussion

20.00

Get Together

Day Two

Tuesday, December 5th

[Uni-Center](#) (University Cafeteria/Mensa)

09.00 - 10.30 Plenary 1: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / Bridging Research on Care and Housing

Chair: Florian Pimminger (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Dóra Gábrriel (*Centre for Economic and Regional Studies Budapest*):
Carefare Regime in the Elderly Care in Hungary - Traditional and New
Actors in a Transforming Market

Julia Gruhlich (*Georg-August University Göttingen*): Why Housework
Never Ends – A Sociological Analysis of Technology's Broken
Promises in the Home

Leonhard Plank (*Vienna University of Technology*) & Hans Volmary
(*Vienna University of Economics and Business*): Transnational
Investment in Care and Housing – A Comparative Analysis

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.30 Parallel Sessions

Session 1: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / Social Reproduction and Inequality

Chair: Hans Volmary (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Mike Laufenberg (*Friedrich-Schiller University Jena*): Peripheral
Housing and the Care Crisis. Towards a Feminist Political Economy

Jenny Preunkert (*University of Duisburg-Essen*): Housing Inequality in
Europe

Almut Peukert (*University of Hamburg*) & Anne Vogelpohl (*Borough of Hamburg-Altona*): Care at the Centre: Reproductive Work in the Focus of Urban Development as Response to the Care and Housing Crisis

Session 2: Meeting Room 4 (Besprechungsraum 4) /

Transformative Change in New Home Care Arrangements

Chair: Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Anna Safuta (*Eberhard Karls University Tübingen*): 'You Are a Race of Sturdy Women': Eastern European Cleaners and Carers Embodying Peripheral Whiteness in Western Europe

Simona Ďurišová (*IG24*) & Maria Sagmeister (*University of Vienna*): Care4Care: Promising Practices for the Employment of Live-In Care Workers in Austria and Europe

Julia Radlherr (*IHS Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna*) & August Österle (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*): Family Care as Paid Work. Motivations, Perceptions and Implications

Lukas Milo Strauß (*University of Klagenfurt*): Encountering Public Professionalism in Private Home Care. Quality Assurance Visits in Austrian 24 Hour Live-in Care

Session 3: Meeting Room 5 (Besprechungsraum 5) / Care and Housing by Design

Chair: Anna Pillinger (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Nina Fárová (*Czech Academy of Sciences*), Julia Gruhlich (*Georg-August University Göttingen*) & Petr Kodenko Kubala (*Czech Academy of Sciences*): Digital Technologies and the Gendered Configuration of Care in Smart Homes: A Comparative Analysis of Germany and Czechia

Ulrike Fettke, Andrea Kastl, Claudia Oestreich, Janna Boehm, Yvonne Rauner & Sabine Ittlinger (*Rosenheim Technical University of Applied*

Sciences): Live Independently at Home for as Long as Possible!
(Digital) Assistance Systems as a Decisive Factor

Anna Martin (*Corvinus University of Budapest*): Housing and Healing:
The Role of Trauma Informed Design in the Supportive Housing
Sector

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Parallel Sessions

Session 4: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / Feminist Perspectives on Care and Housing

Chair: Benjamin Baumgartner (*Vienna University of Economics and
Business*)

Janne Martha Lentz (*Karl-Franzens University Graz*): “We Take What
We Can Get”: Single Mothers Capacity to Care in Hamburg’s Social
Housing

Stefanie Wöhl (*University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna*): A Feminist
Political Economy Approach to Housing: The Case of Austria

Ilaria De March & Victoria Juen (*Vienna University of Economics and
Business*): Ideology vs. Practice: The Distribution of the Second Shift

Session 5: Meeting Room 4 (Besprechungsraum 4) / Community Care and Housing

Chair: Florian Pimminger (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Dóra Gábrriel (*Centre for Economic and Regional Studies Budapest*) &
Noémi Katona (*Centre for Social Sciences Budapest*): Caring
Communities as Possible Actors of Transformative Change in Senior
Care: Municipal Practices and Civil Initiatives in Rural Hungary

Klaus Wegleitner, Annette Sprung, Anna Kainradl, Brigitte Kukovetz,
Dženana Pupić & Ulla Kribernegg (*Karl-Franzens University Graz*):

Social Participation and Care Relationships of Older Adults in an Urban Housing Estate. Interim Results of the Participatory Research Process Caring-Living-Labs Graz

Jana Bogdanović (“*Infrastruktura*” PE), Ksenija Lukić (“*PRAKSA59*” *Architectural bureau*), Bojan Alimpić (“*Infrastruktura*” PE), Branislav Antonić (*University of Belgrade*): Re-creating Liveable Socialist Neighbourhoods: Case of “Benska Bara” Neighbourhood in Šabac, Serbia

Session 6: Meeting Room 5 (Besprechungsraum 5) / (De-)Commodification of Social Reproduction

Chair: Fabienne Décieux (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Raphael Deindl (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*): Familialism Reloaded? On the Transformation of the Welfare State and Social Reproduction in Contemporary Capitalism

Kristofer Pitz (*Friedrich-Schiller University Jena*): Care, Housing, and the Production of the Commodity of Labor Power: Form, Statics, and Dynamics of an Exploitative Relationship

Nejra-Nuna Cengic (*Karl-Franzens University Graz*): Care and Housing: Invisible Pillars of Social Reproduction, the Case of BiH

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 - 17.00 Author meets Critics: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / The Migration Turn and Eastern Europe

Chair: Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Author: Attila Meleg (Corvinus University Budapest)

Critics: Darinka Czischke (*Delft University of Technology*), Valentin Fröhlich (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*), Anna Safuta (*Eberhard Karls University Tübingen*)

17.00 - 17.30 Coffee Break**17.30 - 19.00 Plenary 2: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / Places, Spaces, and Networks of Care and Housing**

Chair: Benjamin Baumgartner (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Chiara Cacciotti (*Polytechnic University of Turin*): From the 'Housing Political' to a Network of Solidarity. Care, Affections, and Social Relationships in a Housing Squat in Rome, Italy

Amy Horton (*University College London*): Geographies of Finance and Resistance in Social Infrastructures

Teppo Kröger (*University of Jyväskylä*): Failure of the Nordic model? Finland's Growing Difficulties in Providing Care and Housing for its Older Population

19.30 Departure "Night Watch" Guided Tour in Linz

If you like to attend, we ask you to register on the [registration-webpage](#).

Day Three

Wednesday, December 6th

[Uni-Center](#) (University Cafeteria/Mensa)

09.00 - 10.30 Plenary 3: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / Care, Housing, and Social Inequalities

Chair: Hans Volmary (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Darinka Czischke (*Delft University of Technology*): Living Together in Old Age: A Citizen-Science Approach to Co-create Social Innovations in Housing and Care

Irene Sabaté Muriel (*University of Barcelona*): Caring at Home, Caring for Homes. Women's Caring Practices Along Their Residential Trajectories in Barcelona

Ingo Bode (*University of Kassel*): Organising Housing at the Margins. The Hybrid Character of Action Against Homelessness in Contemporary Germany

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.00 Author meets Critics: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / Rebuilding Cities and Citizens

Chair: Andreas Novy (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Author: Margaret Haderer (*Vienna University of Technology*)

Critics: Iván Tosić (*Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest*), Katharina Litschauer (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*), Hans Volmary (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 15.00 Parallel Sessions

Session 7: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / The Provision of Care and Housing

Chair: Valentin Fröhlich (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Sarah Kumnig (*Vienna University of Technology*) & Katharina Litschauer (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*): Housing Provision Between Commodification and Decommodification: Contested Instruments and Practices in Vienna

Klaus Wegleitner & Patrick Schuchter (*Karl-Franzens University Graz*): Caring Communities: Experimental Spaces for Caring Societies?

Cornelia Klinger (*Eberhard Karls University Tübingen*): Homeward Bound: The Place and Space of Care

Session 8: Meeting Room 4 (Besprechungsraum 4) / Care, Housing, and Social Investment

Chair: Raphael Deindl (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Fabienne Décieux (*University of Vienna*): Simultaneously Traditional and Neoliberal: Social Investment, Mandatory Elements and Care Protest in Early Child Care and Education in Austria

Sigrid Betzelt (*Berlin School of Economics and Law*) & Ingo Bode (*University of Kassel*): Escalating Social Investment: The Disruptive Reconfiguration of Organised Childcare in Germany

Session 9: Meeting Room 5 (Besprechungsraum 5) / Homelessness: Care and Housing

Chair: Andreas Novy (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Frank Sowa, Anna Xymena Tissot & Nora Sellner (*Nürnberg Institute of Technology*): Doing Housing First. Actors' Experiences When Initiating and Implementing Housing First and Housing Acquisition Pilot Projects in Northern Bavaria

Rivka Saltiel (*Karl-Franzens University Graz*): Hosting Homeless as Caring-with Relations? On the Ambivalences of Encounter, Compassion and Care with Strange Others in the Private Sphere

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 - 16.30 Fishbowl Discussion: Ceremony Room A (Festsaal A) / Transformative Change in the Fields of Care and Housing: Concluding Reflections of the Conference

Chairs: Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*) & Andreas Novy (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

16.30 - 17.00 Farewell

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