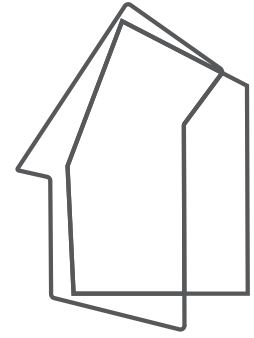


HOUSING EXPERIMENTS REVISITED



VIENNA INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON NEW SOCIAL HOUSING 2024
16-20 SEPTEMBER 2024

The 7th Vienna International Summer School on New Social Housing cordially invites scholars, practitioners, and activists to explore the history of housing experiments against the current need for new solutions to social housing. In an era marked by housing shortages, new and changing demands and perplexing housing policies, we aim to delve into the revision of radical experiments and utopias of housing that once strived for offering alternative perspectives and solutions.

We seek to understand how these experiments fulfilled their promises and how they evolved over time. Drawing from a diverse housing history, examples may range from modernist mass housing and socialist commune building to the 'post utopian' experiments of the early 1970s as well as the flexible or incremental open building concepts in the peripheries of capitalism. The theme for the current year is closely related to broader societal visions and ideologies, that touch ground in urbanism and housing. Through a historical lens, we aspire to reflect not only on the architectural, social, political, economic and/or ecological concepts underlying these experiments, but also their genesis, subsequent adaptations or decline over time. Furthermore, we aim to explore the emergent forms of living together that have risen from and within these experiments.

To achieve an in-depth exchange on housing experiments, we would like to discuss the following questions:

- What have been forward-thinking elements of social housing experiments – or the possible dystopian outcomes – that (still) resonate today?
- How have projects adapted to social and generational changes? How do housing experiments position themselves within their surroundings?
- Why have some experiments gained prominence and were placed in public or academic archives while others have slipped institutional or collective memory?
- How did experiments fail, and what were the underlying reasons for their failures?
- How have housing struggles and protest inspired the development of new solutions? How have dwellers, the state and the market collaborated in housing innovation?

Themes that will be discussed are:

- 1 Experimental Housing: Exploring ideas, concepts, and biographies of historic project
- 2 Housing Utopias: Understanding contexts, ambitions, and translations into practice
- 3 Housing Innovation: Examining drivers and outcomes of technological, ecological, economical and social change over time
- 4 Housing Policy: Analysing incentives and barriers to innovation, mainstreaming, and upscaling

Join us as we critically reflect on the past, present, and future of social housing in its broadest sense, while collectively advancing our understanding of housing. In a week of exchange and collaboration, we look for responses to the questions mentioned and invite contributions from all academic disciplines. The summer school is open for early-stage academics (predoc, postdoc) from all disciplinary contexts as well as for housing activists and representatives of housing and urban policy initiatives who want to contribute to the above-mentioned topics. During the summer school, we will discuss research findings of empirical or design-based contributions. Building on these, we will also work conceptually by example of urban areas in Vienna.

The International Summer School on New Social Housing is the successor of the [IBA_ResearchLab](#) Summer Schools which took place between 2018 and 2022, as part of the International Building Exhibition Vienna. The [International Building Exhibition](#) with the theme of New Social Housing represented a unique opportunity for the city of Vienna to consolidate its position as an international centre for the scientific research on current developments in the fields of housing and housing development. Taking up the rich experience of six summer schools and building on the renowned faculty of the [IBA_ResearchLab](#), the [Research Center for New Social Housing](#) was launched in 2022 to continue the international and institutional networking between different disciplinary research fields of housing research and to foster the transdisciplinary cooperation involving actors of Viennese housing production. The Research Center for New Social Housing, coordinated by Dr. Judith M. Lehner, is a collaboration of TU Wien, the University of Vienna and the University of Applied Arts Vienna. The Vienna International Summer School on New Social Housing is kindly supported by the City of Vienna, Municipal Department 50 – Strategic Projects and International Affairs.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The documents to be submitted include:

- Exposé with a description of the research approach (objective/research question/ methodology) or project that will be presented (max. 750 words)
- CV and letter of motivation of the applicant

Submit your application in one PDF [name_surname_NSH Summer School 23.pdf] to newsocialhousing@tuwien.ac.at

Participants (maximum 15) are selected by the Curatorial Team of the Summer School, to which the following persons belong: Prof. Simon Güntner, Dr. Margaret Haderer, Dr. Bernadette Krejs, Dr. Judith M. Lehner, Prof. Michael Obrist (TU Wien), Prof. Christoph Reinprecht (University of Vienna), Prof. Brigitte Felderer, Christina Schraml (University of Applied Arts Vienna)

COST AND FINANCING

There is no fee for participating in the summer school. Travel costs will be covered up to 500 Euros. Free accommodation will be provided.

DATES

Deadline for applications: 15 April 2024

8 May 2024 – Applicants will be informed of the faculty's decision

1 August 2024 – Accepted papers need to be submitted in full length (maximum 7000 words)

For more information visit the Summer School webpage of the [Research Center for New Social Housing](#)

FORMATS

The programme of the International Summer School includes the following formats:

- **CLASSROOM SESSIONS:** The research projects of the participants will be presented and put up for discussion among peers and members of an international Faculty. The aim is to reflect, refine and deepen one's own work and research approach with peers and internationally renowned scholars from different disciplines and universities.
- **WORKSHOPS:** Various methodological approaches to housing research, such as housing biographies, housing statistics and socio-spatial analysis to participatory methods at the interface between research, architecture, art and community work will be examined in more detail along with the prospects of mixed designs.
- **FIELD TRIPS:** On-site field trips and walks with stakeholders, local actors and practitioners offer insights into the manifestation of the summer school's topic in Vienna.
- **LECTURES:** Public lectures and a panel discussion by and with members of the international faculty on current questions of housing research.