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# Housing affordability and the city

## Issues of hybridities, local governance, and spatial justice

The theme of housing affordability has gained relevance in housing studies. Scholars have highlighted the affordability crisis that is affecting especially (but not only) attractive and growing global cities and have proposed various policies that can improve and influence it. However, there are some unresolved issues around the theme of affordability. The roundtable aims at exploring them, through a multidisciplinary perspective that crosses urban planning, economics and sociology. The issue and the main themes will be introduced by Marco Peverini and then discussed around the following main issues:

**Hybridities:** More and more, local welfare systems (including housing policies) are organised around complex networks of actors. The provision of affordable housing, a traditional domain of public agencies is now increasingly devolved also to private and social actors.

**Local governance:** In increasingly subsidiary and hybrid welfare systems, local administrations face the challenge of coordinating among a broad set of actors and schemes in order to effectively deliver affordable housing and a certain level of affordability. With this shift, many aspects of traditional housing policies are put in tension.

**Spatial justice:** The above described phenomena are not spatially-blind. Affordability and the shift toward local and hybrid housing welfare systems – that often involve retrenchment and “passive” subsidiarity – have spatial impacts on cities and citizenship.

Presentation:

**Marco Peverini** (PoliMI, Dastu, Ph.D. candidate in UPDP and visiting scholar at the TU Wien)

Roundtable with:

**Jennifer Duyne Barenstein** (ETH Zurich, Department of housing - ETH Wohnforum)

**Gerard Van Bortel** (TU Delft, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment)

**Roberta Cucca** (NMBU Oslo, Department of Urban and Regional Planning)

**Daniele Karasz** (UniVie Vienna, Institute of cultural and social anthropology, and TUW)



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