

# 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There are no conference fees. For further information see the [website of the conference](#).

# Day One

**Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

[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*)

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Ulla Kriiebernegg (*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 5<sup>th</sup>**

[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 Gábríel (*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*): 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 Grulich (*Georg-August University Göttingen*) & Petr 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

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

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, Pupić Dženana, Ulla Kriebnegg (*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 6<sup>th</sup>**

[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

Michael Janoschka (*Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*): Unveiling the Individual Effects of Housing Financialisation

Lena Näre (*University of Helsinki*): Intersecting Inequalities in Home Based Care

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 Tósić (*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*)

Martin Schenk (Austrian Anti Poverty Network, “Die Armutskonferenz”): Poverty (TBC)

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 & Andreas Novy

**16.30 - 17.00 Farewell**

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