Vienna International Summer School
Transformations of Large Scale Housing

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Background & aims

The International Building Exhibition (Internationale Bauausstellung - IBA) which will be held in 2022 on the subject of New Social Housing will be 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. The city has a long tradition not only in social housing but also in hosting and promoting housing research: A key instrument in this regard is the municipal department for research on housing (MA 50) which carries out primarily applied research as an evidence base for the local housing policy. In addition, the local non-profit housing providers and cooperatives conduct their own research. And there is a rich base of academic research in the various universities. But the research landscape seems split up into disciplines, institutionally fragmented and only selectively interlinked. So far, there is no academic interdisciplinary research cluster on housing that systematically combines scientific perspectives from the fields of urban planning, architecture, economy, social and cultural sciences, neither in Austria nor in Vienna. This deficiency is particularly puzzling when we bear in mind that social housing development takes on both a profound historical and also a current key position in Vienna and assumes a special model function in the city.

Closely linked to the IBA (Internationale Bauausstellung), the ResearchLab New Social Housing aims to create a context that enriches institutional networking and interdisciplinary cooperation, a stronger basic-research orientation, and international visibility. Over and above the theoretical/scientific discourse, it will stimulate and advance the general discussion about the future of social housing.

The ResearchLab maintains the foundational intention of the IBA to create laboratory-type conditions for the investigation of current structures and developments, and for the elaboration of exemplary responses to the challenges of housing affordability and sustainable urban development in the future. Its main aim is to provide space for the consideration of the different aspects concerning socially sustainable housing within the context of a growing, globalised, but at the same time increasingly diversified, fragmented city facing rising social inequalities. The aspiration is to create scope for the new, the experimental and the unfinished, and to be a catalyst for criticism and further scientific development and progress. The ResearchLab New Social Housing also aspires to this: pursuing an interdisciplinary approach, it is open to all relevant aspects of the theme: housing construction and neighbourhood development, architecture and urban planning, questions of housing policies and
regulations, for instance with regard to new procedures, financing and support models and the examination of standards and norms, in response to housing needs and housing practices, including new residential forms and new models of cooperation and participation opportunities in building.

A key focus of the ResearchLab New Social Housing is also on promoting young researchers from diverse academic disciplines and studies. It addresses highly qualified early-stage scientists and scholars who are tackling issues and challenges of social housing as part of their PhD work. It aims at fostering research projects that are suitable for advancing the international discourse on the status and sustainable further development of social housing. The ResearchLab follows the basic idea of Doctoral Schools, presenting a thematic cluster and an opportunity for doctorate candidates from various disciplines and universities for the dynamic, scientific and academic knowledge-sharing of individual research projects; it opens up a realm of experience for cooperative and mutual learning and research at the highest international standard.

The ResearchLab New Social Housing is organised in the form of annual summer schools with the active integration of internationally renowned scholars. The summer schools will take place annually in the years from 2018 to 2022 in Vienna within the framework of the IBA. Selected results will be exhibited as part of the concluding presentation of the IBA_Wien in 2022 and in an international conference.
Within the framework of the International Building Exhibition (IBA_Wien) on New Social Housing, which will take place in Vienna in 2022, the TU Wien and the University of Vienna are establishing a research cluster (ResearchLab) to encourage interdisciplinary, critical and comparative research in the field of social housing and urban development. To accomplish this goal, the ResearchLab starts in 2018 with a series of annual International Summer Schools on relevant aspects of social housing.

In 2018, the Vienna International Summer School will have a thematic focus on the transformation of (post-war) large scale social housing. We invite young researchers of all disciplines (PhD fellows, post-docs, early stage researchers) to put their research projects up for discussion and work together with internationally renowned scholars on the content and methodological issues. The Summer School also offers an opportunity to investigate the history and current developments in social housing estates in Vienna.

The Vienna International Summer School is open for all disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives related to the main theme. Research projects might address social, economic or institutional transformations of large scale housing. Research might revolve around housing practice, the change of living arrangements and living together in heterogeneous neighbourhoods. Which role do residential forms play for families, friendships or other social relations? How are the neighbourhoods and buildings being appropriated? How is the public space being used? We are also interested in research on the management, the assignment and occupancy of social housing. In which forms have municipalities and owners further developed and modernized the housing estates in recent years? How are residents involved?

A peer reviewed publication of the participants’ contributions is planned.
The VIENNA INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL “TRANSFORMATIONS OF LARGE SCALE HOUSING” offers an opportunity for inter- and transdisciplinary exchange for all participants. The programme of the 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 faculty members. 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.

• **METHODOLOGICAL 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 and community work will be examined in more detail along with the prospects of mixed designs.

• **FIELD STUDIES**: on-site workshops with stakeholders, local actors and practitioners offer insights into the transformation of post-war social housing in Vienna.

• **LECTURES**: public lectures and panel discussions by and with members of the international faculty on current questions of housing research.

**Application & selection procedure**

Young researchers who are working on a research or PhD project are invited, regardless of their academic discipline and University membership, to apply for participation in the Vienna International Summer School. The Summer School is open for up to 20 participants.

Applicants shall submit:

• a description of their research/dissertation project (max. 2 pages)
• a CV (max. 1 page)

→ Submit to: iba-researchlab@univie.ac.at

**Dates**

- 15 May 2018: Deadline for submission of documents
- by 31 May 2018: Applicants will be informed of the faculty’s decision
- by 15 August 2018: Accepted papers need to be submitted in full length (maximum 7000 words)

There is no fee for the participation in the Summer School. Travel costs will be covered for up to 500 €. Accommodation will be provided by the organisers in cooperation with local housing organisations. The Vienna International Summer School – Transformations of Large Scale Housing is funded by the City of Vienna and the IBA_Wien 2022.
The ResearchLab New Social Housing is coordinated by a CURATORIAL TEAM responsible for proposing the thematic focus, designing the programme and selecting the participants. For every Summer School a FACULTY consisting of internationally renowned scholars in diverse fields and disciplines is nominated. The members of the faculty commit themselves to commenting on the submitted thesis projects as well as to active participation in the organisation of the Summer School – by holding a talk, by participating in a round table, by organizing a workshop and/or by carrying out fieldwork. The faculty members hold expertise in all relevant fields of housing research (urban development and regeneration, community organising, architecture and housing construction, land policy and land management, spatial planning, sociology, real estate and project development, etc.).

An international ADVISORY BOARD supports the design and organization of the Summer School.

**Summer School Faculty**

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- **Simon Güntner (TU Wien)**
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• Agnès Déboulet (Université Paris VIII)
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• Marie Glaser (ETH Zürich)
  is a cultural scientist and has been head of the ETH Wohlfreund - ETH CASE since December 2015. Studies of Literature, Ethnology and European Ethnology in Munich, Vienna and Washington D. C. From 2002-2004 she was a fellow of the Andrea von Braun Foundation. She is in charge of research projects and teaches as a lecturer at the Department of Architecture.

• Bart Lootsma (LFU Innsbruck)
  is a historian, theoretician, critic and curator in the fields of architecture, design and visual arts, professor of Architectural Theory and director of the Institute for Architectural Theory and Building History at the University of Innsbruck.

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Different teaching positions at TU Wien (Housing/Urbanism) and TU Graz (Urbanism). Professor at the masterclass for Public Space at Summeracademy Salzburg and the Architectural Association Visiting School Slovenia. Jury member of KÖR (Art in Public Space Vienna) 2017-2019. The work of feld72 pivots on the interface of architecture, applied urbanism and art.

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