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Call for Abstracts for Thematic Paper Sessions

The challenge of decent housing for all groups of our society is evidently growing in a context of contemporary neo-liberal developments in almost all European countries. Market-oriented housing policies still often put ownership models in favor. Recent increases in housing production have mainly served the top end of the market. At the same time the wider implications of this consist of inadequate supply and unaffordable offers for the low and moderate-income classes. Affordable housing construction is a lagging sector in most of the CEE countries. Former social housing schemes have been suspended in the 1990s. As a result of mass privatization in that era, in most CEE countries virtually no rental dwellings remained. The remaining informal rental sector is largely self-organized. In some countries, policy schemes for public housing have been established.

Since the early 2000's, in some CEE countries a new interest in forms of collaborative housing provision re-emerged. New drivers characterizing these initiatives in the context of the global financial crisis are affordability and social inclusion. Furthermore, the recent proliferation of these projects can be seen to a large extent as a response to a perceived failure of institutional systems of housing provision to fulfil the above housing needs and aspirations of a growing number of households. However, new models, policies and solutions to rectify this unsatisfactory situation are needed. The provision of good quality housing for low and moderate-income households has yet to take place.

This Symposium seeks to identify and discuss solutions to support the livability of our cities, so that we can start a debate on how best to deliver adequate and affordable housing for all citizens in CEE countries. By offering new and innovative ideas from research and design for affordable housing, and distinguishing between the varied local factors and conditions of housing, land tenure, and living standards, this symposium and with its Thematic Paper Sessions will provide an opportunity to present, discuss, and share experiences of adequate and affordable housing today. The symposium will provide an important and innovative platform and create synergies for practitioners, architects, urban designers, and researchers, and offer a forum to bring together knowledge.

Thematic Session themes range from:

- Affordable housing models and housing policies
- Architecture and design fostering housing affordability
- Alternative formats of affordable housing and Collaborative Housing
- Affordability and Sustainability

Submission of abstracts

Please send your abstracts (PDF) of max. 500 words including title, authors, university/organizational affiliation, and 3-5 keywords to: ahf@arch.ethz.ch. We highly encourage PhD students and Post-Doc researchers to apply.

Important Dates

Abstract submission:	April 23 rd
Acceptance notice:	May 15 th
Full paper submission:	June 15
Final paper submission:	August 1 st

Symposium Venue

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Association of Polish Architects
Foksal 2
00-366 Warsaw
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Registration Fees

PhD/Student: 100 PLN / 25 Euro
General Audience: 200 PLN / 50 Euro

Symposium Homepage:

<http://www.wohnforum.arch.ethz.ch/en/affordable-housing-forum/symposium-affordable-housing-forum-warsaw>

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