

CALL FOR PAPERS

Housing Theory Symposium



Housing, care and relationality under neoliberalism

University of Tasmania, Hobart

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The reach of the ongoing housing crisis has profound impacts on our social relations and capacity to engage in care of each other and for our communities (Power & Mee 2019).

Yet can ideas about care, relationality and interdependence offer an alternative vision for the world in which we find ourselves, a vision that extends beyond ‘acting back against neoliberalism’ (Dobson 2019: 6) to embrace other ways of thinking about the purpose, form and structure of housing? As Abdoumalig Simone (2016) has argued, if we do not attend to the many ways that households have managed to forge innovative ways of living in mutually productive ways, ‘we might miss opportunities to see something else taking place, vulnerable and provisional though it might be’.

We welcome papers from across disciplines that grapple with the implications and dimensions of this provocation, including contestations of values under neoliberalism, relational understandings of contemporary housing and welfare provision, how practices of care can serve as a riposte to neoliberal policymaking, the social relations that might engender new housing practices and the relevance of reciprocity and coproduction to welfare policy and beyond.

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