

# IMAGINARIES AND STRATEGIES FOR GOOD CARE AND GOOD HOUSING IN TIMES OF TRANSFORMATION

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# Imaginarities and Strategies for Good Care and Good Housing in Times of Transformation

Care and housing are key provisioning systems, intertwined and co-constitutive. They contribute to sustaining livelihoods and are foundational for human flourishing. Care, on the one hand, is not restricted to one's own place of living, but shapes and is shaped by spatial relations in specific localities or transnational networks. Care and care work is provided in a specific built environment with different configurations of housing, depending on appropriate infrastructures, including buildings, retail, green and leisure facilities. Housing, on the other hand, is always entangled with care – not only for others, but also for one's own habitation, the residential environment, and local communities. As it offers the material place for diverse reproductive activities, the care (work) taking place in the respective spaces is disarrayed when housing becomes unaffordable or precarious. In addition, how neighbourhoods are developed, and how other key provisioning systems (mobility, health, food, energy, etc.) are organised, decisively influences the capabilities of residents to give and receive care and to shape the respective environment by 'doing housing'. Last but not least, the provision of care and housing are both closely entangled with specific society-nature relations that enable more or less reciprocal, just, and sustainable practices of doing care and housing. In the ongoing social-ecological, geopolitical, and digital transformations care and housing are decisive but contested terrains for shaping new arrangements of organizing livelihoods. As multiple crises escalate, it becomes increasingly harder to ensure human flourishing without exacerbating mechanisms of exclusion or transgressing planetary boundaries. Currently, diverse struggles unfold about reinforcing or changing existing forms of provisioning, (dis-)empowering actors – be it as residents, workers, care-receivers and givers, family members or migrants. It is, thus, urgent to identify pathways to develop and shape ongoing transformations in an inclusive and sustainable way. While profound change is unavoidable, collective actors in the 21st century have to explore new imaginaries as well as strategies to actualize such visions. This includes struggles over private and public spaces, about transforming private practices as well as forms of collective agency.

## Registration

Please register for the conference via the [registration-webpage](#) by **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. There are no conference fees.

Please register for the practitioner workshop via the [workshop-registration](#) by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**.

## Pre-conference

Wednesday, May 22nd

[Learning Center \(LC\), Club Lounge \(2.400\), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor](#)

**18.30 - 20.30**      **Public Lecture by the 7<sup>th</sup> Vienna Karl Polanyi Visiting Professor**  
**Attila Meleg**: “Balancing the Imbalanced”

## Day One

Thursday, May 23rd

[Learning Center \(LC\), Ceremonial Hall 2 \(0.200\), ground floor](#)

**08.00 - 09.00**      **Registration**

**09.00 - 10.30**      **Opening Ceremony and Plenary 1**

Chair: Stefanie Peer (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

*Welcome Receptions:*

Andreas Novy (*Vienna University of Economics and Business; International Karl Polanyi Society*)

Markus Lampe (*Head of Department Socioeconomics, Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz; International Karl Polanyi Society*)

Attila Meleg (*Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies*)

Emma Dowling (*University of Vienna*): Households Dispersed: Propositions for Recombining Care

Justin Kadi (*University of Cambridge*): N.N.

**10.30 - 11.00**      **Coffee Break**

**11.00 - 12.30**

**A) Parallel Sessions**

**Session 1: [Ceremonial Hall 2 \(LC 0.200\)](#) / Theorising Housing and Space**

Chair: Sarah Ware (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

André Bleicher (*Biberach University of Applied Sciences*): Strategies and Practices of Decommodifying Land - Approaches to the Communitization or Socialization of Housing

Christian Koutny (*Goldsmith College London*): Space and Financialisation: The Financialised Housing Market

Vladimir Cvetkovic (*University of Edinburgh*): Housing Ladder in UK - markets vs. home situation

**Session 2: [Conference Room 5 \(AD 0.095\)](#) / Transforming Transnational Spaces of Caring and Housing**

Chair: Valentin Fröhlich (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Wasana Handapangoda (*University of Vienna*): Brokering (Im)Mobility Regimes: Sri Lankan Migrant Domestic Workers' Journeys to Arab States

Ewa Palenga-Möllnbeck & Roxana Fiebig-Spindler, (*Goethe University Frankfurt*): Emerging care markets in Central and Eastern Europe: Transformations of labour, mobility and policy

Ali Simon (*Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich*): Transforming Spaces - The Interplay of Care, Housing, and Cleaning Work in the Pandemic Era

**Session 3: [Conference Room 2 \(AD 0.122\)](#) / Social Needs in the Fields of Care and Housing**

Chair: Benjamin Baumgartner (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Fanni Nora Dés (*NANE Womens' Rights Association Women for Women United Against Violence*) & Zsuzsanna Posfai (*Periféria Policy and Research Center*): Women and Housing: Housing Solutions in Response to the Specific Needs of Women

Ulrike Fettke, Andrea Kastl, Claudia Oestreich, Janna Boehm, Yvonne Rauner & Sabine Ittlinger (*Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences*): Independent Housing

in your own home: Understanding what people want after a clinical rehabilitation stay

Luise Stoisser, Tine Buffel, Ann Petermanns & An-Sofie Smetcoren (*Free University of Brussels*): Towards inclusive housing alternatives for minoritised older adults: a multi-level approach

Christoph Schlembach, Ulli Röhsner (*MAKAM Research*) & Isabella Göschl (*Vienna Social Fund*): Four alternative forms of housing and care in higher age: Theoretical framing and stakeholder perspectives

## **B) Practitioner Workshop Part 1: [Conference Room 6 \(AD 0.090\)](#)**

Chair: Alexandra Strickner (*Kompetenzzentrum Alltagsökonomie*)

**12.30 - 14.00**      **Lunch (self-organised)**

**14.00 - 15.30**      **A) Parallel Sessions**

### **Session 4: [Ceremonial Hall 2 \(LC 0.200\)](#) / Housing Imaginaries**

Chair: Andreas Novy (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Katalin Ámon (*Central European University*): The mortgage debtor, the neighbour, the homeless person and the family: Citizen imaginaries and housing

Oludele Mayowa Solaja (*Olabisi Onabanjo University*): Echoes of Omoluwabi: Revitalizing Yoruba Cultural Narratives for Sustainable Care and Housing

Petr Kodenko Kubala (*Czech Academy of Sciences*): Are we able to imagine an affordable housing within "planetary boundaries"?

### **Session 5: [Conference Room 5 \(AD 0.095\)](#) / Contested Provision of Care and Housing**

Chair: Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Sarah Nowak, Maximilian Winkin & Tom Scheltwort (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*): Who is winning? Comparing the Narrative of the German 'Triple Win' Program with the Experiences of Migrant Care Workers Recruited under the Program

Kristofer Pitz (*Friedrich-Schiller University Jena*): From Social Work to Social Strike: Ways Out of the Professional Trilemma of Marketized Social Work

Petra Ezzeddine & Maroš Matiaško (*Charles University Prague*): Seeking Protection: Moral Economies and Resistance of Migrant Live-in Care Workers in the Times of Care Marketisation

**Session 6: [Conference Room 2 \(AD 0.122\)](#) / Technology & Planning**

Chair: Linda Li (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Isha Bihari (*National Law University Meghalaya*): Analyzing the Impact of IT-Driven Urbanisation in Bangalore Using Social Reproduction Theory: A Case Study Approach

Mustapha El Moussaoui (*Free University of Bozen-Bolzano*): AI and Urban Possibilities: Bolzano's Community-centric Approach

Pedro Manuel Bellón Jiménez (*Autonomous University of Barcelona*): Redefining Work-Life Balance: Commuting, Telecommuting, and Caregiving Among New Parents in Spain

**B) Practitioner Workshop Part 2: [Conference Room 6 \(AD 0.090\)](#)**

Chair: Alexandra Strickner (*Kompetenzzentrum Alltagsökonomie*)

**15.30 - 16.00**      **Coffee Break**

**16.00 - 17.00**      **Author Meets Critics: [Ceremonial Hall 2 \(LC 0.200\)](#) / Brigitte Aulenbacher/Ewa Palenga-Möllenbeck/Helma Lutz/Karin Schwiter (Eds.), 2024, Home Care for Sale, The Transnational Brokering of Senior Care in Europe, Sage**

Chair: Hans Volmarý (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Discussing Authors: Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*), Bernhard Emunds (*Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology*), Petra

Ezzeddine (*Charles University Prague*), Ewa Palenga-Möllenbeck (*Goethe University Frankfurt*)

Critics: Wasana Handapangoda (*University of Vienna*), Attila Melegh (*Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies*)

**17.00 - 17.30**      **Coffee Break**

**17.30 - 19.00**      **Plenary 2: [Ceremonial Hall 2 \(LC 0.200\)](#) / Contested Transformations in the Fields of Care and Housing**

Chair: Klaus Wegleitner (*University of Graz*)

Susanne Heeg (*Goethe University Frankfurt*) & Tim Wihl (*University of Erfurt*):  
Socialization as a care-enabling response to a financialized housing sector

Benjamin Baumgartner, Valentin Fröhlich, Florian Pimminger, Hans Volmary (*DOC-team 114*): Creating Caring Habitations. A Comparison of Community Initiatives for Seniors in Europe

Oludele Mayowa Solaja (*Olabisi Onabanjo University*): Building Inclusive and Sustainable Care and Housing Systems: Strategies for Fostering Broad Societal Alliances in Nigeria and Developing Countries

**19.00 - 20.00**      **Get Together and Finger Food**

**20.00**              **Optional Organized Social Activity**

## Day Two

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00 - 10.30**      **Plenary 3: [Ceremonial Hall \(LC 0.200\)](#) / Imaginaries of Good Care and Good Housing**

Chair: Sarah Ware (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Recording: Fred Block (*University of California, Davis*): Habitation Society (pre-recorded)

Bernhard Emunds (*Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology*): On the dimensions of time, space and social services of unpaid care work in a 'caring society'

Gabu Heindl (*University of Kassel*): My Home, Your Profit? Housing Economies & Architectures

Richard Lang (*Free University of Bozen-Bolzano*): Envisioning Sustainable and Inclusive Living: The Promises and Pitfalls of Cooperative Housing

**10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break**

**11.00 - 12.30 Parallel Sessions**

**Session 7: [Ceremonial Hall 2 \(LC 0.200\)](#) / Imaginaries of Housing. The Case of Vienna**

Chair: Daniel Grabner (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*)

Benjamin Baumgartner & Hans Volmary (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*): Greening Red Vienna. Lessons for social-ecological housing provision

Christina Schraml (*University of Applied Arts Vienna*): The Transformative Power of Housing Utopias: Drawing new imaginaries from Vienna's forgotten housing experiment "Alte- Leute-Siedlungen"

Sarah Ware (*Vienna University of Economics and Business*): Broadening participation in urban planning for social ecological transformation

**Session 8: [Conference Room 5 \(AD 0.095\)](#) / Care Imaginaries and Discourses**

Chair: Brigitte Aulenbacher (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Evelyn Hutter (*University of Vienna*): Care cultures at the end of life - a narrative approach

Attila Melegh (*Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies*): Progress or just a Crisis? Population discourses and ageing in Hungary

Silvia Wojczweski (*Medical University of Vienna, CuraFair, IG24*): Including “24-hour” live-in care workers in caring community networks – what does it take?

**Session 9: [Conference Room 2 \(AD 0.122\)](#) / New Forms of Care and Housing in Community and/or Family**

Chair: Florian Pimminger (*Johannes Kepler University Linz*)

Sabrina Mannebach (*Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich*): Families of Choice - Care, Crisis and Collective Living

András Vigvári (*Centre for Economic and Regional Studies Budapest*): The land of the freedom? Housing in allotment gardens as a crisis practice

Margret Jaeger, Erwin Schweitzer & Nina Zischka (*Vienna Social Fund, University for Continuing Education Krems*): The Anthropology of Care: caring communities as a vision for the future of educational institutions

**12.30 - 14.00**      **Lunch (self-organised)**

**14.00 - 15.00**      **Closing: [Ceremonial Hall 2 \(LC 0.200\)](#) / Strategies for Good Care and Good Housing – Lessons Learned**

**15.00 - 15.30**      **Farewell**

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