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1. RC43 Co-Presidents' Message

Dear RC43 Members

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2025! What a year it has been. One of the highlights was the **ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco (6–11 July)**, where RC43 members came together to share ideas and advance urban and housing research. We provided a [detailed report in our previous newsletter](#), but we continue to reflect on the energy and insights that emerged from that event.

Since Rabat, we've been busy strengthening our leadership team. We are delighted to **welcome two new members to the RC43 Board – Hamdusena ESREFOGLU, Istanbul University, Türkiye and Bo LI, Free University Berlin, Germany.**

Their expertise and enthusiasm will help us expand our communications and events, making RC43 even more vibrant.

Stay Connected and Share Your News

If you're on LinkedIn, please [follow our account](#) and let us know about your publications, events, or other updates, we'd love to share them with the RC43 community

We also encourage you to submit your news for our upcoming newsletters. Simply click the newsletter link, scroll down to the submission button, and use the Google form to share details of your work and activities.

If you'd like to be part of our 2026 webinar series, please indicate this in the form—we'd love to feature your ideas and research!

Your Voice Matters

RC43 thrives on member engagement. If you have ideas, questions, or topics you'd like to discuss, please reach out to us by email. We're always keen to hear from you.

Thank you for being part of RC43 and for contributing to our collective efforts this year. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in 2026!

Warm regards,

Greta Werner and Helena Cermeno
ISA RC43 Co-Presidents

2. News from RC43 members

Bo Li participated in the 9th Joint International Academic Conference on Land Policy, held in Hangzhou, China, on 19 October.

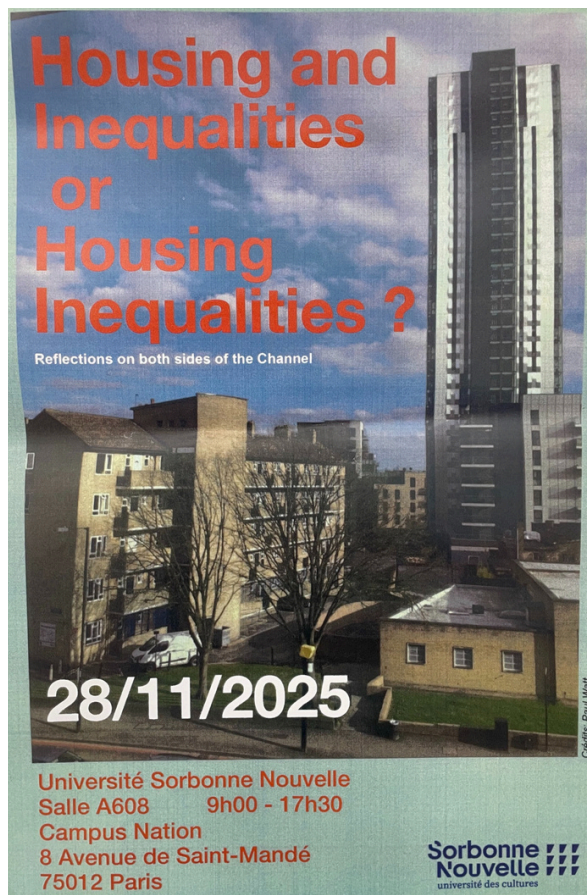
He delivered a keynote address on Germany's rental housing system and welfare regime, highlighting potential lessons for China's housing policy development.

Bo Li also joined a roundtable discussion on "Optimizing Urban-Rural Development Patterns and Land System Reform" alongside leading scholars in the field.

Following the main conference, he presented ongoing quantitative research on fiscal structures and housing price resilience at Zhejiang University's School of Public Affairs.



Paul Watt presented at Université Sorbonne Nouvelle on 28 November 2025: "Housing and Inequalities or Housing Inequalities? Reflections on both sides of the Channel." The study day brings together scholars from both sides of the Channel to compare these dynamics across disciplines (policy, sociology, geography, urban studies). You can find the presentation [here](#).



Greta Werner shared that the TASA Housing and Urban Sociology (HaUS) thematic group hosted a one-day conference, “Knowing the City – movements, epistemologies, and visions,” on 9 October 2025.

This event aimed to explore ways of knowing the city and how these manifest in planning and the construction of the built environment.

For a short report including a description of each session, follow this [link](#).

We are grateful for the support of the Australian Sociological Association (TASA) for funding this event and to the University of Sydney for in-kind support.



Pedro Martins shared that the first session of the Housing4Z Cycle took place at ISCSP (University of Lisbon, Portugal) on 6 October, focusing on Housing, Welfare and Inequalities.

The event brought together researchers, academics and experts to discuss the main challenges shaping access to housing in Portugal, as well as possible future directions for policy and research.

During the conference, the research team presented and discussed the project’s Final Report.

The programme also featured a keynote lecture by Richard Ronald (University of Amsterdam) on “Generation Z and the Emerging Infrastructures of Housing”.

For a more information, follow this [link](#).



3. New Publications

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4. Research Programs & Calls

RC 43 Webinar Series – Fall/Winter 2026

Dear Members,

as of 2026, we will start a Webinar Series on RC43-related topics. The speakers for the first half of the year have been selected. As soon as we have cleared up all the dates, we will notify you about the webinars. For the second half of the year, we are now inviting applications for presentations for Fall/Winter 2026 (1 slot in September, 1 slot in November). Exact dates and times will be determined with the successful applicants. We explicitly encourage Early Researchers to apply. Our webinars are scheduled for 60min (max. 30min presentation, followed by a moderated discussion). We ask presenters to circulate their slides and, when suitable, related written work, at least 2 weeks prior to the webinar. The application runs from now until February 15 th 2026.

If you are interested, please email us:

- a title and abstract (300 Words max.) of your proposed presentation
- info on the nature of your presentation (PhD proposal, draft paper, draft chapter
- published paper, published book chapter, published book,...)
- if already published, the publication itself
- a short bio of yours
- your preferred month (September or November) and a suggestion of a concrete date for presenting.

Please compile everything into 1 (!) PDF and email the PDF to isa-rc43@isa-sociology.org with the following title in the subject line of your email: "Proposal Webinar Series Fall/Winter 2026_First Name_Last Name".

We are looking forward to your proposals! We will notify applicants by the end of February.

Your RC43 Team

Doctoral Programme New Social Housing
Call for Applications, Deadline: January 15th, 2026

<https://futurelab.tuwien.ac.at/research-center/new-social-housing/doctoral-programme>

IRS Spring Academy 2026: Urban Scholarship and Activism
Call for Applications, Deadline: February 16th, 2026
<https://leibniz-irs.de/springacademy-26>

RC43 Webinar Series

“Save the date”

Webinar with Raquel Rolnik
Financialisation 2.0? 3.0?

February 25th – 8 a.m. Brazilian time (GMT-3)

Raquel Rolnik is Full Professor at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the University of São Paulo (FAUUSP) and Mayor of the Butantã Campus of USP. She holds a degree in Architecture and Urbanism from the University of São Paulo (1978), a Master's degree in Architecture and Urbanism from the University of São Paulo (1981), a Doctorate from the Graduate School of Arts and Science History Department – New York University (1995), a Habilitation (Livre Docência) from FAUUSP (2015), and a Full Professorship from FAUUSP (2017).

Since 1979, she has been a professor and researcher in the field of architecture and urbanism, currently coordinating the Public Space and Right to the City Laboratory – LabCidade at the FAUUSP. As urban planner, she was Director of Planning for the city of São Paulo and a consultant for Brazilian and Latin American cities in urban and housing policy. She also served as National Secretary for Urban Programs at the Ministry of Cities between 2003 and 2007 and as the UN Human Rights Council's International Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing (2008-2014).

RC43 SERIES

WEBINAR

FINANCIALIZATION 2.0? 3.0?



Guest Speaker:

Raquel Rolnik

University of São Paulo

25 FEB
2026



08.00 AM

(BRASÍLIA TIME / UTC-3)



Scan QR code

or click this link to register

Please check your local time before the session.

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5. New members of RC43 board

We keep growing our board considerably! A warm welcome to the following new board members:

- Hamdusena Eşrefoğlu (Istanbul University, Türkiye)
- Bo Li (Free University Berlin, Germany)

**Welcome onboard,
Sena!**



**Welcome onboard,
Bo!**



6. RC43s Mission & Input by You

The RC43s mission & goals are:

- to create an international community among scholars in the field of housing and the built environment;
- to promote the development of social science theory and research on housing and the built environment;
- to contribute to informed decisions regarding intervention in and invention of housing and the built environments supportive of human needs.

We need YOU

to complete this mission and goals by YOU sharing news, calls, publications, events & other things of interest to the RC. Thanks!



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The next newsletter is in the making.

INTERESTED IN THE RC43 HOUSING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT NETWORK?

NOT (YET) AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEMBER?

NO PROBLEM!!!!

Join Now!

As of **January 2026**, you can join RC43 (Research Committee 43 within the ISA-architecture) without being an ISA member. For the time being, affiliated membership is free. At a later point, we may introduce a small fee to foster and support specific RC43 activities.

What's the advantage of being an Affiliated Member?

- You can take part in all RC43 activities such as webinars and conferences, not only as listener but also as a presenter;
- can draw on the RC43 community (of 60+ members from all over the globe) to advertise your research
- can draw on the RC43 network for advertising and learning about housing-related events and calls.

If you are interested and if your interests match with the objectives of RC43, please email:

- a brief note on your motivation to join, and a
- a short version of your bio or CV, so that we can learn a bit more about you.
- Please title your email as follows "Affiliated Membership_First Name_Last Name" and send it to isa-rc43@isa-sociology.org.

We are looking forward to you joining our community!

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