

Special Issue: Housing Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean: recent developments and perspectives

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The *International Journal of Housing Policy* invites scholars and professionals to submit papers to the forthcoming special issue "Housing Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean: Recent developments and perspectives"

The Latin America and the Caribbean region stands out for its long-lasting struggle tackling social inequality in housing. Despite a variety of public / social housing programmes having been implemented for almost a century, and although progress has been made in terms of reducing quantitative housing deficits in some countries as well as in the amelioration of living conditions for urban dwellers, socio-spatial segregation, qualitative problems and precarious self built solutions persist across the continent.

Shifts in housing policy have been conditioned by the changing political economy of housing prevalent at local, regional and global scales. From experiences of regularisation and upgrading of informal settlements to massive production of private homes on the peripheries of the cities, Latin American housing policies swing from recognition and support to self-built solutions to forced evictions, from cooperative and self-managed housing production to market-led products.

Besides changing paradigms some countries in this region confront the permanent challenge posed by nature with recurring natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes. There is mass destruction of housing that is generally of poor quality, affecting mostly low income households and creating homelessness.

Through bringing together a collection of innovative and insightful articles which address experiences and policies by scholars and experts from the region from critical perspectives, the editors of this special issue aim to contribute to a North-South dialogue on housing policy issues that better connects Latin America and the Caribbean region to global housing policy debates.

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KEY DATES

Call for papers is published on **16th September 2016**

Deadline for abstract submission: **15th November 2016**

Decision on selected abstracts: **15th December 2016**

Submission of preliminary full papers **15th April 2017**

First feedback from guest editors: between **10th - 15th May 2017**

Submission deadline of full papers to online submission system: **1st June 2017**

Please send an abstract, maximum 500 words, indicating research questions, theoretical approaches, methods and main research findings (if applicable) to: editor@ijhp-online.eu