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A view from housing – contributions of housing research to social and behavioural theory

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In a book titled *Housing and Social Theory* (1992), the famous sociologist of housing, Jim Kemeny, urged housing researchers to “draw more extensively from theories and debates in social sciences and to contribute to such debates with studies of housing” (p. 17). He was thinking of debates that had a broader scope than just housing issues. Arguably housing issues are at the core of many general social issues from new forms of stratification to intergenerational relations.

In the 30 years that have passed from the publication of Kemeny’s book, housing researchers have increasingly drawn inspiration from new theoretical currents in social and behavioural sciences ranging from actor-network theory to practice theory and ‘new materialism’, to take some examples from the sociological side of the field. Housing research has been receiving from general debates and trends but what can it give back in return?

The topic of this special issue is to examine how insights from housing can provide new perspectives to theoretical questions that are broader in scope than just housing. Contributions can be based on findings of theory-relevant empirical research or on theoretical work on housing issues. Contributions are welcome from any field of housing research: economics, political science, psychology, geography, urban planning, philosophy et cetera, as well as from interdisciplinary researchers who do not identify with any of these fields.

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