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We invite contributions to the special issue of Critical Housing Analysis entitled

Facing the Housing Affordability Crisis in Southern Europe: Housing Policies in the Spotlight

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The aim of this special issue is to develop a reflexive analysis on the ongoing process of change of housing policies in Southern Europe. The second half of the 2010s was marked by the deepening of the housing affordability crisis, compounded by COVID 2019 pandemic, which has put the housing issue back at the centre of the social, political and academic debate. The resurgence of housing problems is a global phenomenon, acquiring contextualised characteristics that in Southern European countries relate particularly to the historical residuality of social housing policies and prevalence of homeownership, the great dependence of urban economies on tourism and fiscal measures to attract foreign investment (e.g. Golden Visa, special benefits to digital nomads, etc.) and low disposable income of households in relation to the cost of living.

Contributors may explore the contexts of housing policy change, either through a general problematisation of the changes taking place (broad policy instruments, housing regulation/legislation or organizational and governance issues), or by focusing on specific policy measures that illustrate current housing debates and challenges. The aim is to provide an overview of present discussions on these issues in a critical and theoretically grounded approach that can identify relevant trends and dynamics, in a particularly sensitive moment when the return of the State to the task of housing provision and regulation is being discussed and, in some cases, cautiously initiated.

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