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## Housing and Power in the Modern World

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Housing, and especially mass affordable housing, is a policy area in which governments around the world have increasingly sought to intervene since the nineteenth century. The resulting developments have gone beyond the bricks-and-mortar issues of house-building, making homes a locus where the domestic sphere encounters social and state power.

We invite researchers (postgraduate level and above) and practitioners working in the housing sector (e.g. housing managers, policy-makers and NGOs) to submit proposals for papers on mass affordable housing (broadly conceived), housing policy and housing development, from the nineteenth century to the present day. We are especially interested in receiving proposals for papers that explore homes and housing policy in relation to wider themes including but not limited to:

- Gender
- Class
- Race and ethnicity
- State and social power
- Paternalism and the development of welfare states
- Conflict
- Domesticity

All geographic contexts are welcome, whether in the UK or abroad, or relating to urban or rural settings.

Papers should last 20 minutes, and proposals for complete panels of three or four speakers are also welcome. We are delighted to confirm **two keynote speakers**, Dr Valerie Wright (University of Stirling) and Dr Emma Dwyer (Museum of London Archaeology).

*Given the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we have chosen to hold the conference via Zoom. We will circulate the necessary details to speakers and attendees ahead of the conference. Using Zoom allows us to guarantee that the conference will go ahead, and we hope to maximise opportunities to get to know other speakers and attendees over the course of the day.*

Please send abstracts of up to 250 words along with a short biography to [housingandpower@gmail.com](mailto:housingandpower@gmail.com) by **Friday 31 July**.



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