The International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home


Abstract

Housing studies is a trans-disciplinary enterprise whose research and teaching spans a wide range of social science subjects including urban studies, economics and finance, psychology, social policy, sociology, anthropology, geography, architecture and law. The International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home comprises seven volumes, with over 500 entries and approximately 3500 pages. Articles are listed alphabetically but grouped into seven thematic sections including: methods and approaches; economics and finance; environments; home and homelessness; institutions; policy; and welfare and wellbeing.

This major reference work provides a comprehensive, authoritative source of facts, ideas, concepts and themes anchored on housing and home. It aims to become the major single reference work for housing professionals – for academics and practitioners – for all teaching, learning and research needs. It is international in scope, engaging with trends in every world region. The editorial board and contributors are drawn from a wide constituency, collating expertise from academics, policy makers, professionals and practitioners, and from every key centre for housing research.

Message from the Editor-in-Chief, Professor Susan J. Smith

Housing studies is a trans-disciplinary enterprise whose research, teaching and practical applications span an impressive range of social science subjects including urban studies, economics and finance, psychology, social policy, sociology, anthropology, geography, architecture and law. No area of knowledge more urgently needs a comprehensive reference work of the magnitude, scale and scope that Elsevier has assembled here. Packed with experience, imagination and innovation, the encyclopedia contains over 600 entries, each carefully created by a circle of experts.

The International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home is a lively, authoritative and systematic statement of the state of the art of research on housing and home. Every entry stands alone on its merits and is accessed alphabetically. Yet, each is fully cross-referenced, and attached to one of seven thematic categories whose 'wholes' far exceed the sum of their parts. From methods to policy, individuals to institutions, and economics to welfare, there is something for everyone here. The work is relevant to anyone whose research, teaching or life experiences engage with housing assets, mortgage debt, the right to shelter, the problem of affordability or the meanings of home.

The numerous scholars whose names appear in this work have created a wonderful new resource, borne of a truly collective effort, providing a really good read.

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