

Cities, Communities and Homes: Is the Urban Future Livable?

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Mass migration, housing and land use: responses to the migration crises in European cities.

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- **Abstract (300 words):**

While migrants seeking to escape conflict, persecution, poverty and environmental disaster have been crossing the Mediterranean by boat to seek sanctuary in Europe for a number of years, in 2015 the scale of arrivals increased beyond all expectations. The media and EU Governments described events as a migration “crisis”. Many have proclaimed it to be the greatest crisis since World War II (Parkinson 2015: 3). Turkey, Italy and particularly Greece have encountered the majority of arrivals – many of whom then continue to Germany, Sweden, and Austria to claim asylum. This paper draws on findings from a study exploring the approaches adopted by the real estate and land use industries in continental Europe to help integrate refugees into cities in a way that is inclusive and brings wide ranging benefits for all. Survey and interview data from professionals working in real estate, planning, migration policy and practice will be

presented alongside examples of innovative housing and land-use responses in order to consider how the challenges of mass movement have been addressed. We also consider the extent to which Europe can learn from the approaches adopted when seeking solutions to the current migration and housing crises. In particular the paper will discuss approaches to good urban density and affordable housing, as well as considering the opportunities that models of co-production can offer in the urban planning process.

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Professor Phillimore is Director of the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) and a world-leading researcher of migrant integration and access to welfare in superdiverse areas. She is the Project Lead of the multi-country UPWEB project which is using an interdisciplinary approach to examine the ways in which residents in eight superdiverse neighbourhoods act as bricoleurs to access the resources they need to address health concerns.