Welcome

2021 marks Policy Press’s 25th anniversary and 5 years since Bristol University Press’ inception.

It is a challenging time to celebrate such milestones, yet in reflecting on our progress we strengthened our determination to support positive social change. Our publishing, culture and practice over 25 years demonstrates our team’s values and concerns which I believe are ever-more needed in these difficult times.

Several initiatives show our ‘publishing with a purpose’ ethos:

• **Rapid Responses** and **COVID-19 Collection** are new interventions to influence thinking, policy and practice. Written by leading scholars, policy makers, charity workers and activists, the digital-only Rapid Responses publish in just 6–8 weeks, while the COVID-19 Collection offers cross-disciplinary perspectives on the pandemic.

• Our commitment to sustainable Open Access (OA) through Gold and Green routes is crucial to opening up evidence and analysis to researchers, practitioners and policy makers around the globe. Our **Research4Life** partnership is also vital, giving free or low-cost access to all our work to low-income countries.

• **Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI)** has been fundamental to our ethos for 25 years and our five-year strategy underpins this commitment. Diversity of thought, belief and background of our authors, editors and staff enable us to publish a wide range of voices that challenge accepted norms and thinking.

• As a publisher focused on addressing global social challenges, we were early signatories to the recent **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Publishers Compact**, a collaboration between the United Nations and the International Publishers Association to accelerate progress to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

I hope that you find much of interest in this catalogue and I wish you a safe and productive 2021.

ALISON SHAW, CEO

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Our Planning and Housing lists aim to find equitable solutions to challenging problems and both are susceptible to constant change. Planning is vulnerable to continual government cuts which means both the systems and the profession are under immense pressure. Housing continues to be a politically charged issue that is made worse by issues such as low levels of public housing, affordable private housing and increases in homelessness.

We are proud of the continued growth in these two established subjects at Policy Press and the reach our books and series have internationally. The scholarship we publish looks at all available evidence to inform the creation of better homes and a better built environment for all – individuals and communities, in the Global North and the Global South. We are looking for writers who get to the heart of problems and can clearly communicate their expertise and research to the right audience, be they academics, students or policy makers.

If you are interested and have book or series ideas in Planning or Housing, then please do contact your editor Emily Watt: emily.watt@bristol.ac.uk
Urban Futures
Planning for City Foresight and City Visions

Timothy J. Dixon, University of Reading and Mark Tewdwr-Jones, University College London

“This book is scholarly, rich in ideas, and offers a toolkit for city and regional governments and communities to build visions and explore ways of achieving them. It will be part of the foundations of future city planning.”
SIR ALAN WILSON, THE ALAN TURING INSTITUTE

City visions represent shared, and often desirable, expectations about our urban futures. This book explores the history and evolution of city visions, placing them in the wider context of art, culture, science, foresight and urban theory.

The authors show how important it is to think about the future of cities in objective and strategic ways and by engaging with a range of stakeholders – something more important than ever as we look to visions of a sustainable future beyond the COVID-19 crisis.
Estate Regeneration and its Discontents
Public Housing, Place and Inequality in London

Paul Watt, Birkbeck, University of London

“Paul Watt is one of our most dedicated academic analysts of the housing regeneration schemes that are so central to today’s London and his commitment and expertise are fully in evidence here. This is a substantial contribution to the debate over what kind of capital we want.”
ADITYA CHAKRABORTTY, THE GUARDIAN

“A monumental and humane book that puts people, places and communities at the heart of its indictment of estate regeneration in London.”
ANDREW WALLACE, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

“A real tour de force. Essential reading for anyone interested in understanding the links between housing, class inequality and working-class disadvantage.”
TRACY SHILDRICK, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Public housing estates are disappearing from London’s skyline in the name of regeneration, while new mixed-tenure developments are arising in their place. This richly illustrated book provides a vivid interdisciplinary account of the controversial urban policy of demolition and rebuilding amid London’s housing crisis and the polarisation between the city’s have-nots and have-lots.

Using interviews which foreground the experiences and perspectives of estate residents throughout multiple stages of the regeneration process, Watt demonstrates the dramatic impacts that regeneration and gentrification can have on sociospatial inequality and London’s marginalised communities.
Hope Under Neoliberal Austerity
Responses from Civil Society and Civic Universities

Edited by Mel Steer, Simin Davoudi, Mark Shucksmith and Liz Todd, Newcastle University

“Communities are the foundation of our collective future; the examples in this book show there is reason to hope it will be better than our past.”

CHI ONWURAH, MP, NEWCASTLE CENTRAL

Neoliberal-driven austerity is changing the role of the state, modes of public service provision and concepts of citizenship. How to thrive in today’s society is a challenge for communities around the world at a time when government policies are increasingly promoting privatisation, deregulation and individualisation of responsibilities.

Drawing on innovative cases and strategic initiatives from North East England, this book explores multiple ways in which communities are responding to these challenging conditions. Co-authored by practitioners and academics, it provides deeper insights into the efficacy of these approaches through key policy issues including access to food, education and health.

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Inside High-Rise Housing
Condominium and Home in the Vertical City

Megan Nethercote, RMIT University

Condominium and comparable legal architectures make vertical urban growth possible, but do we really understand the social implications of restructuring city land ownership in this way? In this book geographer and architect Megan Nethercote enters the condo tower to explore the hidden social and territorial dynamics of private vertical communities. Informed by residents’ accounts of Australian high-rise living, this book shows how legal and physical architectures fuse in ways that jeopardise residents’ experience of home and stigmatise renters.

As cities sprawl skywards and private renting expands, this compelling geographic analysis of property identifies high-rise development’s overlooked hand in social segregation and urban fragmentation and raises bold questions about the condominium’s prospects.
The New Urban Ruins
Vacancy, Urban Politics, and International Experiments in the Post-Crisis City

Edited by Cian O’Callaghan, Trinity College Dublin and Cesare Di Feliciantonio, University of Leicester

This book considers contemporary urban challenges through the lens of urban vacancy. Centring urban vacancy as a core feature of urbanization, the contributors coalesce new empirical insights on the impacts of recent contestations over the reuse of vacant spaces in post-crisis cities across the globe. Using international case studies from the Global North and Global South, the book sheds important new light on the complexity of forces and processes shaping urban vacancy and its reuse, exploring these areas as both lived spaces and sites of political antagonism. It explores what has and hasn’t worked in repurposing vacant sites and provides sustainable blueprints for future development.
The Self-Build Experience
Institutionalisation, Place-Making and City Building

Edited by Willem Salet, University of Amsterdam, Camila D’Ottaviano, University of São Paulo, Stan Majoor, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences and Daniël Bossuyt, University of Amsterdam

“Provides a powerful interrogation of the role of low-income residents in the articulation of their own livelihoods, claiming their rights and transforming policies at the political level.”
RAQUEL ROLNIK, UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO

Spanning multiple countries across South America, Europe and Africa, this book uses an international comparative perspective to investigate the phenomenon of self-building for low- and middle-income groups in urban areas, examining the tensions between regulation and self-regulatory initiatives.

Rescaling Urban Governance
Planning, Localism and Institutional Change

John Sturzaker and Alexander Nurse, University of Liverpool

“This important book sets out in clear terms how governments have sought to innovate and rescale governance, but in doing so have not necessarily resolved the issues that such changes were supposed to address.”
GAVIN PARKER, UNIVERSITY OF READING

In response to unprecedented pressure from climate change, migration, ageing populations and resource shortages, this authoritative book provides new research and thinking about cities, their governance and planning reform, examining global examples of cutting-edge policy experimentation and innovation designed to guarantee a sustainable future.
The Property Lobby
The Hidden Reality behind the Housing Crisis

Bob Colenutt, Oxford Brookes University

“The perfect guide, taking us through the complex and unforgiving realities of the contemporary housing market, exploring how the same interests always seem to win, even as the supply of genuinely affordable housing remains stubbornly inadequate.”
ALLAN COCHRANE, THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

“The housing crisis stems from a new and unholy alliance of financial, developer and land-owning interests which this timely book uncovers and promises to fix as a central part of fixing the economy and society.”
MICHAEL EDWARDS, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

“Traces how public policy on housebuilding has elevated profit-taking above the need for social and affordable housing and demonstrates the vital role that community action has in challenging our rigged planning and housing system.”
JERRY FLYNN, 35% CAMPAIGN

The long-term causes and nexus of power behind the UK’s housing crisis are under scrutiny in this passionately argued and radical critique of current housing and planning policies and practices. Colenutt reveals how a network of landowners, house-builders, financial backers and politicians lock in a cycle of low supply and high prices, and proposes much-needed answers to one of the biggest social challenges of our age.
Housing Shock
The Irish Housing Crisis and How to Solve It

Rory Hearne, Maynooth University

“A valuable book. It is a tool for better understanding our current predicament & what we can do about it.”
THE IRISH TIMES

“Shows how housing in Ireland has made some very wealthy but left thousands homeless. An expert analysis of how government policy has helped make owning or renting a home unaffordable. A must-read.”
FR PETER McVERRY, PETER McVERRY TRUST

“Reflects Rory’s commitment and optimism that through radical transformation and reclaiming the role of the state we can resolve not only the housing crisis but other societal challenges. This book makes a key contribution to making that transformation happen.”
MARY P. MURPHY, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

Hearne contextualises the Irish housing crisis within its broader global context by examining the origins of the contemporary crisis in terms of the extension of neoliberalism, marketisation and financialisation in housing.

He examines the profound social, political and economic impacts of the crisis on equality, wellbeing and health by bringing to the fore real voices and stories from those on the frontline.
Whose Housing Crisis?
Assets and Homes in a Changing Economy

Nick Gallent, University College London

“At last, a book that changes the terms of the great housing debate and challenges the received political wisdom of the main political parties.”
PETER HETHERINGTON, THE GUARDIAN

“This forceful, informed and accessible book makes the housing crisis everyone’s problem. The UK’s dysfunctional relationship with housing has seeped into the pores of all areas of society and until the pervasive nature of this crisis is grasped, there will be no plausible escape.”
BRETT CHRISTOPHERS, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY

“Gallent dissects the underlying causes as well as societal and economic effects of a housing market that has become increasingly unaffordable, inaccessible and inequitable in the past decades. A highly recommendable book for all scholars, students, policy makers and politicians, or for that matter, anybody who is interested in contemporary housing problems.”
INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE REVIEW

This book examines the ways in which the social purpose of housing, as home, is too often relegated behind its economic function, as asset.

As individuals increasingly use housing as a place to park and extract wealth, and governments do all they can to keep house prices on an upward track, the author analyses how this refunctioning of housing is a great source of social inequality.
The Politics and Ideology of Planning

Tim Marshall, Oxford Brookes University

“Marshall not only presents a compelling view of key issues in the contemporary planning system, but has outlined key areas of concern for the future. A must-read for students, practitioners and academics alike.”
MALCOLM TAIT, UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

“An incisive and critical book spurred by the belief that planning matters enough for us to understand its relationship to politics and ideology properly. It has something to offer all those with a serious interest in planning.”
HUW THOMAS, CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

“A well-written, timely and insightful book, casting light on the role of politics and ideology in shaping the built and natural environment of the United Kingdom.”
ROSE GRAYSTON, CREATE STREETS FOUNDATION

Planning is a battleground of ideas and interests, perhaps more visibly and continuously than ever before in the UK.

Marshall goes to the root of current planning models and exposes who is acting for what purposes in these battlegrounds. He examines the ideological structuring of planning and the interplay of various political interests, and analyses contemporary attempts at planning reform by recent governments to show how we can generate more effective political engagements for common gain.
The Short Guide to Town and Country Planning

Adam Sheppard, Nick Croft and Nick Smith, University of the West of England

“This book is a vital tool for those who want to deliver a planning system open to all, with everyone’s health, safety and wellbeing at its heart. It is a must-have for all those communities who want to use planning to build a better future.”

HUGH ELLIS, TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

“This account of the fundamentals of planning, written by three authors with a wealth of practice experience, provides an accessible and concise introduction to the development of the profession and some of the challenges facing planners today.”

NICK GALLENT, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

“This is a great overview of what planning is all about, and a handy one-stop resource for any student thinking about starting their career in planning.”

ALEXANDER NURSE, UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

This Short Guide offers an introductory overview of the practice of planning for those with little or no prior knowledge. The book discusses planning implementation and delivery with a consideration of planning decision making, delivery vehicles and the process of development. It looks at current and future pressures, dynamics and challenges, encouraging the reader to adopt a reflective and inquisitive outlook.
Reimagining Homelessness
For Policy and Practice

Eoin O’Sullivan, Trinity College Dublin

“Few have the experience and credentials to reflect on European homelessness as Eoin O’Sullivan. And none can match his depth of knowledge.”

DENNIS CULHANE, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Bringing to light the most contemporary research, policy and practice, this book presents stark evidence from Irish experience to argue that we need to urgently reimagine homelessness as a pattern of residential instability and economic precariousness regularly experienced by marginal households.

Using Evidence to End Homelessness

Edited by Lígia Teixeira and James Cartwright, Centre for Homelessness Impact

“A fascinating synthesis of the concerns and challenges facing those working to end homelessness, alongside the emerging transferable lessons and insights arising from the growing role of evidence evaluation and what works across many public policy domains.”

KEN GIBB, UK COLLABORATIVE CENTRE FOR HOUSING EVIDENCE

This urgent book gathers the insights of leaders in government, academia and the third sector to present new evidence-based strategies to end homelessness. Contributors advocate for a new movement that embraces data and evidence to end homelessness effectively.
Ending Homelessness?
The Contrasting Experiences of Denmark, Finland and Ireland

Mike Allen, Focus Ireland, Lars Benjaminsen, Danish Center for Social Science Research, Eoin O’Sullivan, Trinity College Dublin and Nicholas Pleace, University of York

“The lessons unearthed in this book will be pivotal if ending homelessness is to progress from an admirable objective to a realisable goal.”

JOE DOHERTY, UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

Providing an in-depth exploration of the experiences of Ireland, Denmark and Finland in their various initiatives designed to end homelessness, this book presents an authoritative comparative account of policies and strategies that have worked, along with an exposition of those that have not.

The Fall and Rise of Social Housing
100 Years on 20 Estates

Becky Tunstall, University of York

“This is a wonderful book... it demonstrates that those who disparage social housing today are often peddling outdated myths that they do not even know are myths.”

THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

Drawing on a unique archive spanning the lifetime of 20 council estate projects in the UK and using hundreds of resident voices, this book reveals the secrets of council housing’s failures and successes, and the reasons for them.
How to Build Houses and Save the Countryside

Shaun Spiers, Green Alliance

“Rural planning in Britain has all but collapsed. How to restore it, how to reinvigorate the rural economy and chart who will live in it, and how, is by far the biggest challenge to domestic politics in Britain. Thank god for this book and its clear thinking on the subject.”

SIMON JENKINS, JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

Focusing on house building and conservation politics in England, Spiers uses his considerable experience and extensive research to demonstrate why the current model doesn’t work, and why there needs to be both planning reform and a more active role for the state, including local government.

Reviving Local Authority Housing Delivery
Challenging Austerity through Municipal Entrepreneurialism

Janice Morphet and Ben Clifford, University College London

“Posits a different potential role for local authorities as challengers to austerity and as local innovators.”

ROSE GRAYSON, POLICY MANAGER AT SHELTER

This book provides crucial insight into the fightback against austerity by local authorities through emerging forms of municipal entrepreneurialism in housing delivery. It examines what this means for the changing relationship between local and central government and provides new ways of thinking about meeting housing need within and beyond the UK.
Creating Community-Led and Self-Build Homes
A Guide to Collaborative Practice in the UK

Martin Field, De Montfort University

“This book is an invaluable, up-to-date overview of the sector, demonstrating that it is a diverse grass roots housing movement, that if given the chance can offer an important alternative to our broken housing market.”

BOB COLENUTT, OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Examines ‘self-build housing’ and ‘community-led housing’, discussing the commonalities and distinctions between these in practice, and what could be learned from other initiatives across Europe.

Enabling Participatory Planning
Planning Aid and Advocacy in Neoliberal Times

Gavin Parker and Emma Street, University of Reading

“The book combines historical analysis of advocacy planning with a critical assessment of the current policy environment to provide both a must-read and a rallying cry for all those committed to ensuring greater participation in the planning process.”

SUE BROWNILL, OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Charting the experience of Planning Aid England (PAE) past and present, this book examines the challenges in delivering a participatory planning agenda in the face of an increasingly neoliberalised planning system.
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