

# 2017 Housing Theory Symposium

## Housing Networks, Relations and Assemblages: The View From Housing Studies

- DATE** 1st – 2nd June 2017
- LOCATION** University of Sydney (see map below)
- KEYNOTES** Professor Pauline McGuirk  
Dr Rae Dufty-Jones

In recent years growing numbers of urban researchers have been exploring methodologies that attend to networks, relations (Jacob and Malpas 2013) and assemblages (McFarlane 2011) that constitute urban space. This work has produced useful insights across diverse areas of study: the dynamic nature of policy development and transfer (Baker and McGuirk in press; McCann 2011), the processes of slum creation and inhabitation (McFarlane 2011), as well as the more-than-human relationships that underpin the functioning of cities (Jacobs and Cairns 2007). These efforts to think about cities in relational terms mobilise a range of different theoretical frameworks, including, but not limited to, assemblage theory, assemblage thinking and actor network theory. These ideas are also being taken up in housing studies, but there is little consensus amongst housing researchers about how these theories should shape the research process, and indeed if these theories can productively move us beyond current housing methodologies. The 2017 Housing Theory Symposium encourages papers that examine the value and utility of relational theories and methodologies in a housing studies context. We encourage papers addressing this issue from different perspectives, including: papers that are strongly informed by relational theories, which explore ideas of agency and emergence in a housing context; papers that are critical of these theories; and papers that adapt relational methodologies as a tool to open up new avenues of enquiry.

### Organising Committee

- Dr Dallas Rogers, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, University of Sydney
- Dr Emma Power, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University
- Dr Hazel Easthope, City Futures Research Centre, University of New South Wales
- Dr Rae Dufty-Jones, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University

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- The Urban Housing Lab, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning, University of Sydney

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Darlington Centre - Conference Room

## Day 1: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

9:00am	Registration/Coffee	Darlington Centre	
9:15am	Welcome	Dr Dallas Rogers	
9:30am	Session 1 - Keynote	Chair Dr Dallas Rogers	
9:30am		Symposium Keynote Professor Pauline McGuirk University of Wollongong	<i>Assemblage Thinking</i>
10:15am		Discussion	
10:30am	Morning tea	Darlington Centre	
11:00am	Session 2	Chair Dr Emma Power	
11:00am		Professor Laurence Murphy University of Auckland	<i>Calculative Practices, Affordable Housing and the Residential Development Process</i>
11:30pm		Associate Professor Kathy Mee University of Newcastle	<i>Assembling Social Housing</i>
12:00pm		Dr Pranita Shrestha University of Sydney	<i>Uncovering structural inequalities: towards the revival of Marxist relational perspective for understanding urban (in)formality</i>
12:30pm	Lunch	Darlington Centre	
1:30pm	Session 3	Chair Dr Rae Dufty-Jones	
1:30pm		Greta Werner University of Sydney	<i>Housing infrastructure development - conflict or assemblage?</i>
2:00pm		Dr Jasmine Palmer University of South Australia	<i>Relational Revelations. An ANT-eye view of housing provision.</i>
2:30pm		Louise Dorigon University of Melbourne	<i>On tactics and assemblages in housing studies: De Certeau and contemporary encounters</i>
3:00pm	Afternoon tea	Darlington Centre	
3:30pm	Session 4	Chair Dr Hazel Eastrope	
3:30pm		Dr Kathleen Flanagan University of Tasmania	<i>Beyond brokerage: social network analysis, social capital and urban research</i>
4:00pm		Dr Sophia Maalsen University of Sydney	<i>Revisoning the smart house as assemblage</i>
4:30pm		Charles Gillon University of Wollongong	<i>Tarnishing the coastal home: how exposing home-making as more-than-human questions the expression and function of houses in a coastal master-planned estate.</i>
5:00pm	Close		

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**Day 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**

9:30am	Session 5	Dr Dallas Rogers	
9:35am		Keynote Dr Rae Dufty-Jones Western Sydney University	<i>Mobilities and digital methodologies in housing studies</i>
10:00am		Discussion	
10:30am	Morning tea	Darlington Centre	
11:00am	Session 6	Chair Dr Emma Power	
11:00am		Dr Kate Raynor University of Melbourne	<i>Assemblages and social housing – Investigating an innovative housing partnership in west Melbourne</i>
11:30pm		Yuan Wei University of Sydney	<i>Housing Form and Practices of Urban Agriculture: Case Studies in Kunming, China</i>
12:00pm	Lunch	Darlington Centre	
1:30pm	Session 7 Public Session	Chair: Professor Nicole Gurran	
1:30pm		Sha Liu University of Sydney	<i>Quantitative analysis of possible determinants of Chinese foreign investment in Australian housing market</i>
2:00pm		Catherine Gilbert University of Sydney	<i>Common approaches, diverse implementation: planning reforms to support new housing development in Australia, Canada and England</i>
2:30pm		Tegan Bergan and Dr Rae Dufty-Jones Western Sydney University	<i>The impact of the transfer of social housing management on tenant mobility</i>
3:00pm		Gina Zappia University of Tasmania	<i>Women renters, their ability to appropriate the tenured dwelling, and accounts of the 'virtual landlord'.</i>
3:30pm		Discussion	
4:00pm	Close		

# Map

**Darlington Centre** is at 174 City Road, Darlington. It is a 15-minute walk from **Redfern Train Station**.

