

ICS SEMINAR SERIES 2024

Living Well in Troubled times 1: Valuing participation in housing co-operatives

9 May 2024 | 11:30am - 1:00pm
Room: EA.1.04 Parramatta South Campus

Abstract

"The first of two seminars on Living Well in Troubled Times, 'Valuing participation in housing co-operatives', brings together academic, industry, and co-operative partners from the recently completed ARC Linkage project, Articulating Value in Housing Co-operatives." The first of these, 'Valuing participation in housing co-operatives', brings together academic, industry, and co-operative partners from the recently completed ARC Linkage project, Articulating Value in Housing Co-operatives. This seminar will discuss the partnership, method, and findings of the project, which sought to identify the value(s) generated by housing co-operatives' unique requirement for tenant-member participation in a range of governance and management activities. The discussion will therefore include consideration of the core role of participation in shaping the experiences of living in a housing co-operative, reflecting on this in the context of broader public and policy discourses of 'participation' and how it might enable living well.

Biographies

Professor Louise Crabtree-Hayes is a professorial research fellow in the Institute for Culture and Society whose work applies systems thinking to housing and development. Louise led the ARC Linkage project Articulating Value in Housing Co-operatives and has over 20 years' experience in research into community-led housing, including co-operatives.

Professor Neil Perry is an ecologist economist in the School of Business, the Chief Economist in the Centre for Western Sydney, and a member of the Institute for Culture and Society. Neil incorporates social and ecological values into economics and contributed to the ARC Linkage project by analysing the costs of cooperative housing and linkages between housing inputs and outcomes.

Nick is CEO of Common Equity NSW, a Community Housing Provider and peak body for rental housing co-operatives in NSW. Nick has worked in the social and affordable housing sector for over 25 years. He is passionate about increasing people's access to safe, affordable, and secure housing, and supporting tenants' agency and voice in the way this housing is delivered and managed.

Tricia Sullivan has lived in CEHL cooperative housing for the last 30 years. She firmly believes in the cooperative principles of voluntary and open membership, democratically controlled participation, autonomy/independence, education, and community involvement. In her professional life Trica promotes these principles in her work in the neighbourhood house, public housing, and community sectors.

Panelists: Louise Crabtree-Hayes,
Neil Perry, Nick Sabel and Patricia
Sullivan

Chair: Emma Power

Research Alignment:
Urban Futures

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