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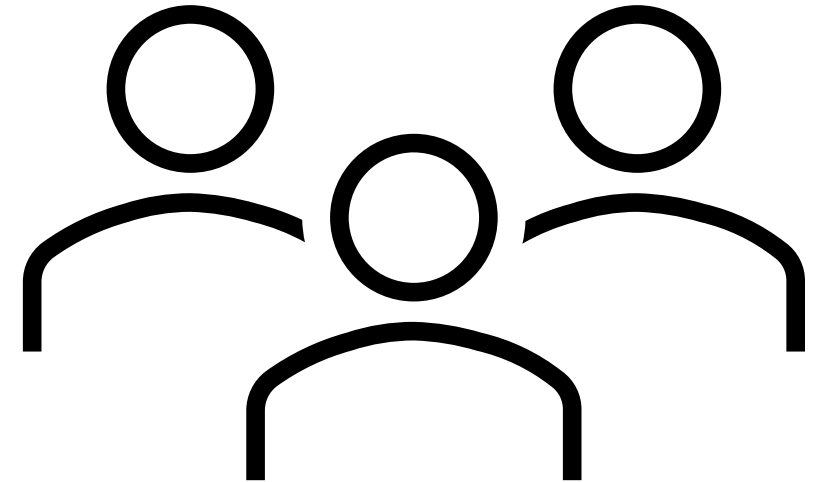
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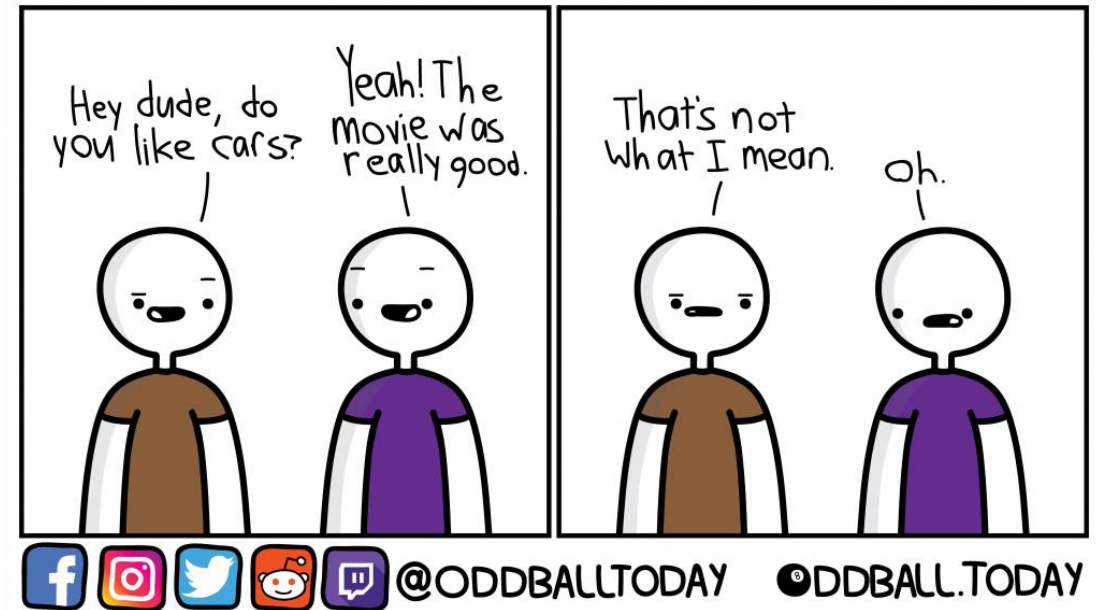
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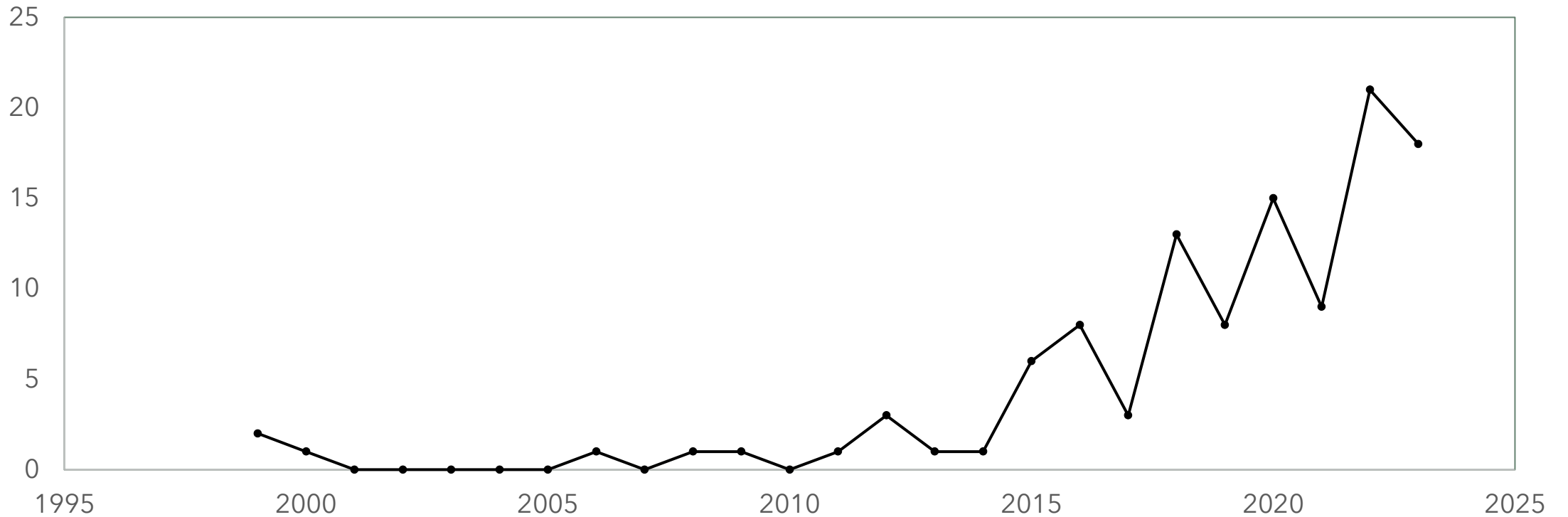
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→ **Highly heterogenous (and somewhat confusing) literature**

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Housing as a commons?



➤ Growing, but ambiguous use of the concept in housing research





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Mapping housing commons

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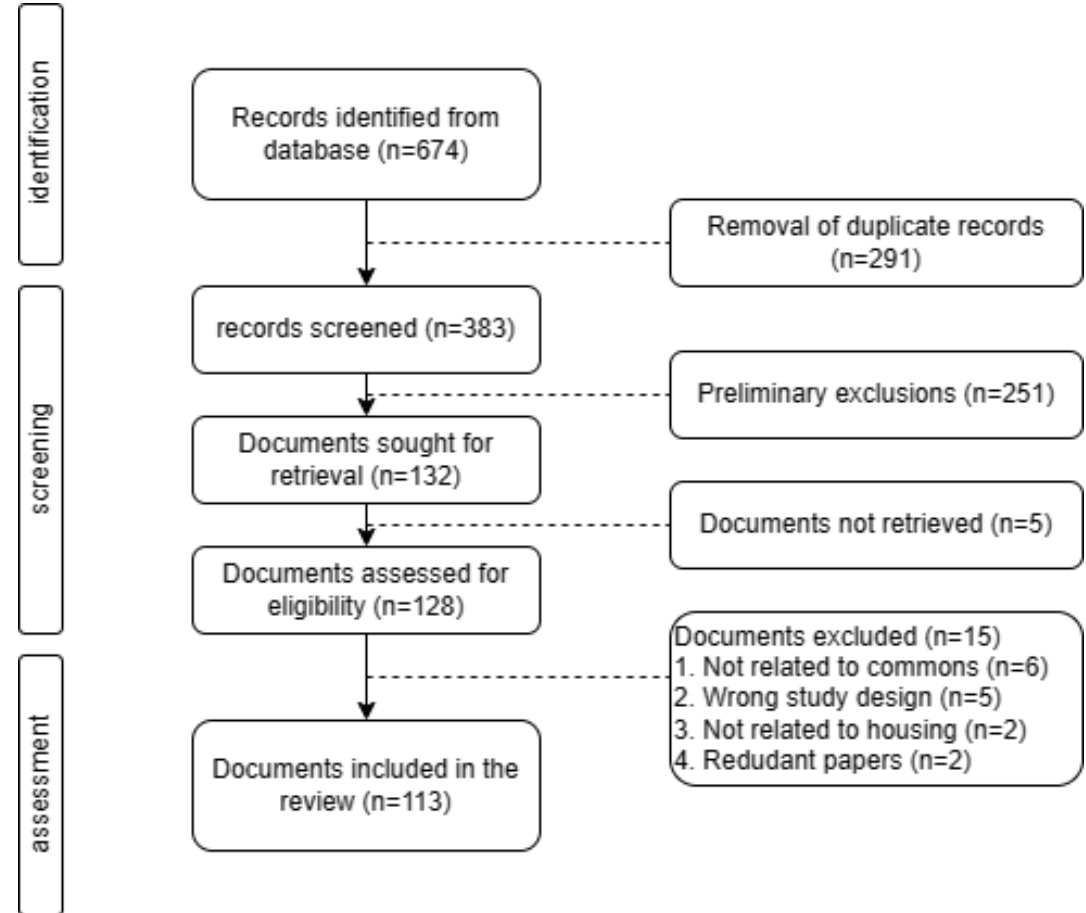
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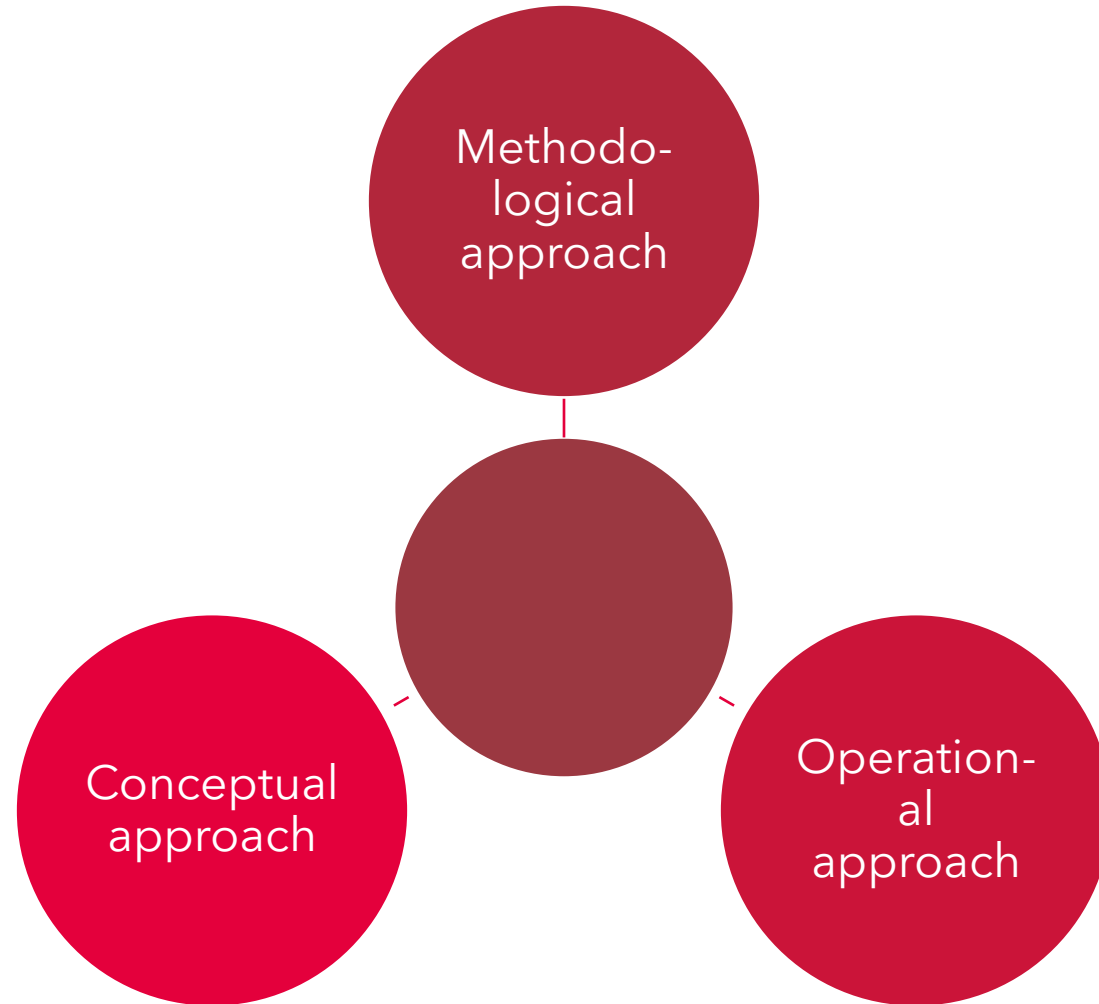
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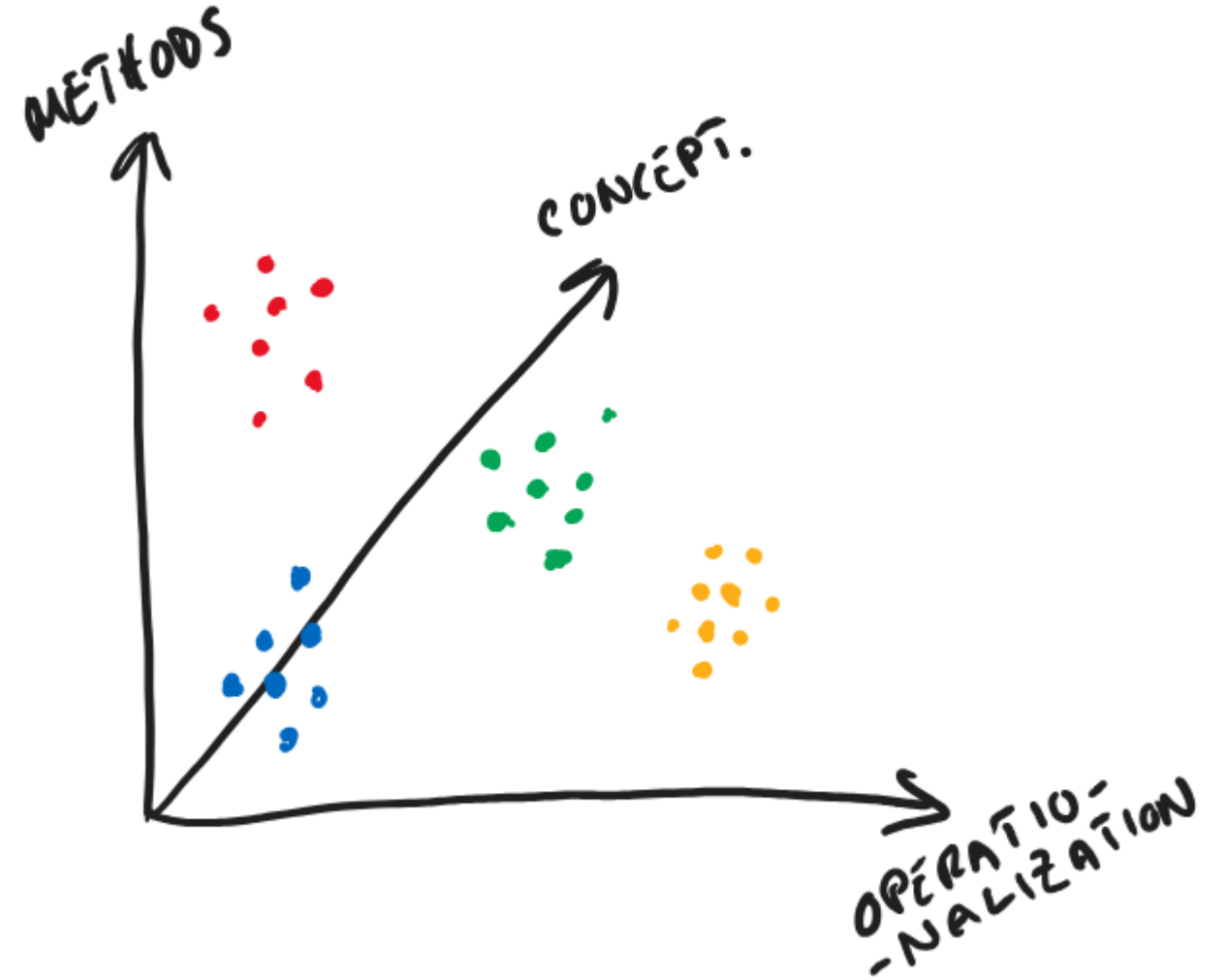
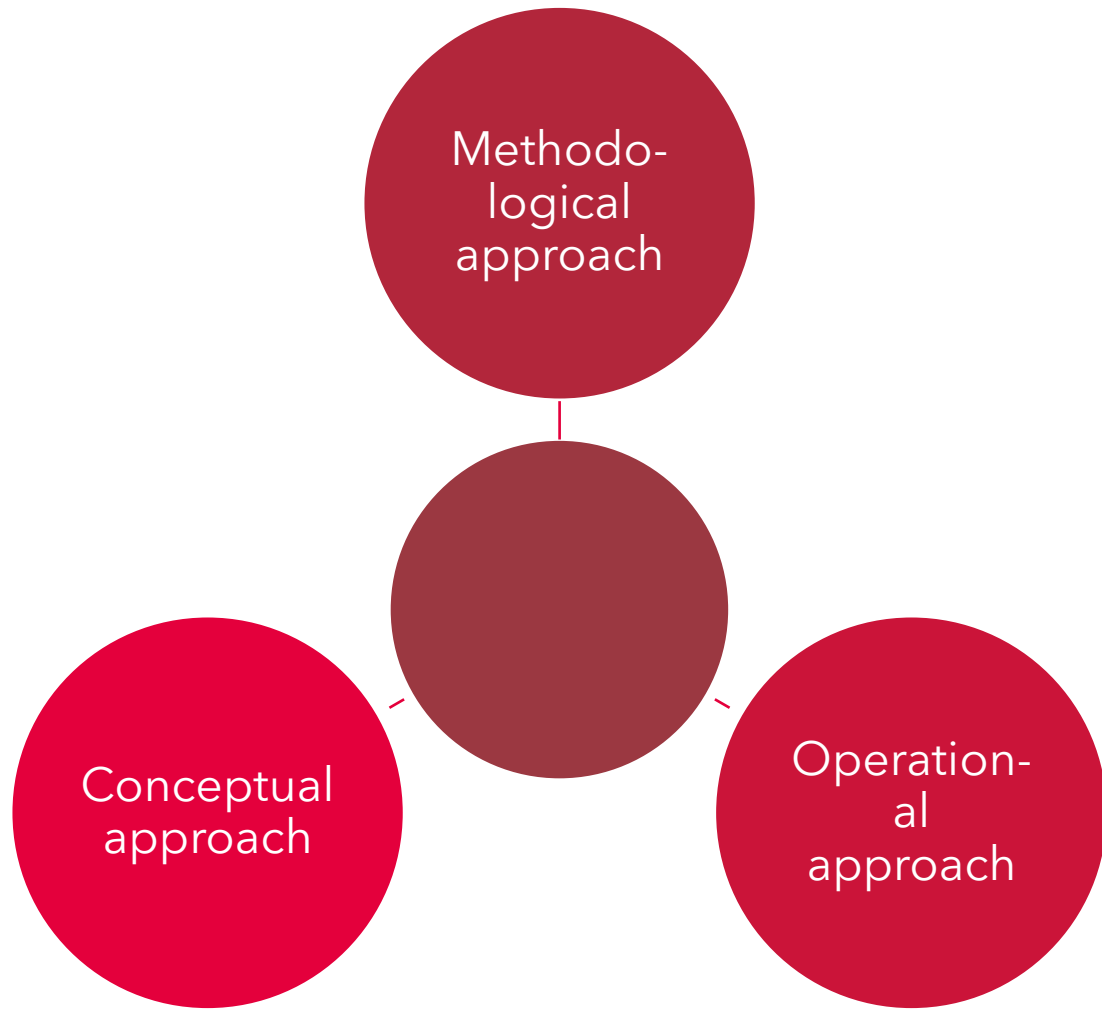
Search terms

Concept	#	Keywords (free text)
Housing	1	*Housing
	2	Condominium
	3	Dwelling*
	4	Squat*
	5	Apartment*
	6	Combine 1-5 with OR
Commons	7	Commons (exact)
	8	Commoning (exact)
	9	"Common-pool resource"
	10	Ostrom
	11	"Common property"
	12	Combine 7-11 with OR
Final	13	Combine #6 & #12 with AND

Clustering perspectives



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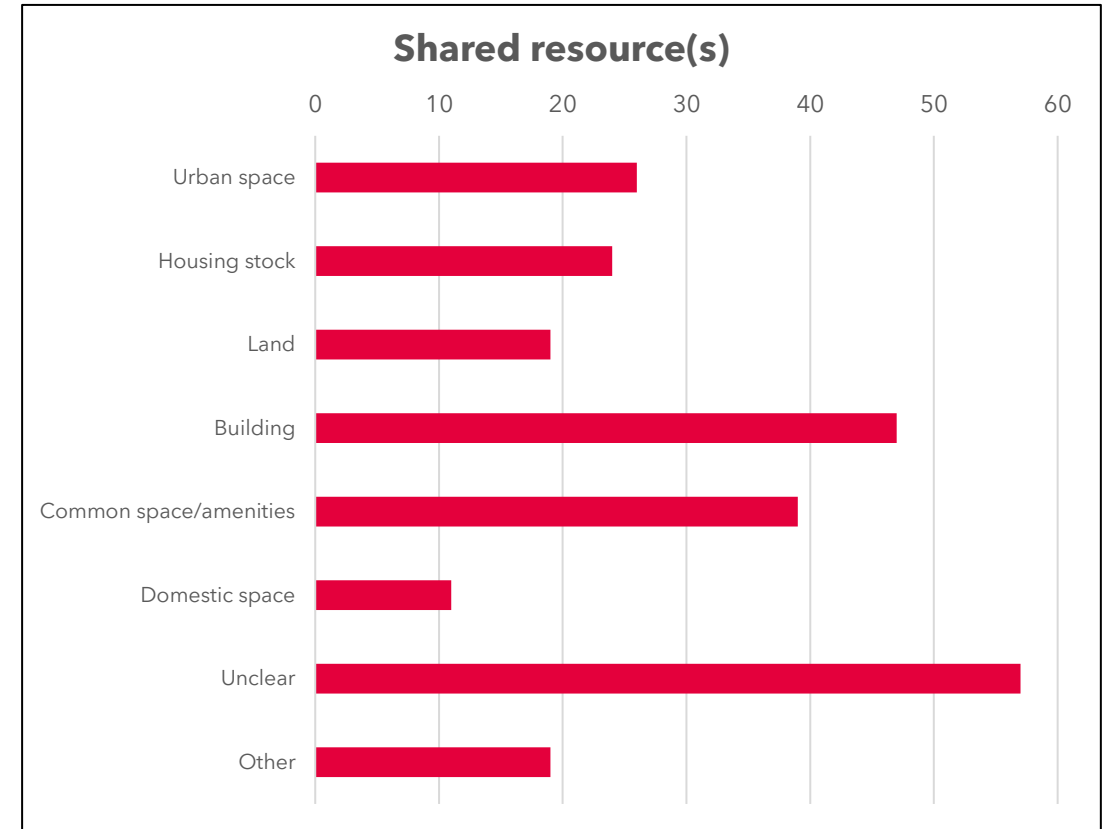
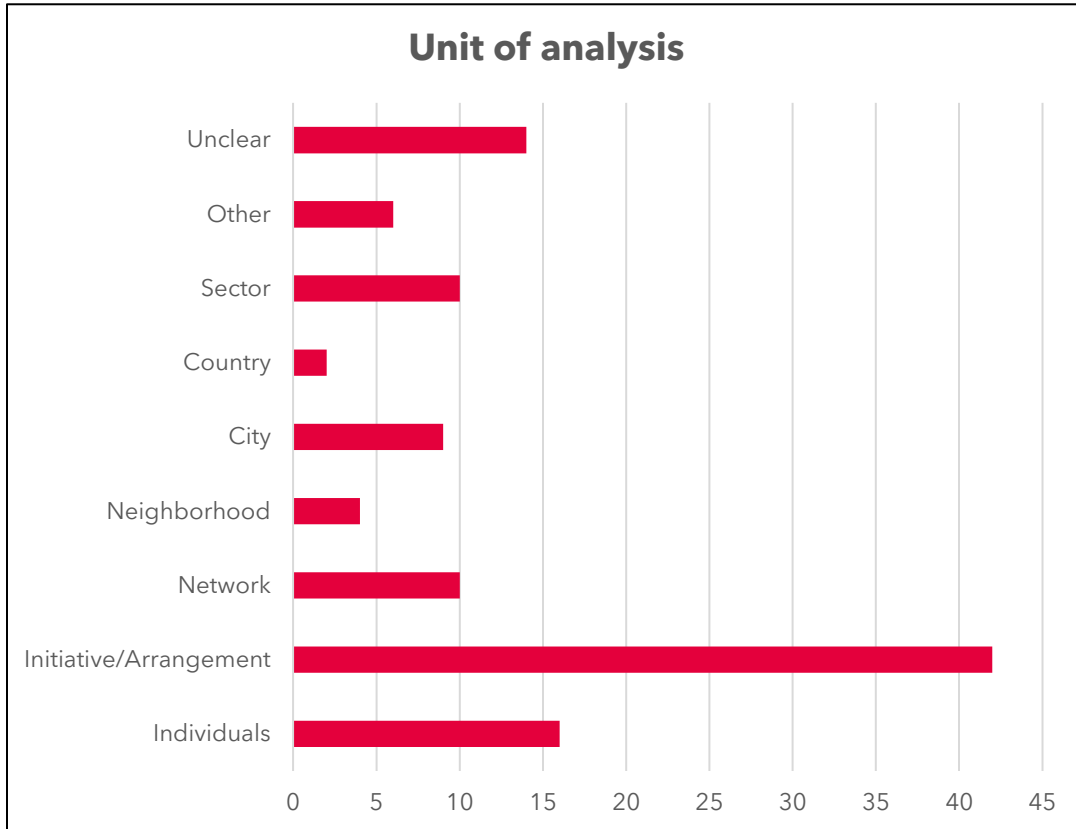


Coding scheme

Categories	Codes	Description/guiding question
Descriptive	Document type	Journal article, book chapter
	Year	Publication year
	Publication	Name of the publication
	Discipline	Discipline of the 1 st author
	Geographical coverage	Region(s) and country(ies)
Methodological approach	Data gathering	Which data sources are used in the study?
	Description & analysis	Which methodological approaches are used to describe and/or analyse the commons under study?
Conceptual approach	Research questions	What are the paper's research questions?
	Conceptual framework	Are the authors referring to a specific conceptual framework?
	Function	Which social function do the authors assign to the commons?
	Autonomy	How do the authors conceive the commons in relation to states, markets and civil society?
	Motivation(s)	Why is the author using the concept/framework of the "commons"?
Scale of analysis	Unit of analysis	What is the unit of analysis in the study? E.g. "commons", individuals, neighborhood, city, sector
	Level of analysis	What is the primary level of analysis in the study? (micro meso, macro)
Operationalization	Empirical focus	Which aspect of the commons is prioritized in the analysis? E.g. resource, community, rules.
	Resource	Which resource(s) are considered central to the 'commons' under study, and what are its characteristics
	Community	How is the community defined and approached by the author? What are its main characteristics?
	Rules/practices	Which types of rules and practices are identified by the authors?
	Property relations (tenure)	Which forms of property relations for land and housing are identified by the authors? Does it play a central role in their analysis?

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Operationalization of the concept



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3 prospective clusters

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Asia, Eastern Europe & Lat. America	Europe & North-America	Diverse

Overview & Research gaps

- **Common element:** meeting housing needs or objectives through self-organization
- Missed opportunities for cross-cluster dialogue (esp. 1 & 2)
- Very few quantitative or mixed-methods research design
- Uneven geographical coverage
- Role of public policies and legal/property systems

Thank you
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Merci

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