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# Housing as commons?

Omnia sunt communia




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# Background

- Housing as a fundamental need (Ekins & Max-Neef, 1992; Gough, 2015)
- Housing financialization and global affordability crisis (Aalbers, 2008; Harvey, 2012)
  - ~3bn expected to be inadequately housed by 2030 (UN-Habitat, 2022)

→ **Commonification** as a way forward?  
(Balmer & Bernet, 2015; Huron, 2018; Ostrom, 1990; Savini & Bossuyt, 2022)



 Bloomberg.com  
**EU Housing Crisis Is Intensifying Across Germany, France and Sweden**

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7 févr. 2024 — The struggle to finance and build homes is contributing to a profound housing crisis in sub-Saharan Africa. In almost all African countries ...



# $u^b$ Research Questions

- RQ1** How are housing commons organized, and how can they contribute to the widespread provision of affordable housing?
- RQ2** Which political-economic conditions are conducive to housing commonification?
- RQ3** Which strategies are deployed by commoners to ensure the maintenance of the model in the long term?
- RQ4** How can housing commons provide “more than just housing”, prefigurating sustainable post-growth modes of living?

# $u^b$ Methodology & Data

- Institutional Resource Regime framework (**IRR**)
  - Institutions ↔ actors ↔ resources
- **Ethnographic** approach based on qualitative data
  - Complemented by quantitative data if relevant and available
- **Comparative** research design: Switzerland and Ghana
  - Approx. 1 year of fieldwork planned

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