

August Gächter / Housing in Urban Transition – Changes in social homogeneity in Vienna

This contribution traces the links between immigration, social mobility, and cooperative housing over the period from 1981 to 2016. As shown, the expansion of cooperative housing in the 1980s targeted households of workers with upper secondary vocational skills along with middle-level salaried employees, especially in the public sector. Very often these were the upwardly-mobile children, or more likely grandchildren, of immigrants who had arrived before 1925. Recent immigrants did not have the education or occupational standing to be part of this target group. A degree of housing segregation resulted that caused geographic distance to be added to the social distance. From about 2000 this dual distance was important in creating resistance to the integration of recent immigrants or their children into cooperative housing.

Margrit Hugentobler/Marie Glaser (CH) / Housing Integration in Zurich – Approaches, measures and exemplary projects

This article focuses on the problems of social integration of those socially-disadvantaged groups of the foreign population in Switzerland on low incomes and describes current examples of successful approaches to integration in limited-profit housing in Zurich. Due to the federal system, housing provision in Switzerland is in the hands of the cantons and cities. The inclusion of the disadvantaged will increase in importance and urgency, also due to the difficulty of finding and maintaining an affordable flat on the hard-pressed housing markets in Swiss cities. The article presents selected professional non-governmental provisions for support in housing for vulnerable groups in Zurich. Their aim is to provide various housing opportunities and ensure that they are sustainable through targeted housing coaching, conflict prevention and social work on housing estates.