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School of the Built Environment Institute for Housing, Urban & Real Estate Research

About the Institute

Established in 2011, the Institute for Housing, Urban and Real Estate Research (IHURER) is headed by Professor Glen Bramley. Within a staff complement of 15, the Institute also contains four other internationally renowned professors: Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Colin Jones, Hal Pawson and Ya Ping Wang. With 25 per cent of IHURER staff research outputs classed as 'world leading' in the UK Government's 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, the Institute is among the UK's top social and urban policy research centres.

IHURER members have a robust track record on externally funded research, including research council and charitable funding as well as commissions from a wide range of government departments and agencies throughout the UK and beyond. With nine mainly research-based books and nearly 60 refereed journal articles published in the five years to 2010, the Institute's strong scholarship credentials are also evident in Professor Fitzpatrick's editorship of the *International Journal of Housing Policy*.

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IHURER Background

The Institute for Housing, Urban and Real Estate Research brings together the previously existing research groups within Heriot-Watt University's School of the Built Environment (SBE)

- Centre for Research into Socially Inclusive Services
- Housing and Urban Society
- Property Economics and Investment
- Scottish Centre for Chinese Urban and Environmental Studies (SCCUES)

The new group also includes Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick and Dr Sarah Johnsen, following their move to Heriot-Watt from the University of York in July 2010.

Research Links

Within the School of the Built Environment, IHURER has strong links with the Institute of Building and Urban Design (IBUD), especially with colleagues expert in land-use planning, construction techniques and carbon emissions modelling. Externally, the Institute has strong collaborative relationships with academics at a number of UK and overseas institutions including the University of Bristol, University of Glasgow, University of York, Beijing University, University of New South Wales and Uppsala University, Sweden.

Postgraduate Research

The Institute includes more than a dozen PhD students studying across the eight themes of the group, including two students funded by the ESRC. Supervision is available across all areas of the Institute, and enquiries from prospective students - both home and overseas - are very welcome.



IHURER work is grouped under eight themes:

- Affordability, housing markets and private renting
- Commercial property markets
- Diversity/black and minority ethnic communities
- Homelessness and social exclusion
- Housing and urbanisation in China
- Housing development, design and regeneration
- Housing policy, management and governance
- Neighbourhoods and deprivation

More information about these themes and the work going on within them - including current and past projects - can be found on the IHURER pages of the SBE website: www.sbe.hw.ac.uk

Research Expertise

- Policy evaluation
- International comparative research
- Econometric and simulation modelling
- Longitudinal methods
- Qualitative methods/analysis
- Secondary data analysis and GIS
- Socio-legal analysis
- Survey design and analysis

Funders

- Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)
- CABE Space
- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
- Engineering and Physical Research Council (EPSRC)
- Equality and Human Rights Commission
- European Commission
- Health Scotland
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Scottish Government
- Welsh Assembly Government

