

# Housing is Caring

Housing  
through  
Gender  
Studies

International Conference  
**Programme**

22-24 . NOV . 2023

**Location: LOCI\_Bruxelles (UCLouvain) 47-51 rue Henri Wafelaerts (1060 Brussels)**

UCLouvain/Saint-Louis (CTRL+H – Uses & Spaces – Loci/Lab), Angela.D asbl and ULB (La Cambre Horta – Hortence) invite you to the conference “**Housing is Caring: Housing through Gender Studies**” on November 22, 23 and 24 2023 in Brussels. This event aims to bring together different participants (academics, associations, collectives, residents) dealing with issues of gender, care and housing.

The four areas of discussions are:

1. **Social, international sexual division of care work in and around housing;**
2. **Space of care: architecture and gendered distribution of work;**
3. **Politics of care: the public problem of housing from the perspective of care;**
4. **Is saying care, means doing care? The performativity of care in and through the architecture of our homes.**

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# 22. NOV. 2023

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**08:30–09:00 am**Palmeraie  
Ground floor**WELCOME****09:00–09:30 am**Jeanne Van Celst  
Auditorium (AR-06)  
Ground floor**INTRODUCTION**

Introduction by the Secretary of State for Housing and Equal Opportunities - **Nawal Ben Hamou** (Brussels Region)  
Opening of the symposium by Chloé Salembier (UCLouvain – LAB – Angela.D)

**09:30–11:00 am**Jeanne Van Celst  
Auditorium (AR-06)  
Ground floor  
FR  
Translation  
FR/ENG and FR/ES**OPENING LECTURE**

**Corinne Luxembourg** (Paris 13 - Pléiade)  
**Thinking in terms of geographical care**

This talk takes a historical look at ways of caring for territories, and therefore for people. From an apprehension of health care spaces to a more environmental vision of care, how do the relationships between care and space, at different scales, make it possible to respond to issues of spatial and social justice? This conference will also explore the methodological implications of care in the field.

**11:00–11:30 am**Palmeraie  
Ground floor**COFFEE BREAK****11:30 am–01:00 pm**Room AR42  
4th floor  
FR**PARALLEL SESSION 1****A. Residential policies and care**

Speaker: Emmanuelle Lenel (UCLouvain-Saint-Louis – Césir)  
Moderator: Benjamin Leclercq (Unistra – LinCS – UCLouvain – LAB)

- **Marine Maurin** (ENSEIS)  
Troubles dans les relations de *care*. Enquête sociologique dans des habitats d'assistance dédiés aux sans-abris en temps de pandémie
- **Gloesener Justine** (ULiège – ndrscr)  
L'aventure des Amis de l'Etang: récit(s) autour de la création d'un collectif d'habitant·es initié par des travailleuses sociales d'une cité pour prendre soin de leur quartier
- **Jeanne Mosseray** (VUB – Cosmopolis)  
Care and living in community: towards caring housing policies

Room AR45  
4th floor  
FR**B. Public policies on ageing population**

Speaker: Damien Vanneste (UCLille – HADéPaS)  
Moderator: Audrey Courbebaisse (UCLouvain – LAB)

- **Pauline Mesnard - Clothilde Palazzo-Cretol - Lorry Bruttin** (HESTS Sierre)  
Les artisanes du *care*. La fabrique de l'entraide aux personnes âgées dans les territoires de montagne en Suisse
- **Marcos Azevedo** (EHESS – CEMS)  
L'accompagnement médico-social en santé mentale: une analyse intersectionnelle du *care* à domicile et dans ses abords
- **Veronica Redini** (Università luav di Venezia)  
La politique des espaces de soins. Régime de travail, cohabitation et alliances de genre dans le système de soins à domicile aux personnes âgées en Italie

Room AR46  
4th floor  
EN/FR

### C. Care work and the fabric of alterity

Speakers: Stéphanie Dadour (LAU – AUSSer) and Chloé Salembier (UCLouvain – LAB)

Moderator: Jean-Didier Bergilez (ULB – Hortence)

- **Joana Pestana Lages** (DINÂMIA'CET – Iscte-IUL) - **Nuno Dias** (CICS.NOVA – FCSH) - **Saila-Maria Saaristo** (DINÂMIA'CET – Iscte-IUL)  
Caring for Spaces. The Nexus of Housing and Labour Struggles of Institutional Care Workers in Portugal (*in English*)
- **Susanna Alette Helena Schreurs** (TU Delft – Gender Campus)  
The Backroom. The spatial characteristics of Domestic Workers Housing in South Africa During Apartheid (1948–1998). The Tale of Two Thirty-Ones (*in English*)
- **Emma Peltier** (U. Gustave Eiffel – LVMT)  
Prendre soin de soi et des siens. Les échelles du *care* dans les espaces domestiques des femmes roms précaires

01:00–02:00 pm

Palmeraie  
Ground floor

LUNCH

02:00–03:30 pm

PARALLEL SESSION 2

Room AR41  
4e étage  
FR

### D. Ageing people, ageing spaces

Speaker: Audrey Courbebaisse (UCLouvain – LAB)

Moderator: Damien Vanneste (UCLille – HADéPaS)

- **Marina Casula** (UT.Capitole – IDETCOM) – **Pascale Bourgeois** (Hal'âge)  
Pratiques de *care* face au vieillissement en habitat participatif: retour sur une expérience vécue dans une coopérative d'habitantes
- **Irène Behar** (IDHEAL) – **Catherine Sabbah** (IDHEAL) – **Odile Dubois-Joye** (ANIL) – **Elvire Tribalat** (ANIL) – **Laure Perset** (ANIL)  
Bien vieillir bien logées: le parcours des combattantes
- **Federica Gatta** (UGA – PACTE) – **Cécile Léonardi** (ENSAG – AE&CC) – **Alouna Nicolas** (PACTE)  
Soin des gens, soin des espaces: publics vulnérables et rénovation architecturale en contexte d'austérité urbaine

Room AR42  
4th floor  
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### E. Architecture and feminist movements

Speakers: Marie Durand (Unistra – LinCS) and Stéphanie Dadour (LAU – AUSSer)

Moderator: Benjamin Leclercq (Unistra – LinCS – UCLouvain – LAB)

- **Elisabeth Gérard** (ULB – Hortence) – **Veronique Boone** (ULB – Hortence)  
Les féministes, porteuses historiques d'une éthique du *care* dans le logement? Le cas de la Commission Logement du Conseil National des Femmes Belges (1945–1970)
- **Apolline Vranken** (ULB – Hortence)  
Auto-ethnographie féministe de la publicisation du Fonds Simone Guillissen-Hoa au CIVA: entre *care* matériel, *care* mémoriel et *care* relationnel
- **Sidonie Atgé-Delbays** (U. Montréal)  
Bricoler l'espace: récits d'expériences et analyses de chantiers féministes

Room AR43  
4th floor  
FR

### F. Materiality of care spaces

Speaker: Annie Dussuet (UNantes – CeNS)

Moderator: Chloé Salembier (UCLouvain – LAB)

- **Siham Karim** (CHU Casablanca)  
Habiter l'hôpital, habiter le *care*
- **Thibault Rabain** (ENSA Nantes – CRENAU)  
L'impossibilité du *care* en pouponnière à caractère social?
- **Marie Trossat** (EPFL – Metrolab)  
Une halte inclusive et sororale? La Sister's House ou l'hospitalité sous contraintes

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**03:30–04:30 pm**

Palmeraie  
Ground floor  
FR/EN

**COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

- **Heidrun Wankiewicz** (Corrina.eu - R&F coop Salzburg-Rotterdam) - **Lidewij Tummers** (Corrina.eu - R&F coop Salzburg-Rotterdam)  
Operationalizing Care for planning contexts (*in english*)
- **Méghane Adam** (UCA – LESCORES)  
Réparer l’habitat, soigner l’habitant.e. Rapport de genre dans l’accompagnement à l’auto-rénovation du logement des personnes en situation de vulnérabilité
- **Emma Turmo Domicile** (ENSARennes)  
*Dirty care* et architecture: le genre et le *care* comme approches nécessaires pour penser les hébergements d’urgence destinés aux femmes victimes de violences en France
- **Tahera Bilger** (U. Bordeaux – Passages)  
Le logement au cœur du travail de *care* des femmes de classes supérieures: entre «travail du style de vie» et stratégies patrimoniales
- **Sarah Laghrami** (UCLouvain)  
Lecture genrée du logement étudiant de Louvain-la-Neuve
- **Ali Simon** (LMU Munich)  
Clean Homes - An Intersectional Analysis of Housing, Cleaning and Care (*in English*)
- **Agie Akano Galicy Totolehibe** (UCLouvain – LAB)  
Des logements collectifs de *care*, une nouvelle perspective de logement en Région Bruxelles Capitale ?
- **Kimberley Berney** (HEAD)  
The Inhabited garden: Community led care for the elderly (*in english and/or French*)
- **Zoe Tzika** (UPV-RE – DWELL ITN)  
Housing as community infrastructure: analysis of a senior cooperative in Barcelona through the Capabilities Approach (*in english and/or spanish*)

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**04:30–06:30 pm**

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**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS**
**From invisibility to public care policies**

Moderator: Justine Gloesener (ULiège – ndrscr)  
Speaker: Magali Verdier (Angela.D)

- **Tecnologías de lo común. Cuidados, ciudad y cooperativismo.**  
– Maité Echaider (Assistante d’enseignement, membre du Groupe de recherche sur le genre, l’espace et le territoire [GET] – Institut d’études territoriales et urbaines [IETU] – Montevideo Uruguay)
- **La corresponsabilidad social de los cuidados en la vivienda desde una perspectiva feminista** – Roser Casanovas (architecte, membre fondatrice de la coopérative Féministe Punt 6 – Barcelone – Espagne)
- **La federación uruguaya de cooperativas de vivienda de ayuda mutua** – Isabel Zerboni (membre et habitante de la FUCVAM)

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**06:30–09:00 pm**

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Ground floor

**DINNER DRINK**

(online subscription only)

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# 23. NOV. 2023

**08:30–09:00 am**

**WELCOME**

Palmeraie  
Ground floor

**09:00–10:30 am**

**MAIN LECTURE**

Jeanne Van Celst  
Auditorium (AR-06)  
Ground floor  
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**Annie Dussuet** (U. Nantes – CeNS)  
**The question of private space: from domestic work to care**

This lecture starts with reviewing the feminist contributions to the concepts of domestic work and care. It then analyses the relationship between the conditions of these domestic ‘caring’ activities and the definition of the private, at both material and political levels.

**10:30–11:00 am**

**COFFEE BREAK**

Palmeraie  
Ground floor

**11:00 am–12:30 pm**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 3**

Room AR41  
4th floor  
FR

**G. Disability and interdependencies**

Speaker: Pierre Gilbert (Paris 8 – CRESPPA)  
Moderator: Audrey Courbebaisse (UCLouvain – LAB)

- **Aurélie Dammame** (Paris 8 – CRESSPA)  
Vivre avec «le» handicap et après? Retour sur une expérience de rencontre d’un lieu de vie ouvert sur la cité
- **Virginie Loizeau** (Rennes 2 – ESO)  
Prendre soin de son enfant atteint de mucoviscidose ou d’asthme. L’ajustement du rôle et de la place de la mère dans la famille au prisme de l’espace domestique
- **El Hadji Malick Sylla** (APHRC – West Africa Regional Office)  
*Care* pour les enfants et les adultes dépendants, une affaire de pauvre? Évidence à partir de l’Enquête nationale sur l’emploi du temps au Sénégal

Room AR42  
4e étage  
EN/FR

**H. Care mobility and inequalities in metropolitan spaces**

Speakers: Nele Aernouts (VUB – Cosmopolis) et Anne Lambert (INED – LIST) (*online*)  
Moderator: Chloé Salembier (UCLouvain – LAB)

- **Tu Le Thi Ngoc** (Hoa Sen University) (*online*)  
Connecting urban mobility and social-gender roles: A case study from Ho-chiminh City, Vietnam (*in English*)
- **Lilite Rossignol** (U. Gustave Eiffel – LVMT)  
La dimension spatiale des domesticités dans la métropole: parcours de migration, trajectoires résidentielles et mobilités quotidiennes de travailleuses domestiques en Île-de-France
- **Noémie Emmanuel** (UCLouvain – CIRTES)  
Les travailleuses du *care* et leur maisonnée: études de cas de reconfigurations domestiques de travailleuses du soin à Bruxelles

Room AR43  
4th floor  
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**I. Care communities and collectivism**

Speakers: Lidewij Tummers (Utwente – CSTM) and Christine Schaut (ULB – Sasha)  
Moderator: Benjamin Leclercq (Unistra – LinCS – UCLouvain – LAB)

- **Hakim Cherkaoui** (LIEU-AMU-ENAR)  
Une communauté du *care*. Cas de l’habitat informel au Maroc
- **Gizem Aksümer** (Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University) – **Michel Lussault** (ENS Lyon – EVS)  
Caring Communities: Collaborative Housing’s Impact on Addressing the Care Crisis
- **Laurine Chapon** (Paris 3 – CREDA)  
*Care*, logement et socialisme à La Havane

<b>12:30–01:30 pm</b> Palmeraie Ground floor	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>01:30–03:30 pm</b> Jeanne Van Celst Auditorium (AR-06) Ground floor FR/EN/ES	<b>ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS</b>  <b>From patriarchal to Feminist housing</b> Moderators: Audrey Courbebaisse (UCLouvain – LAB) and Chris Thiry (Angela.D)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Casa comunitaria feminista: la Casa Berta de Mujeres diversas</b> – Paula Santos (coordinatrice de l’association « Mujeres Migrantes y Diversas »)</li> <li>• <b>The development of four women’s housing projects in Viena from 2009 to 2025</b> – Ingrid Shukri (organisatrice projet Rosa – Vienne)</li> <li>• <b>A vivienda en las cooperativas de ayuda mutua en Uruguay</b> – Isabel Zerboni (membre et habitante de La FUCVAM)</li> <li>• <b>Entre espace habité et interface protéiforme communautaire</b> – Naast Monique (Bruxelles)</li> </ul>
<b>03:30–04:00 pm</b> Palmeraie Ground floor	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>04:00–06:30 pm</b>	<b>GUIDED TOURS</b>  <b>Feminist support (subscription only)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tour 1 – 4:45–6:15 pm   Sister’s House   Guided tour of the Sister’s House, a shelter for migrant women, with the ‘Plateforme Citoyenne de Soutien aux Réfugié-es’ - FR - 10 people max, single sex (women only)</b>  Guide: Naiké Garny from the Sister’s House support committee.  Accompanying person: Justine Gloesener (ULiège - ndrscr).</li> <li>• <b>Tour 2 – 4:30–5:30pm   Circé   Guided tour of Circé, a day center by and for homeless women in Brussels, with ‘L’Ilot asbl’ – FR – 25 people max</b>  Guides: Anne Barthès, Circé’s coordinator  Accompanying person: Apolline Vranken (ULB – Hortence)</li> <li>• <b>Tour 3 – 4:30–5:30 pm   Calico   Guided tour of the Calico (CAre and LIving in COmmunity) housing project with ‘Angela D. asbl’ (FR + EN)</b>  Guides: Chris Thiry and Katrien Van Capellen (Angela.D)  Accompanying person: Chris Thiry (Angela.D)</li> <li>• <b>Tour 4 – 5:30–6:30 pm   Calico   Guided tour of the Calico (CAre and LIving in COmmunity) housing project with ‘Angela D. asbl’ (FR + EN)</b>  Guides: Chris Thiry and Katrien Van Capellen (Angela.D)  Accompanying person: Chris Thiry (Angela.D)</li> </ul>

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# 24. NOV. 2023

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## 09:00 am–01:00 pm GUIDED TOURS

### Integrating care and gender in housing production (subscription only)

- Tour 1 – 11:00 am–12:30 pm | Beguinage | Feminist guided tour of the Brussels Beguinage – EN – 30 people max  
Guide and accompanying person: Apolline Vranken (L'architecture qui dégenre asbl – ULB – Hortence)
- Tour 2 – 9:30–11:00 am | Cité Mellery | Guided tour of the 'Cité Mellery', collective housing project for the elderly (1950's) – FR – 15 people max  
Guide and accompanying person: Christine Fontaine (UCLouvain – LAB)
- Tour 3 – 9:30–11:30 am | Cité de l'Amitié | Feminist guided tour of the 'Cité de l'Amitié', collective housing for disabled people (1970's) – FR – 15 people max  
Guide and accompanying person: Agie Akano Galicy (UCLouvain-LAB)

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## 01:00–02:00 pm LUNCH

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Ground floor

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## 02:00–03:00 pm Summary of the sessions by the moderators of the parallel sessions.

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Auditorium (AR-06)  
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## 03:00–04:30 pm CLOSING CONFERENCE

Jeanne Van Celst  
Auditorium (AR-06)  
Ground floor

**Jos Boys** – Co-director, The DisOrdinary Architecture Project and independent scholar

### Gender, housing and care, then and now

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The publication *Making Space: Women and the Man-Made Environment* (Pluto Press 1984) by UK-based feminist design collective Matrix is one example of second wave feminists grappling with the intersections between gender, our built surroundings and architectural practices in the 1980s. In this talk, Jos Boys – one of the co-authors of that book, and a founding member of Matrix – uses this work as a 'jumping off' point for exploring how social, spatial and material relations related to gender and housing have changed since then, as well as some of the ongoing shifts in discourses and narratives. She also brings more recent work as a co-director of The DisOrdinary Architecture Project (a platform led by disabled artists to rethink access and inclusion across the built environment) to current framings of care. By engaging with the critical and creative intersections between architectural/housing-based approaches and disability scholarship, arts and activism, Jos will discuss the importance, but also the complexities, of bringing an ethics of care to bear on gender and housing issues.

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## 04:30–05:30 pm GENERAL CONCLUSION

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**Corinne Luxembourg** (Paris 13 – Pléiade)

**Stéphanie Dadour** (LAU – AUSSer)

**Soizic Dubot** (Vie Féminine)

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**Toutes les grandes conférences (Corinne Luxembourg, Annie Dussuet et Jos Boys), les deux tables rondes, les restitutions de sessions et les conclusions seront traduites (FR-EN, FR-ES, ENG-FR, ENG-ESP, ESP-FR, ESP-ENG).**

**All keynote speeches (Corinne Luxembourg, Annie Dussuet and Jos Boys), the two round tables, session reports and conclusions will be translated (FR-EN, FR-ES, ENG-FR, ENG-ESP, ESP-FR, ESP-ENG).**

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