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Urban living and diversity

Differences are a constitutional part of city life. This is particularly evident in housing: people who live close to each other often differ in many ways (age, gender, social class, professional and cultural backgrounds, lifestyle etc.). After a short introduction to housing and differences in urban space, this lecture focuses on the relations of neighbours in two different residential settings: A) post-migrant neighbourhoods in large-scale housing estates and B) intergenerational and communal co-living projects. Based on the findings of current research, the focus will be on the potentials and challenges in dealing with so-cio-cultural and age-related diversity in these contexts.

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