Housing
Inequality, segregation, integration & neighbourhood effects
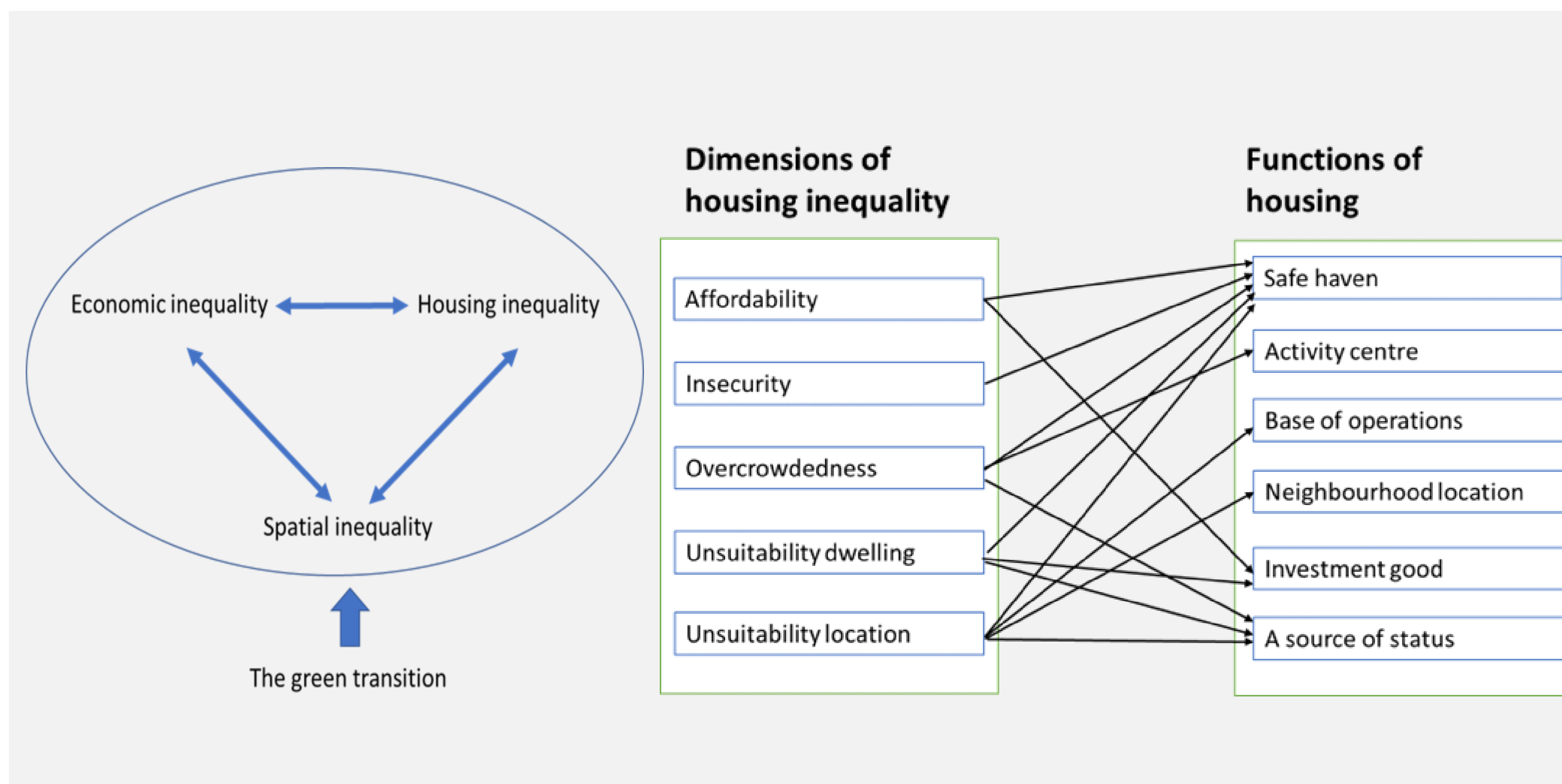
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Research history

Since 2000: research on housing careers and residential segregation (following PhD), expanded with research on neighbourhood change, urban renewal and social mix.
Current projects focus on:
- Effects of school and neighbourhood context on the well-being of adolescents (with Marco, Kirsten), links to themes of *Youth* and *Health*)
- Housing of recent migrants (NWO-China) (Ids, Pieter, Yanliu) and arrival infrastructures (Reroot, Horizon)(Ilse, Carolien), links to themes of *Migration* and *Diversity.*
- Precarious Housing (PusH, recently completed with Ilse) and submitted Horizon project (with Kirsten), links to themes of *Transportation* and *Public Space.*

DE MANTRA VAN DE MX — 2000-2015

2019- PusH / Reroot / NWO-China

(Hopefully) 2024-2027 — Horizon Europe

"Jeg tror ikke på argumenter om, at nedrivninger medfører et bedre socialt miks og bedre integration af etniske minoriteter. Min personlige mening er, at det er som at tro på eventyr at tro på dette. Det foregår ikke sådan"
GIDEON BOLT, PROFESSOR I URBAN GEOGRAFI

Main research questions

1) To what extent do the social and physical characteristics of the school and neighbourhood context affect the mental health of adolescents and how do these effects differ in time?
2) How are migrants incorporated in the housing market and what is the role of housing and the wider arrival infrastructure in their social inclusion?
3) How does economic inequality affect housing inequality and vice versa? How does spatial inequality mediate the relationship between housing inequality and economic inequality? How does the ongoing green transition and rising energy prices affect housing inequality, incl. affordability? How can policy measures effectively reduce housing inequality and support the development of affordable, accessible, and inclusive housing while securing the possibility for a green transition?

Contribution to urban geography

The right to protection against poverty and social exclusion (European Social Charter, article 30): Unaffordable housing or lack of housing can lead to poverty and social exclusion. By providing an understanding of and suggestions for securing affordable housing of suitable quality, our research can aid in minimising the risk of poverty and social exclusion due to precarious housing situations.
Links to broader debates about (social and spatial) inequality

The right to housing (European Social Charter, article 31): Having a roof over one's head is not sufficient. The right to housing includes the access to housing of an adequate standard, prevention of homelessness, and accessible housing for those without adequate resources. By providing measures for and best practices to reducing housing inequality and securing affordable, accessible housing for all, our research may aid politicians and policymakers at EU, national and municipal level in securing the right to housing.
Links to broader debates about the right to the city

"Mjølnerparken"
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Mjølnerparken was (until recently) considered a ghetto according to Danish legislation