Housing Regime and Institutional Change

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**Research Summary:** Housing is housing. Under certain conditions it becomes a wobbly pillar or a cornerstone of welfare state. Under other conditions it becomes means of speculation, or amplifier of inequality. “Housing Regime” is the name for the conceptual framework in this research to grasp the role and function of ‘Housing as Institution’ and ‘Institutions for Housing’. Housing (as an institution) is not only a simple commodity in a market relation of supply-demand, nor a government issued public good, but a result of social combination of institutions (for housing). This study will elucidate the nature of housing as housing itself, and investigate in what kind of conditions housing functions in certain kind of ways. New-Institutionalist Approach and studies on Policy Transfer will support the theoretical background on examining the Korean and Dutch Cases, focusing on the ‘policy’ and ‘strategy’ of actors such as the government, providers and tenants. Conclusions will contribute to identifying any elements we should consider when introducing, transferring or changing any existing policies and institutions.

**Research Methodology:** To understand the role of housing this research will use a mix methods approach. Government reports, academic literature and statistical data will be covered for overview of the housing system and ‘policies’. Qualitative data such as interviews will support the ‘strategy’ part.

**Key Publications:**
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