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## Conference

# “The Modern House: Anthropological Perspectives on the Transformation of Vernacular Houses”

**9. – 11. March 2021**

(Heidelberg, Germany, Online)

## Schedule

(Please note that the times indicated correspond to the Berlin time zone)

### Tuesday 9 March

**13:30 – 14:00** Welcome (Conference convenors and **Guido Sprenger**)

**14:00 – 15:30** Panel 1: House Biographies and Social Change (Chair: **Jonathan Alderman**)

**Simone Abram**

*“Lives of the House: Tracing Kinship through the Biography of the House”*

**Marie Durand**

*“From Graves to Houses: Building with Concrete and Managing Multiple Temporalities in Vanuatu (19th – 21st Century)”*

**Nile A. Davies**

*“Building a Creole House”*

**15:30 – 16:00** Coffee Break

**16:00 – 17:30** Panel 2: Concrete Materiality and its Accommodation (Chair: **Rosalie Stolz**)

**Nurit Bird-David**

*“Houses and Ontologies in the Age of Cement: Comparative Notes”*

**Andrea Bravo Diaz**

*“‘Pretty but Too Hot, it Smells Like Bat Urine’: Public Funded Housing for a Waorani Village in Ecuadorian Amazonia”*

**Jonathan Alderman**

*“The Construction of the House-Human Assemblage in a Rural Andean Bolivian Community”*

**18:00** Keynote **Marcel Vellinga**

*“Anthropology and the Study of Architecture at a Time of Rapid Change”*



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## Wednesday 10 March

**08:45 – 9:00 Welcome Day Two**

**9:00 – 10:45 Panel 3: The Vernacular and its Discontents (Chair/Discussant: Giacomo Pozzi)**

**Eli Elinoff**

*“Not Vernacular Enough: What Does an Anthropology of Housing Do with Dwellings of No Architectural Significance?”*

**Sophie Elpers**

*“Vernacular Architecture Dynamics in the Netherlands”*

**Kirsten Wagner**

*“Practices of Dwelling: The Hidden Narratives of the Vernacular in Early Urban Sociology”*

**10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15 – 13:00 Panel 4 The Politics of Housing Design (Chair/Discussant: Paolo Grassi)**

**Saffron Woodcraft**

*“The ‘New London Vernacular’: Power, Policy, and the Making of Urban Citizens in London’s Olympic Park”*

**Julieta Barada and Jorge Tomasi**

*“New Materials, Different Spatialities, Same houses? Approaches to Pastoralist Communities and Modern State Relationships from the Study of Domestic Architectures and Techniques in the Andean Highlands (Jujuy, Argentina)”*

**Hannah Elliot**

*“Durable Conversions: House Building as Temporal Agency at the Gateway to Kenya’s ‘New Frontier’”*

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break**



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## Wednesday 10 March

**14:00 – 15:30**    **Panel 5: Translocal Dimension of the Vernacular** (Chair: **Rosalie Stolz**)

**Gizem Kahraman Aksoy**

*“In Pursuit of a Modern Home: Shared Vernacular Temporalities and Modern Aspirations of the Nationals and Transnationals in Qatar”*

**Elisa T. Bertuzzo**

*“A Transforming Production of Houses in an Age of Translocalisation: Instances in Kerala and West Bengal, India”*

**Andrea Freddi**

*“Concrete Desires of Im(mobility): Architecture of Remittances in Indigenous Guatemala”*

**15:30 – 16:00**    **Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 17:00**    **Discussion Forum 1: *The Transformation of Vernacular Architecture and the Anthropology of the House: A Discussion about Methods***

**17:00 – 17:30**    **Online Exhibition**

**Tim Daly**

*“The Plotlands: Improvised Housing in Coastal Britain - An Archive of New Photography”*



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## Thursday 11 March

**9:45 – 10:00** Welcome Day Three

**10:00 – 11:30** Panel 6: The Social Fabric(ation) of Aspirational Houses (Chair: **Jonathan Alderman**)

**Meixuan Chen**

*“Building New Houses as Common “Causes” in the Emigrant Community in South China: Naming Houses, Forging Kinship and Imagining Modern Living Space”*

**Rosalie Stolz**

*“Pioneering Concrete Houses in Upland Laos”*

**Leberecht Funk and Wei-Ya Lin**

*“The Living Tao House and its Social Fabric(ation)”*

**11:30 – 12:00** Coffee Break

**12:00 – 13:00** Discussion Forum 2: *The Anthropology of the Modern Houses: Insights for the Anthropological Study of the House*

**13:00 – 13:30** Outlook (Publication Plans) and Farewell

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