

Brief remarks about the right to housing (p. 231)

Francesco Bilancia

The essay proceeds from the analysis of the subjective situations considered as a corollary of individual rights deriving from the recognition of the right to housing. Taking cue from the financially conditioned nature of this right and from the hard question about the distribution of legislative powers between State and Regions in public social housing, this essay focuses on the relationship about the right to home – as deriving from Italian Constitution – and recent “social housing” policies adopted in our country. Finally the paper highlights the connections existing between the increasing relevance of finance in global economy, the supranational dimension of European law and the guarantee of the effectiveness of right to house.

Public social housing between State and local authorities (p. 249)

Paolo Urbani

The essay retraces the “history” of public social housing in Italy, especially focusing on the new issues raised by the approach that has been recently adopted in the Social Housing National Program and its integrated programs for social housing and urban requalification. Referring to these topics, it is to wonder until when the public interest justifies the awarding of building rights for private subjects charged with the programs carrying out.

Social housing. An English definition for Italian “public housing”? (p. 271)

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The essay points out a new expression adopted in Italian housing policies: “social housing” that however does not seem to infer any real content innovation. Proceeding from the specific legal framework it is highlighted the continuity between public housing and public social housing with respect to objectives, feasibility and subjects involved.

The right to housing in the UK (p. 313)

Caroline Hunter

This article examines the nature of housing rights in the UK. The Author argues that although they largely indicate compliance with international and European obligations, they are not constructed with such compliance in mind. The system of protection is complex, and while it cannot be said to amount to a “right to housing” in a simplistic sense, it does on the whole provide a set of justiciable rights to protect the homeless, to assist in payment towards housing, to give security of tenure and to provide minimum standards.

The right to housing in Spain (p. 325)

Gerardo García Álvarez

Spain has been interested by an increasing empowerment of the right to housing, due to the activism of the Regions that had developed several interventions despite of the not clear distribution of legislative competencies between national and regional level. The essay analyze the main issues of the Statute that in Spain has been defined as “protected housing” law or “public protection housing” law, and the content the planning strategies, particularly focusing on the legal establishment of areas that are bound by law to develop the public social housing. In addition the essay highlights the development of the case law and deepens the issue of competencies distribution.