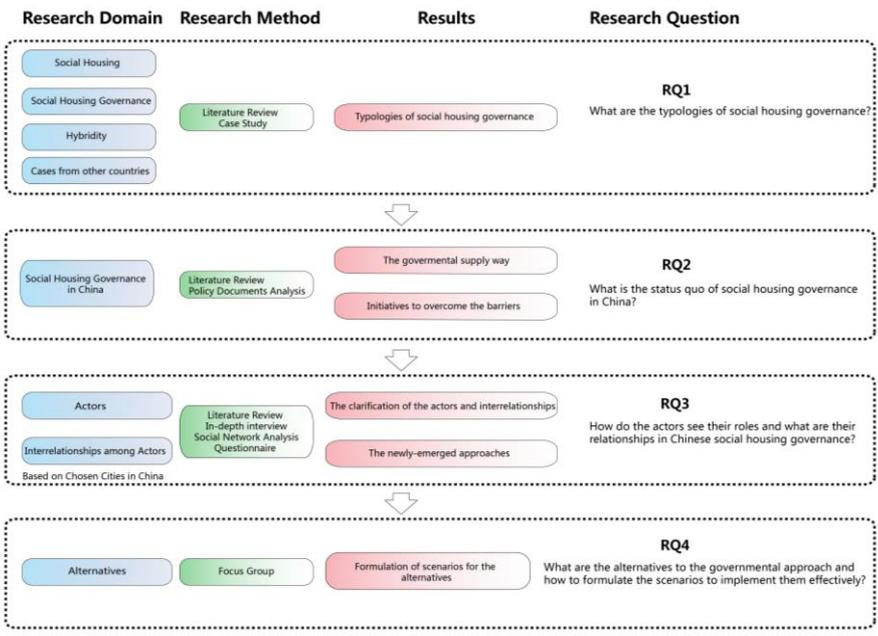


Social housing governance in urban China, Moving away from a governmental provision approach

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Research Summary: In China, social housing provided and managed by government can hardly meet the housing needs of the urban poor and the urban migrants. Moreover, the single supply approach has left a financial burden on governments and is said to induce corruption as a policy failure. Thus, the main aim of the PhD project is to build a deep understanding of the social housing governance in China and to explore alternatives to the social housing provision in China. Based on the aim, I proposed four-question sequence to figure out four aspects: 'the typologies of the social housing governance', 'the status quo of social housing governance in China', 'the actors and their roles in social housing system in China' and 'the alternatives to the social housing provision'.

Research Methodology: The study has four phases and each one is corresponding to one research question. The first phase is designed to build the typologies of social housing governance based on literature review. In the next two phases, interviews and questionnaires will be conducted for collecting data and Social Network Analysis will be used to analyze the actors and their relations. The final part will figure out the alternatives to the governmental supply of social housing in China and the alternatives will be verified by focus group.

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Main question: How to build a deep understanding of the social housing governance in China and how to explore alternatives to the governmental supply channel of social housing in China?

Deliverables: Elaboration of the social housing governance in urban China; Analysis of the actors involved in social housing provision and their relationships in two Chinese cities; The alternatives to the social housing provision.

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