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# Offset Mirrors: Institutional Paths in Canadian and Australian Social Housing

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## Abstract

Paired comparisons of liberal-welfare regimes are underrepresented in housing policy literature. This paper adopts historical institutionalist theory in comparing two such cases: C

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social housing systems, supported much residual US Australia's e a bigger nmes, social is an e tenants,

engagement than Canada. These two cases illustrate the importance of institutional

differences, including “institutional design”, in creating different forces of change at key junctures, leading to divergences in policy paths. These findings suggest value in reinterpreting the existing secondary literature from the perspectives of welfare regime theory and historical institutionalism.

Key Words: [Social housing](#) [welfare state](#) [housing policy](#) [federalism](#) [Canada](#) [Australia](#)

## Notes

1. Dollar values in this article are either Australian or Canadian dollars, depending on the context. Australia's dollar averaged 89 per cent of Canada's in 1998–2008 exchange value, but is virtually equal in terms of Purchasing Power Parity; by 2011 these currencies were at par with each other and with the US dollar.
2. Leone and Carroll ([2010](#)) provide an unreliable account of AHI, e.g. indicating that its projects are underrepresented in big cities and that it amounts to a federal re-engagement rather than a less-targeted reprise of meagre 1950s production levels. Their account of policy history also misses the transformative public housing ‘heyday’ described earlier.
3. Housing assistance outlays for circa 2006 are from Australia FACSIA (2007) and Pomeroy ([2007](#)). Value of Australian assistance from Wang et al. (2004), consistent with more recent sources such as Hulse ([2007](#)) and Australia FAHCSIA (2010). The value of Canadian assistance from Wang et al. (2004) is \$671, which is significantly higher than the average of \$100 per household for public housing stock of 2006, and is consistent with the value of social housing stock (including public housing stock) in the 2006 census (2006). The value of social housing stock (including public housing stock) in the 2006 census (2006) is \$100 per household. The value of social housing stock (including public housing stock) in the 2006 census (2006) is \$100 per household.



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