

The research by design method and the design for life course spatial adaptability

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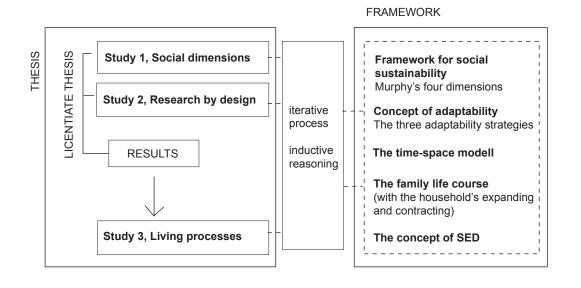


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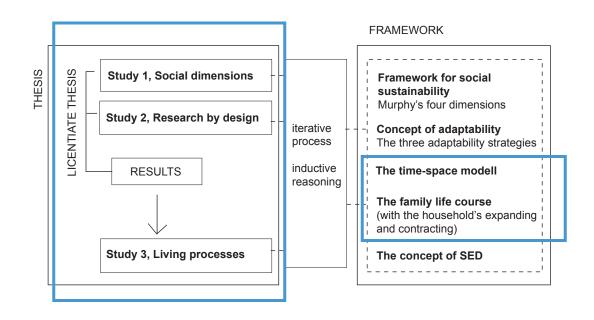
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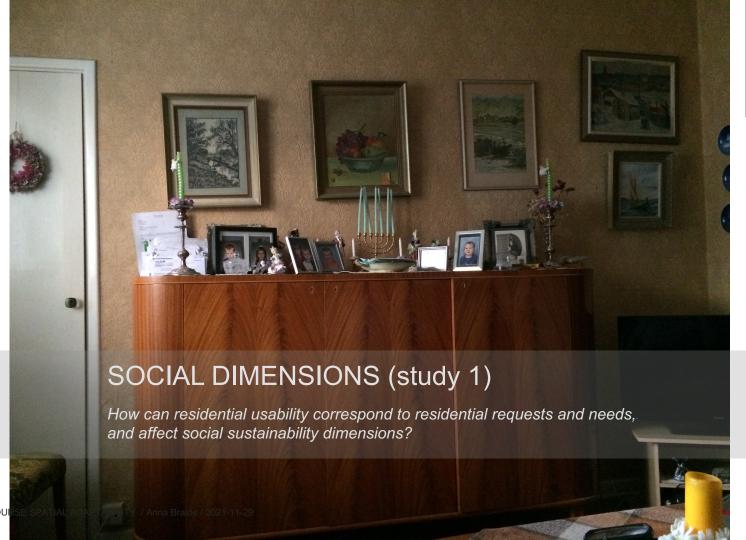


# Adaptable space

- The need to adapt to the changing needs for individuals as they grow old or less physically able.
- To respond to the changing constitution of a family as it grows and then contracts
  (Schneider & Till, 2007, Flexible Housing)

# The family life course

The sequence of periods in life during which there are children living in the home, groing up, and eventually leaving the home.







Social qualities: the equity dimension, the participation dimension, the social cohesion dimension, the awareness of sustainability dimension

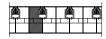
(Murphy, 2012, The social pillar of sustainable development: A litterature review and framework for policy analysis)

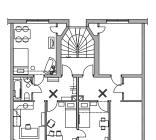
Adaptable space concept: generality, flexibility and elasticity

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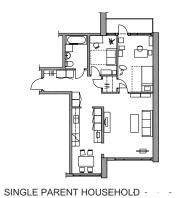
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LARGE FAMILY HOUSEHOLD



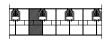


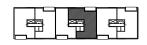
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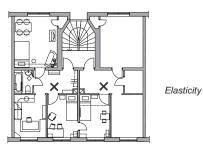
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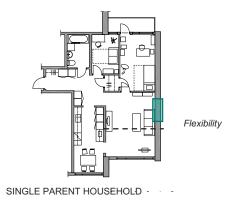




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Adaptable space: generality, flexibility, elasticity



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# CHALMERS

#### A STUDENT DESIGN PROJECT: A MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

#### **Preconditions:**

The plot with surroundings constitute a precondition for the building.

To address both social, environmental and economic sustainability perspectives in the design of the multi family residential building:

#### social sustainability

- -The apartments' room configuration and room sizes shall have the capacity to function for different spatial needs and for diverse household types.
- -All apartments shall supply qualitative indoor and outdoor space for the residents.
- -The appartment shall enable one flexible room to create one extra room.

Describe the living situation where a household choose to stay and not move despite changed living conditions:

Starting position: Two parents, three children

Changed situation: children move out, the grandmother moves in or the parents have a tenant.

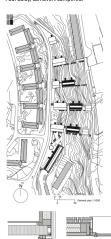
#### **Environmental sustainability**

- -Apply a holistic perspective on the building's frame and envelope to develop ecologically sustainable design sollutions. Motivate your sollutions, and explain the reduced environmental impact and the benefits of your design.
- -Innovative ideas

#### **Economic sustainability**

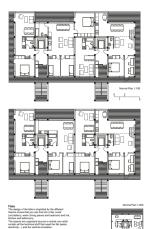
- -Well planned apartment space: affordability for the resident.
- -Well planned building space: stairwell and service space reasonable space.
- -Profitability for the developer.

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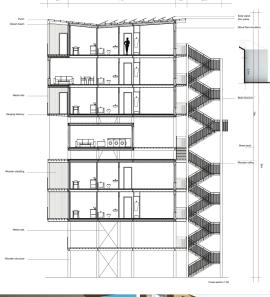














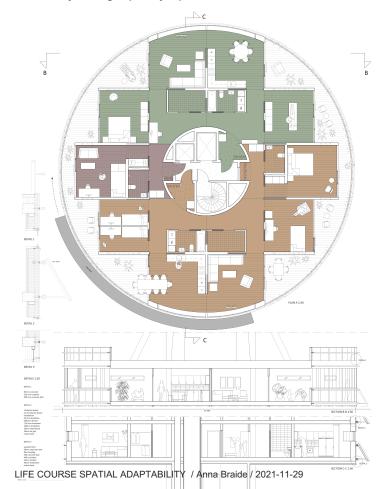


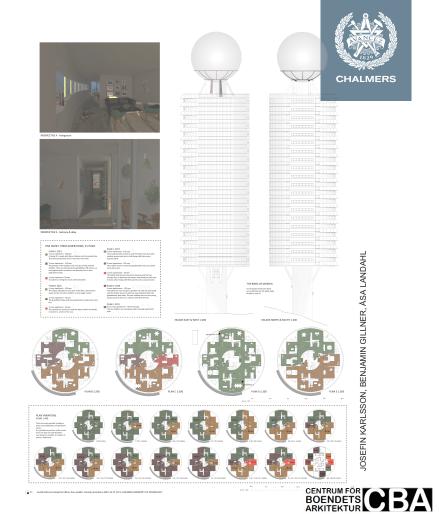




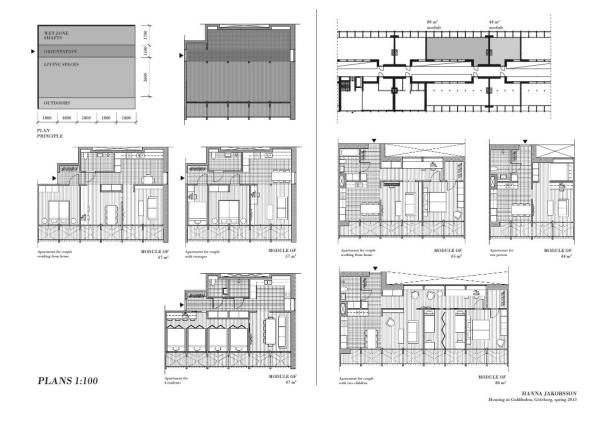












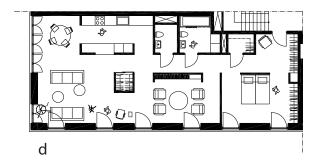




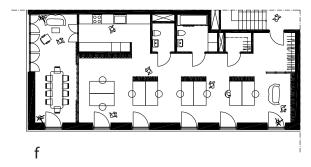










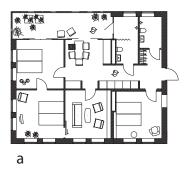


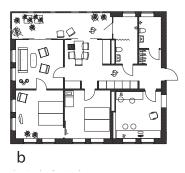
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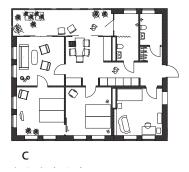


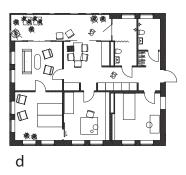


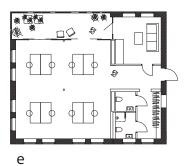
# Time-space model

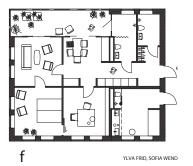




















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- The time-space model
- The three concepts of adaptable space: \Generality, Flexibility, Elasticity
- Social dimensions linked to spatial qualities.



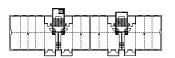
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- Studies of housing research and the question of adaptable space in the home.

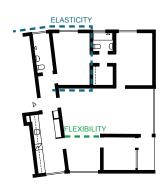
The family life course situation



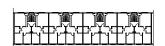


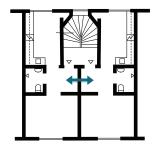






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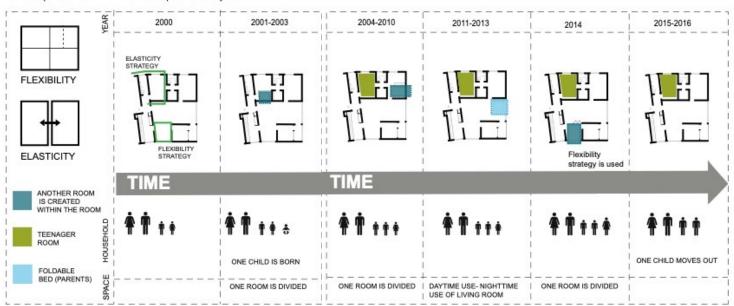


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### ADDITIONSHUSET, SPATIAL DIAGRAM, FLEXIBILITY AND ELASTICITY

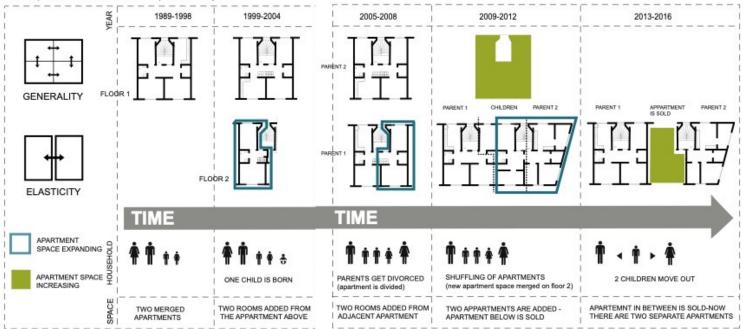
Size of apartment: 98 m2. Time in the apartment: 16 years





#### LANDSHÖVDINGEHUSET, SPATIAL DIAGRAM, GENERALITY AND ELASTICITY

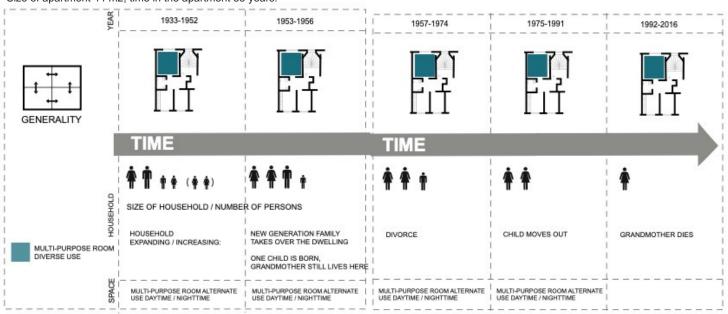
Size of apartment: varies. Time in the apartment: 27 years





## LANDSHÖVDINGEHUSET SPATIAL DIAGRAM, GENERALITY

Size of apartment 44 m2, time in the apartment 83 years.





# **ADAPTABLE SPACE**

Generality, Flexibility, Elasticity

# **SOCIAL DIMENSIONS**

THE REASONS FOR STAYING

The family life course situation

THE HOUSEHOLD EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY QUALITIES

THE COMMUNITY OF CREATIVE DWELLING AND ONE DOWNSIDE



# Further research 2019-2021

Funded by the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, and is directed towards the Swedish housing context.

The research deepens the results from the dissertation (Braide, 2019) on the topic of adaptable dwelling space and social qualities. The goal is to contribute to increase social qualities in living situations and contribute to a more sustainable dwelling stock.

In what way can design strategies for adaptable apartment space contribute to attractive apartments, and be easy to employ for the resident in regard to affordability and physical arrangements?

A selection of existing design strategies for adaptable apartment space are investigated.





