

## Invitation to Host the Traveling Exhibition ***Dutch Complex Housing***

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Dutch Complex Housing explores a special form of multi-family dwelling developed in response to the Netherlands' dense population and situation below sea-level. The exhibition profiles eight visually rich structures, responsive to their sites, designed to incorporate non-housing functions, a variety of housing types and income levels that support diverse residential communities.

In the Netherlands, where housing is a right, and urban design and planning are central to providing housing, complex housing emerged to make the best use of public transportation and infrastructure, and provide diversity of lifestyle and income in dense, urban settings. Can this innovative type of housing be replicated else-where?

Dutch Complex Housing will premiere at the University of Minnesota's Goldstein Museum of Design in September 2017 and will be available for bookings beginning in January 2018.



### **Exhibition Specifics**

*Contents:* Forty-eight fully designed, ready-to-print graphic panels with images, text, and diagrams

*Fee:* \$500 (digital file, one time use)

*Size:* 100 linear feet

*Security:* Low

*Available:* January 2018- June 2020

*Keywords:* Architecture, housing, multi-family, Netherlands

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## Exhibition Content

*Dutch Complex Housing* presents this content in four parts

- 1) An introduction to housing in the Netherlands
- 2) An introduction to typological methodology\* used to study the housing
- 3) The eight examples: De Muzen, Vrijburcht, Carnisselande, Zilvervloot, De Beeklaan, De Opgang, La Grande Cour, Silodam,
- 4) Principles that generate this type of housing and its potential for replicability elsewhere.

\*Typological methodology compares each structure's features such as site, massing, materials, fenestration (windows), color, courtyards, functions, housing types (row houses, maisonettes, flats, penthouses, group homes), access, outdoor space, and organization.



## Educational Resources

*Book:* *Complex Housing: Designing for Density*, Routledge. Anticipated publication August 2017.

*Lecture:* Author and exhibition curator Julia W Robinson explores the background, research methods, and implications of complex housing. Available beginning March 2017.

*Monograph:* The dialogue between Dutch and American housing professionals at the symposium "Complexity: Dutch and American Housing" (Oct 6-8 2017, University of Minnesota) will be documented in a print-on-demand monograph. Available after March 2018