

# Welfare City Theory

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## Welfare City Theory - editorial introduction

The articles in this issue of Nordic Journal of Architectural Research are written by researchers involved with the Welfare City Project - a research project that ran from 1997 to 2002. The project was based at the Aarhus School of Architecture, but it also involved researchers at The Faculty of Humanities, University of South Denmark/Odense University, The Department of Sociology, Lancaster University and The Department of Comparative Literature and Modern Culture, University of Copenhagen. These institutions in conjunction with the Danish Research Councils financed the project. An overview of the different projects within the overall project, of the activities that took place during the project as well as links to online-publications and other relevant information can be found at: <http://www.a-aarhus.dk/welfarecity/>

The idea behind this issue is to present theoretical insights and discussions generated by the work on the different projects, which together made up the Welfare City Project. Although all the articles originate in the same research project, the themes and points of focus are quite different. This obviously reflects the broad focus in the overall project both thematically and methodically. The framework keeping this heterogeneous collection of ideas together is the concept of 'The Welfare City'. An introduction to this concept is presented in the first article by Niels Albertsen and Bülent Diken, which then functions as an introduction to the issue.

We hope that you enjoy it! Tom Nielsen, Niels Albertsen