This issue focuses on the nature of co-housing and what it has to offer to society today. Can co-housing develop from the margins into something able to challenge the prevailing ways of distributing housing and can it create new social practices within cities? Karin Krokfors and her contributors examine the collaborative, communal and collective aspects of co-housing from different national, political and social perspectives. Throughout there is an emphasis on the relationship between living and the built environment.