

The diverse economies of housing:

patterns of inequalities in Romanian suburbia

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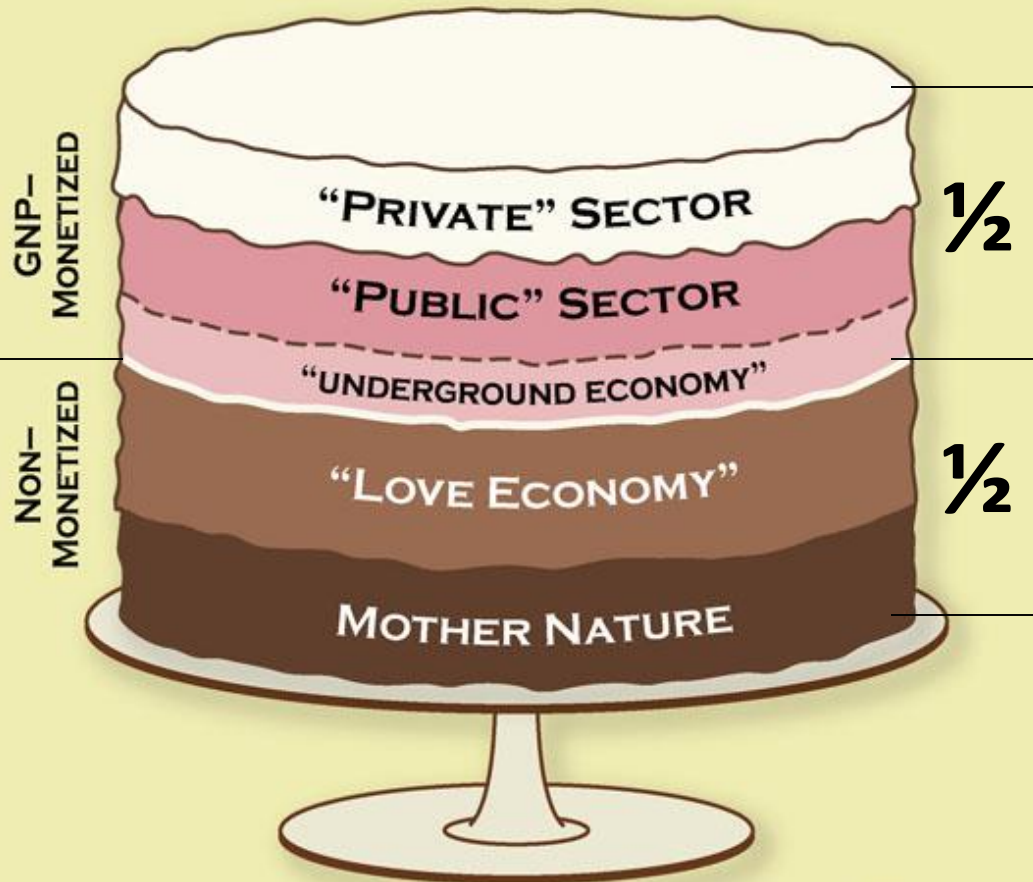
- ✓ Explore the links between housing and socioeconomic stratification
- ✓ Explain patterns of (dis)advantage in housing consumption

Theoretical framework:



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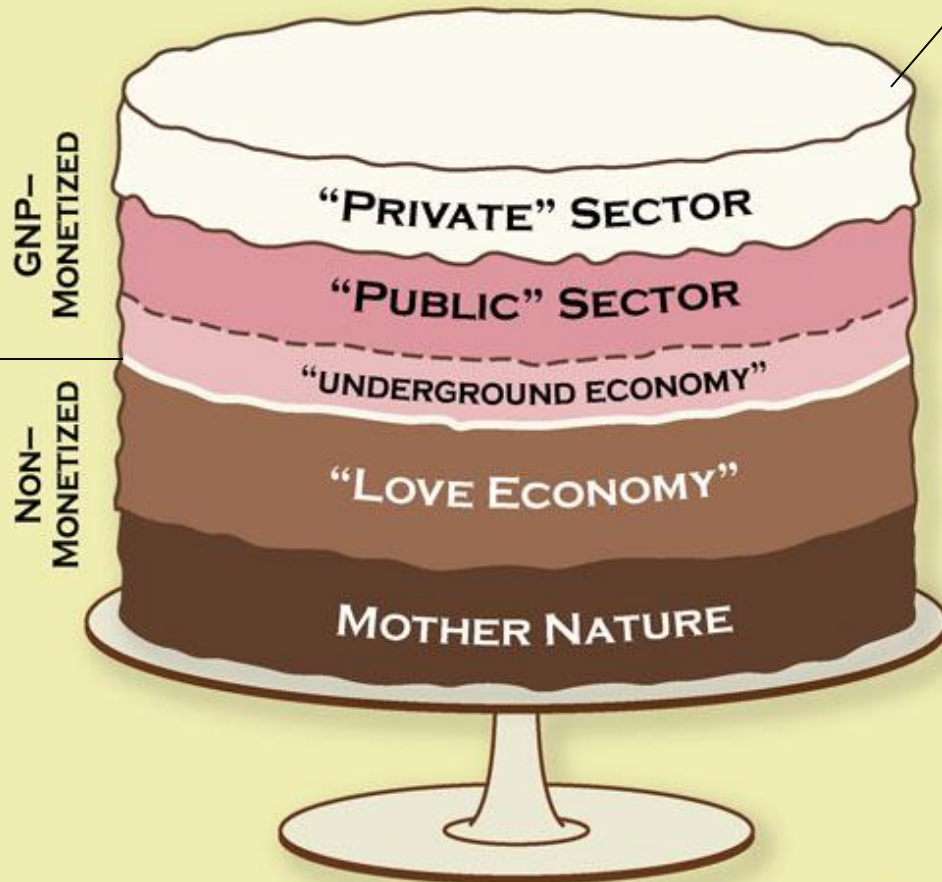
- Polanyi, 1957
- Schneider, 2015
✓ 10-70%
- Cameron and Gibson-Graham, 2003
✓ Ontological programme

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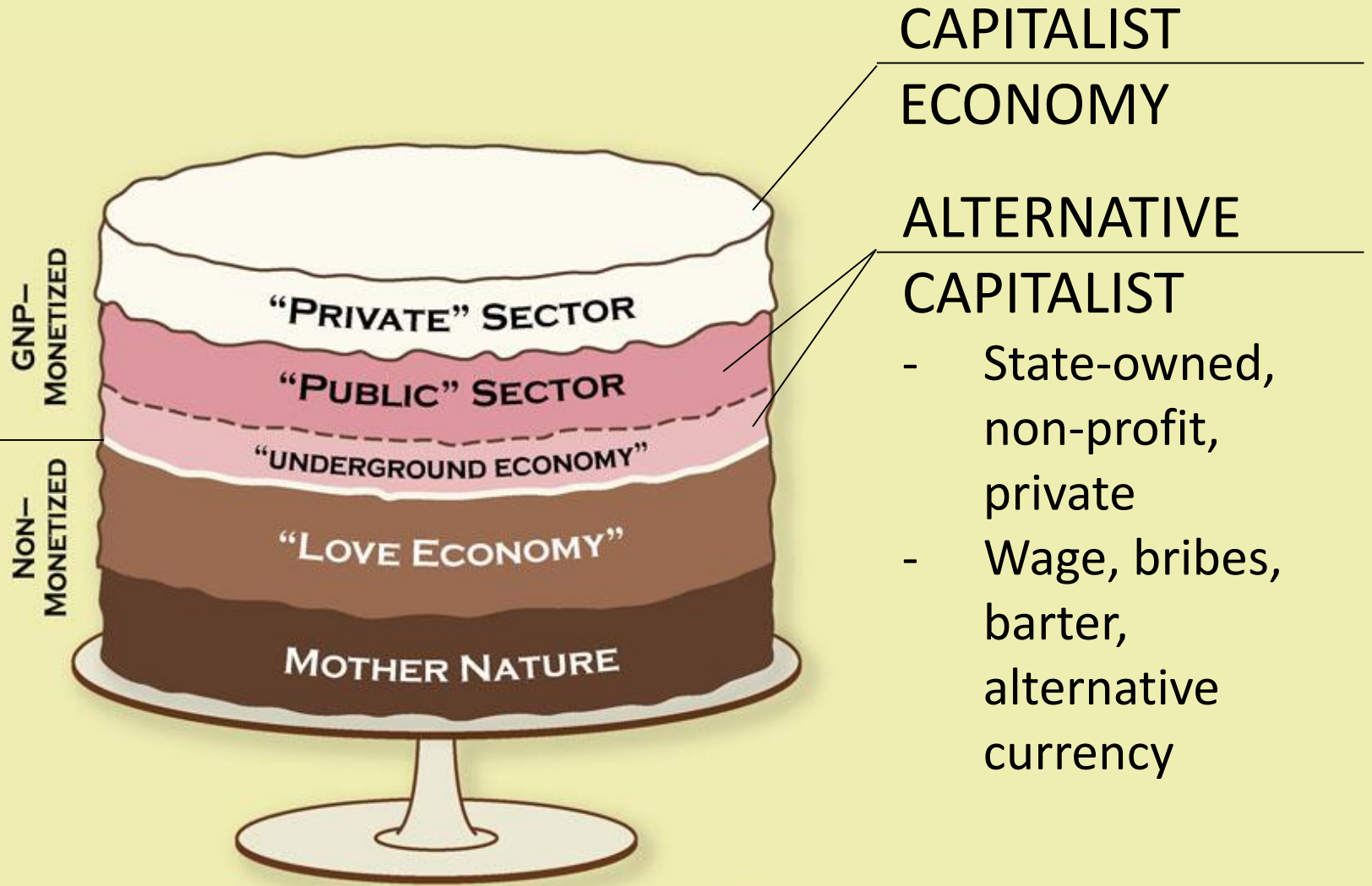
CAPITALIST ECONOMY

- The private firm
- Wage, bonuses...
- Private property
- Banks, etc



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CAPITALIST
ECONOMY

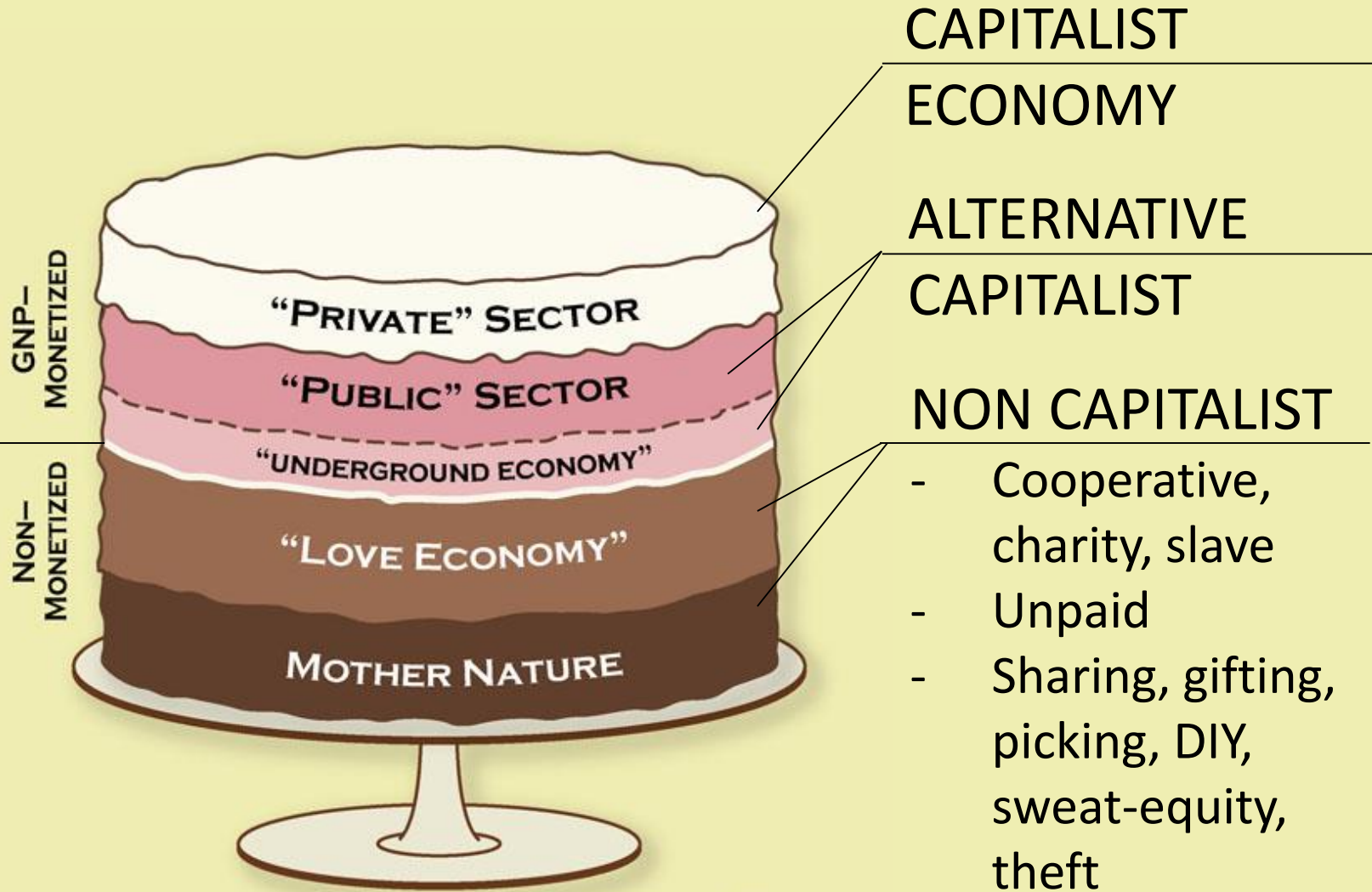
ALTERNATIVE
CAPITALIST

- State-owned, non-profit, private
- Wage, bribes, barter, alternative currency

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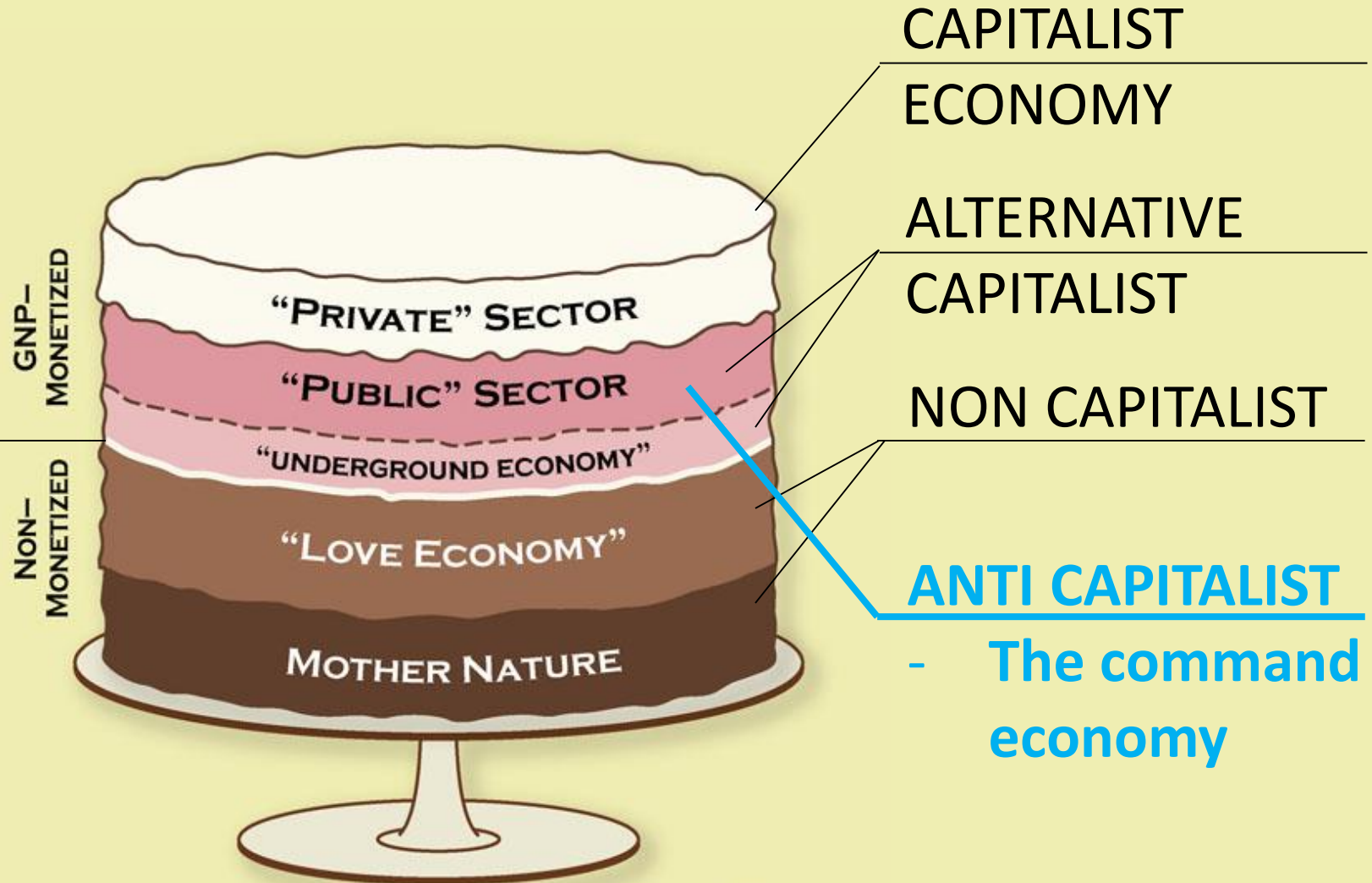
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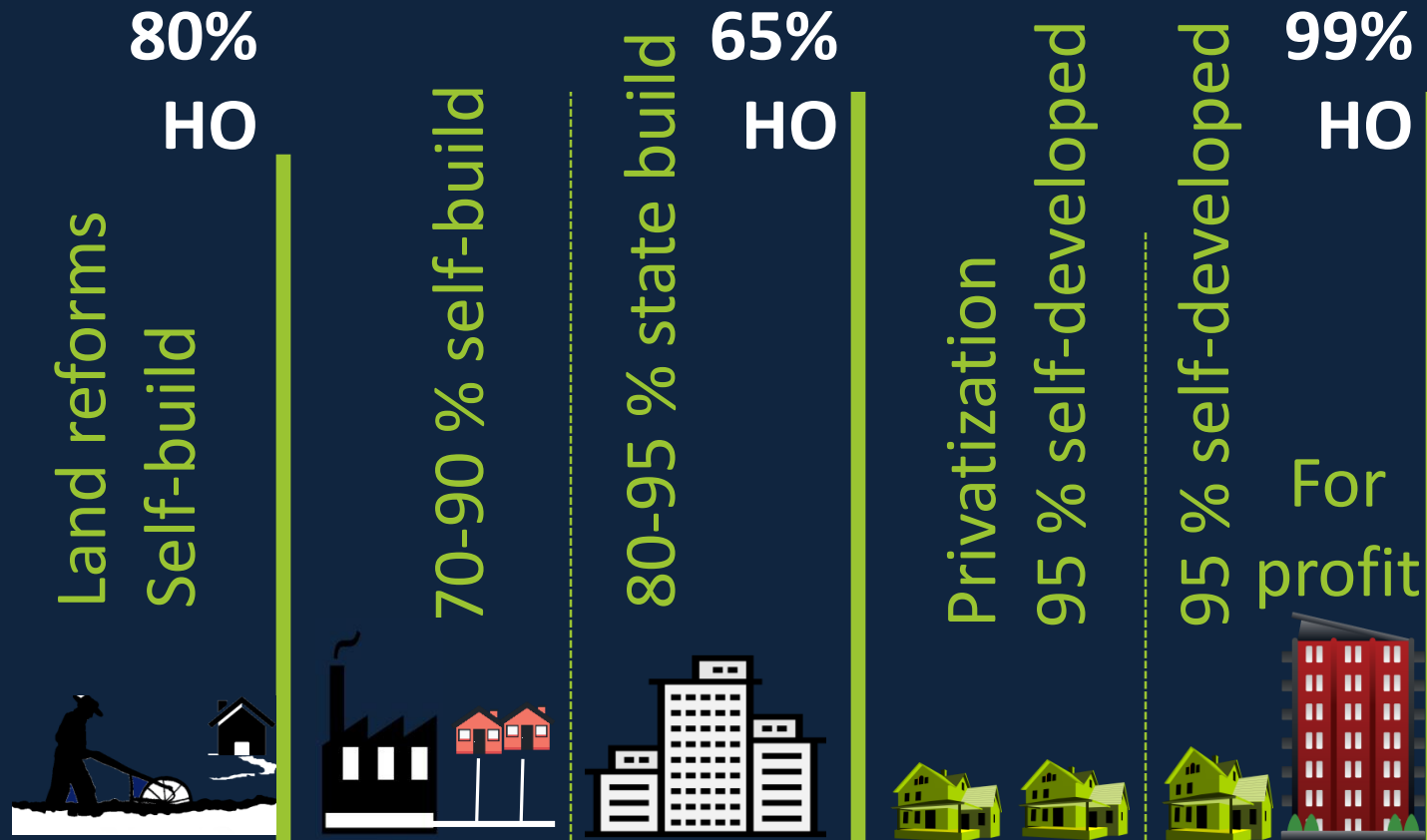


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pre-1945

1946 -70

1971-90

1991-00

2001-11

Rural
society

Communist
period

Post-communist
period





Provision by diverse economies

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1-room		2-rooms		3-rooms	
€44,400	38m ²	€56,400	49m ²	€70,000	69m ²
€46,500	31m ²	€56,200	54m ²	€84,700	72m ²



COMMUNIST



CAPITALIST

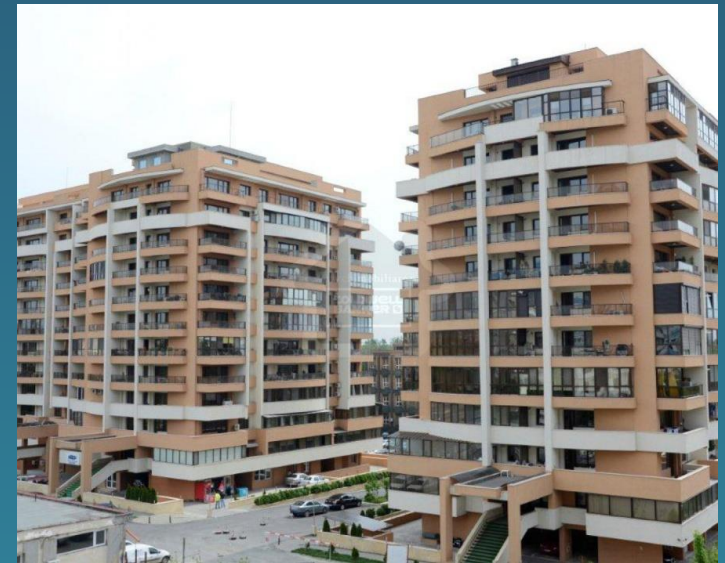




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	1-room	2-rooms	3-rooms
Old	€44,400 38m ²	€56,400 49m ²	€70,000 69m ²
New	€46,500 31m ²	€56,200 54m ²	€84,700 72m ²





Provision by diverse economies

SELF-BUILD (non capitalist)



€120,000



€38,500



€47,000

SELF-DEVELOPED (alternative capitalist)



€329,000



€210,000



€89,900





The affordability of everyday life and diverse economies

- Income from wage, remittances, gifts, sharing (overcrowding), imputed rent, tax evasion, bribery, family care, borrowed tools (Pavlovskaya, 2004)

No data:

- Limitation 1: EUROSTAT SILC has questions but not answers on informal income
- Limitation 2: No construction period





Aim 1: mapping residents' socioeconomic profiles by relevant housing types

Differently intertwined diverse economies:

- Urban flats
- Rural flats
- Urban houses
- Rural houses with inside water
- Rural houses with no inside water

EUROSTAT SILC: Trends 2007 and 2016

- Income quintiles, employment status, education, age, household type



% population by income (2016)

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Fast polarization Extreme disadvantage
Residualisation Surprisingly good

Slightly poorer Persistent advantage

	Houses			Flats	
	Urban	R with water	R no water	Urban	Rural
% total stock	7	29	28	24	12
Q1	14	15	43	6	10
Q2	14	23	30	10	14
Q3	17	22	16	20	26
Q4	24	22	8	28	25
Q5	31	18	3	37	25



Thank you

Aim2: Explain trends in (dis)advantageous modes of occupancy by housing types

MODES OF OCCUPANCY

- Housing cost overburden
 - Overcrowding
 - Under-occupation
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- We have just developed our statistical models (multinomial logistic regressions) and now focus on interpreting the results





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