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Landscapes of the housing bubble in Spain: a local approach

Spain has become a hot research topic in social sciences due to the width and depth of its economic and social downturn since 2008. The burst of the housing bubble has produced unemployment, bankruptcy, evictions, foreclosures, and a huge financial debt waiting to be paid. Nevertheless, a geographical approach to the geographical implications of this process must not neglect the local scale, heavily affected by the aforementioned processes. The new suburban landscapes around the city of Salamanca (Spain) constitute a good case study to understand the linkages between financial markets, urban planning and the ongoing social, political, and economic crisis.

