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## ABSTRACT

In contemporary post-apartheid South Africa a number of housing policy amendments and recommendations have been made since the drafting of the *White Paper on*

*Housing* in 1994. The most recent policy amendment is the *Comprehensive Housing Plan for the Development of Integrated Sustainable Human Settlements* commonly

known as the *Breaking New Ground (BNG)* housing plan of 2004. The aims of this paper are to present an overview and critical discourse analysis on research and influences that led to the *Breaking New Ground* housing plan and to determine how these influences are reflected in academic peer reviewed housing-policy research. Our results reveal that internal government agendas, international discourses on housing and consultancy research have had a greater influence on national policy making than academic research. We therefore argue that there is a divergence between contemporary housing policy discourses in South Africa and academic knowledge production on housing policy.

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