## Organization of rights and responsibilities in complex 3D real property developments – the relevance of bridging research fields

(a discussion paper of different 3D property systems)

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### Condominium vs. 3D property system

- Condominium systems were introduced in
  - Denmark 1966 (in principle, still in its original shape)
  - USA in the early 1960s (2. Generation legislation in 1978)
- Simple and complex condominium developments
  - Simple is an traditional apartment building
  - Complex include a mix of use, and e.g.:
  - Staged development
  - Flexible condominium

#### Condominium vs. 3D property

- Complex condominium development
  - Split the common property into a two-tier governance structure
  - Making each use type in a building independent
- The complex design is a re-organization of the condominium standard organization
  - The unit is individual owned and the rest of the property is commonly owned
  - Methods are described in condominium literature

#### Condominium vs. 3D property

- 3D Property in Sweden
  - Individual 3D property unit (2004)
  - 3D property space (2004)
  - Condominium (2009) only for residential use



- In the cadastral procedure it is decided what should be common property
- Methods are not described in detail in literature (at least to these authors knowledge)



Source: Lantmäteriet

#### Condominium vs. 3D property

- Both systems create 3D property, however
  - The Swedish 3D property system is more flexible in terms of registration different types of boundaries in the cadastre.
  - The Danish condominium system is challenged but traditional options are still working.
  - Important to notice that there is no evidence that the cost of organizing rights and responsibilities are better or less expensive in the 3D property system.
- The Achilles heel of the 3D property lies not in the representation of boundaries but in organizing the rights and responsibilities of the commonly owned property.
  - Perhaps this is the main reason 3D cadastre receives little attention in Denmark. The organization is working in practice despite that legislation has not been adjusted.
  - The developer is free to make the legal design, and the property market is the control.

#### Summery

- Future research
  - investigate if the Danish system can benefit of implementing parts of the Swedish model
  - Identify problems in Denmark and propose (partly) the Swedish system as the solution
- Condominium literature is rich on organizational aspects in complex developments
  - We believe 3D cadastre and traditional condominium literature could benefit form each other
- Based on the situation in Denmark and Sweden we propose a theory
  - that systems with a long history of condominium practice and legislation will hesitate implementing 3D property solutions because condominium legislation or practice has mutated as building structures over history has become more complex.
  - In Sweden there is not a long history of condominium ownership, but instead a new 3D property legislation.

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