

Program

ENHR 2018 Critical Dialogue Session on Affordable Urban Housing for All

Friday, 29 June, 11.00 – 12.30, Ekonomikum, Lecture Hall 1 (Hörsal 1)

Organised by the ENHR Working Group on Policy and Research

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Panellists:

Policy Makers:

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Housing is back on the agenda of policy makers, advocates and researchers around the world. While urban housing markets and systems have been undergoing longer-term transformations in the neoliberal age, intersecting financialisation macro-processes, urbanisation and austerity-framed re-regulation in the post-GFC years have triggered the rise of serious challenges around the affordable, adequate and accessible supply of housing for urban populations in many places. In some contexts, commentators even speak of full-blown urban housing crises. Policy makers and urban/housing researchers thus are called to enter into close dialogue and exchange about the detailed challenges we are facing and possible solutions. But too often both groups work in separate worlds, talk passing by each other or struggling to find effective channels of communication and mutually beneficial forms of co-learning. In times of crisis, such sub-optimal engagement must not be accepted.

The ENHR Working Group on Policy and Research wants to provide this platform for exchange and mutual learning between researchers, policy makers and practitioners involved in housing. Rather than carrying out regular workshops and/or issuing calls for papers annually, this working group aims to organise critical dialogic sessions that speak on important contemporary topics. In 2018, we focus on 'affordable urban housing for all' – arguably one of the great social and economic challenges of our time.

Please join us when experienced and outspoken representatives from both camps will face difficult questions in Uppsala. Let's (re-)build the alliance between policy makers and knowledge producers around the pressing topic of affordable urban housing.

We look forward to welcome you at our session!