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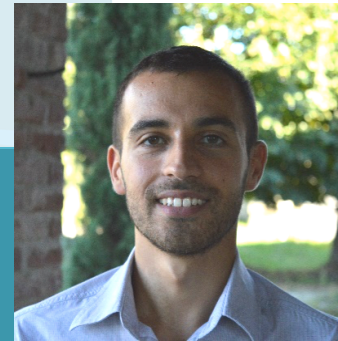
LOOKING AHEAD: The Future of Housing

A Public Seminar

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Abstract

In future, providing affordable housing opportunities for all will be a crucial challenge for policy-makers at global, national and local level. So will guaranteeing lively and sustainable communities and providing equal opportunities to move up in the social ladder to all citizens. However, in recent years the lack of housing affordability has exacerbated also as a consequence of the 2008 financial and economic crisis, the increasing financialisation of housing markets, and the effects of long-term processes of welfare state retrenchment. Widespread access to affordable housing opportunities is particularly problematic in the so-called 'homeownership countries', including Southern Europe. In these contexts, an increasing share of social groups struggle to find adequate and affordable solutions both on the private market and in the public rented sector due to its residual character. The gap between unaffordable supply and widespread demand pushes policy-makers and practitioners to figure out new responses to the current housing question. This presentation aims to present and discuss the development of recent housing initiatives, at the interplay between social housing and welfare fields, aimed to provide affordable housing to a diverse array of social groups, namely students, young households, welfare dependents, temporary workers, and refugees.

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