



Workshop in Paris, at Sciences Po

organized by OFCE

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Housing and the city

Call for papers

The housing issue, as a core issue for the well-functioning of our societies, is at the crossroads of many disciplines. The housing acts as a social marker, it shapes our cities and has an environmental cost. Yet, while it provides an essential service to households, the housing is an investment good for others. Faced to cumulative failures over the last years in a lot of countries, we have to reconsider the public policies to be implemented in order to deal with housing problems.

The OFCE is organizing a workshop on December 4, 2012 at Sciences-Po (Paris). Any contribution related to the housing and the city is welcome.

The workshop will focus more specifically on three main themes:

The social policy of housing

Which budgetary choices for the government? What role for social housing? Should we encourage home ownership, including for modest people? If "yes", how to proceed for? What role for local authorities and private enterprises?

Functioning and regulations of markets

Bubbles or not ... bubbles? What about tax policies? Which credit policy? How to manage land as an input? Targeting the financial aid for individuals or the (social) builders? What about residential investment for (private) renting? Which regulation(s) for the private rental market?

City, urbanism and environment

What use of public land? What about urban planning and environmental constraints? What interconnections between housing, transport and activity? What about segregation and social mix. Why and how to renovate our cities? Which city for the future and for what users?

Contributions based on cross-country comparisons are encouraged. The working language during the workshop will be English.

Procedure for participation

Proposals will consist in a long abstract (two pages) and have to be sent to the scientific committee by May 30, 2012 (villeetlogement@sciences-po.fr). Authors will be informed for acceptance or refusal at the end of June 2012. The full draft of accepted papers will have to be provided by October 31, 2012 in order to be included in the program. Abstracts and articles can be written in French or English.

Presented papers and discussions could be published in a special issue of the OFCE's Review « Debates and Policies »

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