Rent Regulation in Housing Markets – International Perspective and the Case of Germany

Demographic changes, urbanisation and lack of accommodations for refugees are current issues in all German cities, which has led to rent increases and resulted in reforms of the German residential rent control framework. Due to the trend towards urbanisation combined with rising construction costs and increased demand for investments in the residential sector from both domestic as well as non-domestic sources of capital, rents increased distinctly the last years. One answer of policy makers has been a stronger rent regulation. Latest developments in this field will be presented and discussed with renowned researches and practitioners from Germany as well as other European countries.
**Program**

**Friday, 31st March 2017**
TU Berlin, Architecture Building, Auditorium A151

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**11:30-13:00**
**The German Case – The Evolution of Tenancy Law**

**Dr. Ralph Henger**
Senior Economist, IW Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft Köln e.V.
«How effective is the German ›Mietpreisbremse‹?»

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**Dr. habil. Konstantin Kholodilin**
DIW Berlin
«A century of tenant protection in Germany: An emergency measure that became permanent»

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**Prof. Dr. Ramon Sotelo**
Bauhaus-Universität Weimar
«Economic foundation of a housing policy beyond rent control»

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**Lunch**

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**14:00-16:00**
**The European Perspective**

**Prof. Dr. Steffen Sebastian**
IREBS, Universität Regensburg
«Tenancy Law – A Pan-European Survey»

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**Prof. Dr. Johan Conijn**
Universiteit van Amsterdam
«Dutch housing market and the system of rent regulation»

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**Prof. Hans Lind**
KTH – Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
«Rent regulation – Lessons from Sweden»

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**Prof. Dr. Margret Funk MRICS**
Österreichischer Verband der Immobilientreuhänder (ÖVI)
«Rent control in Austria: best practice is bad practice»

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**Coffee Break**

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**16:15-17:00**
**Panel Discussion – How do Investors cope with Regulation**

*Moderator:*
**Prof. Dr. Matthias Thomas**, INREV

**Jaap van der Bijl**, CEO, Altera (NL)

**Dr. Manuel Käsbauer**, Director - Head of Fund Management Residential, PATRIZIA AG (DE)

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**17:00-17:15**
**Wrap Up/Close of Conference**

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