

Housing Policies, Rent Control, and Property Taxation in Lebanon:

Towards a Socially Just Model of Urban Development

This seminar provides insights on the current state of housing policies in Beirut in light of the new law on the liberalization of rents. While affordable housing continues to be on the decline, the real estate sector is booming by the minute.

9:30-9:45	Opening Remarks Tarek Mitri, Director, Issam Fares Institute, AUB Peter Rimmel, Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Germany
9:45-11:45	Housing Policies from a Comparative Perspective: Lebanon and Germany <i>Housing Policies and Rent Control in Germany's Social Market Economy</i> Jan-Otto Jandl, University of Freiburg
	<i>Lebanese Developments and Challenges: Housing Policies and the Evolution of the Real Estate Market</i> Antoine Chamoun, Former Director of Banque de l'Habitat, Lebanon
	<i>The Legislative Dimension of a Housing Policy in Lebanon</i> Ghassan Moukheiber, Member of Parliament, Lebanon
11:45-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-14:00	Real Estate Taxation in Germany and Lebanon <i>Social Market Economy and Real Estate Taxation in Germany</i> Jan-Otto Jandl, University of Freiburg
	<i>The Real Estate Boom and the Housing Market</i> Kamal Hamdan, Director, Consultation and Research Institute, Lebanon
	<i>Necessity of Land and Real Estate Taxation in Lebanon</i> Charbel Nahas, former Minister of Labor
	<i>The Importance of the Real Estate Sector for Economic Growth</i> Namir Cortas – President – Real Estate Developers Association Lebanon R.E.D.A.L
14:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-16:30	Analyzing the Consequences of the Law on the Liberalization of Rents <i>Legal Challenges of the Liberalization of Rents Law</i> Adib Zakhour, Lawyer
	<i>The End of Rent Control: Another Boost to Property-Led Urban Development?</i> Bruno Marot, PhD Candidate, McGill University
	<i>A Comparative Approach to Rent Laws' "Control" and "Liberalization," and their Implications on Urban Transformations</i> Hisham Ashkar, PhD Candidate, HafenCity University of Hamburg

Simultaneous English-Arabic and Arabic-English translation available.

This event is part of a series of events looking at housing, property taxation, and eviction procedures in Beirut. A follow-up event entitled Rent Control and the Politics of Eviction will be hosted on Wednesday October 29, 2014 from 6:00- 8:00 PM.



Friday October 24, 2014 | 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM | Issam Fares Institute Auditorium