

The Rise and Fall of Social Housing in London: Pressures and Problems

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(guests are requested to be seated by 3:30pm) | Free Admission
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This talk by Chris Hamnett examines the importance of affordable social housing in cities like London, the growth of social housing until 1980 and its long term subsequent decline. It looks at the various processes which have led to the reduction of affordable housing, including right to buy, Long Term Voluntary Transfers, private redevelopment and reductions in welfare benefits, and London's growing role as global investment destination. He will explore how social housing reached a peak in 1980 and has since then been halved as a result of some of the above processes.

Speaker:



Prof Chris Hamnett

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He is regarded as a leading British expert on housing wealth and inheritance and a leading researcher in the fields of social polarisation, gentrification and housing. He has co-authored or co-authored a number of books including *Cities, Housing and Profits* (1989), *Shrinking the State: the political underpinnings of privatisation* (1998), *Winners and Losers: home ownership in modern Britain* (1999), *Unequal City: London in the global arena* (2003) and with Tim Butler *Ethnicity, Class and Aspiration: remaking London's New East End* (2011). He was the research director of the Nugee Committee which led to the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1987 and recently served as a Housing Commissioner in the London boroughs of Westminster and Ealing.

Moderator:



Mr YAM Yujian

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Yujian is URA's director of property research and his department is involved in work to ensure a stable and transparent property market in Singapore. Apart from providing comprehensive and timely real estate information to help home-buyers, developers and investors make informed decisions, URA's property research department also conducts in-depth and market-oriented research to assess the state of the property market to support policy making.

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