



Housing as human right: Tel Aviv and Berlin

An International Interdisciplinary Workshop

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It is progressively evident that the right for housing, and for housing affordability, can no longer be taken for granted, not even for the middle classes let alone younger generations, poor citizens and immigrants. In Israel since the late 1970s and in Germany since the early 1990s, housing became far less secure along the shift toward deregulation, privatisation and entrepreneurial urban growth. The workshop will focus on current conceptions of housing as a basic right, by probing the social, legal, architectural and political debates impacting housing provision in Berlin and Tel Aviv. The panels will involve researchers and leading public servants, Architects, legal experts, planners, sociologist and Geographers, to discuss housing policies, implementations and claims and draft a thorough portrait of the current stress.

9:00-9:30	Greetings: Eran Neuman , Head, the Azrieli School of Architecture, Tel Aviv University Yishai Blank , Vice Dean, the Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
9:30-11:00	Housing right and urban justice Chair: Adriana Kemp , Tel Aviv University <i>"They Have But Themselves to Blame": Legal Discussions on Public Housing in Israel .</i> Ella Glass , Tel Aviv University <i>Do Israeli Courts adequately defend the right to adequate housing ?</i> Gil Gan – Mor , Attorney, The Association for civil rights in Israel <i>Homeless people rights in Tel Aviv</i> Michal Agmon- Gonen , District Court Judge, Tel Aviv
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-13:00	Housing policy implementations in Israel Chair: Nurit Alfasi , Ben Gurion University <i>Housing and Human Rights: Updates from the Israeli Parliament (Knesset)</i> Shirley Avrami , Head, Knesset Research and Information Centre <i>A sample apartment ("Dira Ledugma")</i> Tula Amir , Tel Aviv University <i>Co-existing Myths in Neoliberal Space Production- The Case of Build Your Own Home Project</i> Dikla Yizhar and Rachel Kallus , The Technion <i>The ministry of housing and the urban</i> Alona Nizan- Shiftan , The Technion
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	Housing in Tel Aviv- Jaffa: early and current experiment Chair: Talia Margalit , Tel Aviv University <i>Communal Urban Dwellings for the Single Woman</i> Sigal Davidi , Tel Aviv University <i>The "Rothschild report" – structural and formal changes of the planning practice in Tel Aviv-Jaffa.</i> Efrat Vertesh , Tel Aviv University <i>Urban Renewal in Jaffa amidst National Divides: Can housing development pave a way to recognize housing rights?</i> Adriana Kemp, Galia Rattner, Anat Rodnitzki, Ayala Ronel, Neta Ziv , Tel Aviv University
15:30-17:00	Housing, policy and contestations in Berlin Chair: Yishai Blank , Tel Aviv University <i>Fragmented Claims: Displacement and Protest in Berlin</i> Andrej Holm , Humboldt University <i>Broadway Policy: The Troubled Transformation of Berlin Neukölln</i> Christine Hentschel , Humboldt University <i>Citizenship from Below: Contested Social Housing in Kreuzberg</i> Henrik Lebuhn , Humboldt University
17:00-17:30	Coffee Break
17:30-19:00	Housing Policies Between city and state Chair: Oren Yiftachel , Ben Gurion University <i>Local Public Finance and Social Mobility: Are Cities Best Scaled to Provide Affordable Housing?</i> Amnon Lehavi , Gazit Globe Real Estate Institute, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya <i>Housing Policies and Urban Sustainability – The Case of Tel Aviv</i> Issi Rosen-Zvi , Tel Aviv University <i>Planning for housing and Human Rights: Competing Perspectives in the Israeli Protest Movement</i> Nurit Alfasi , Ben Gurion University & Tovi Fenster , Tel Aviv University
19:00-19:30	Concluding remarks Talja Blokland , Chair of Urban and Regional Sociology, Humboldt University