

Master Lecture (5 ECTS, 2 SWS)

“Urban Labor and Housing Markets”

(Urbane Arbeits- und Wohnungsmärkte)

Syllabus

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Lecture: Tuesdays, 09:45-11:15 a.m., **starting October 28, 2025**
Location: FAU WiSo, Findelgasse 7/9, Room FG 1.036
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Language: English

1. Introduction:
 - a. Urban labor and housing markets: Main questions and debates
 - b. Important concepts in housing and local labor economics
 - c. The global housing affordability crisis
2. Why housing policy?
 - a. Housing policy vs. labor market policy
 - b. The value of having access to an urban labor market
 - c. Segregation and neighborhood effects
 - d. Homelessness
3. Housing policies
 - a. Demand-side housing policies
 - i. Housing benefits & housing vouchers
 - ii. Rent controls
 - iii. Homeownership subsidies
 - b. Supply-side housing policies
 - i. Subsidized housing
 - ii. Removing housing supply constraints
 - c. Homeownership attainment policies
 - d. Rent controls and regulation of rental markets
4. Student presentations of selected papers