

Workshop Program The Socio-Economics of Overcrowding

February 17-18, 2025

at the John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin

Organizer: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Kohl, Prof. Dr. Max Steinhardt

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Monday, February 17

13:00 – 13:15 Welcome and Introduction
Sebastian Kohl and Max Steinhardt

Session 1: Mapping Overcrowding
Chair: Max Steinhardt

13:15 – 14:00 **Johan Eriksson**, University of Uppsala
The Big Squeeze and Great Expansion: An Odyssey through Housing Space Now and Then

14:00 – 14:45 **Stefan Horn**, University College London
Comparing Overcrowding Internationally: England and Germany

14:45 – 15:30 **Simon Voss**, Freie Universität Berlin
Crowding (at) the Margins: Investigating the Unequal Distribution of Housing Space in Germany

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

Session 2: Overcrowding and Implications
Chair: Sebastian Kohl

16:00 – 16:45 **Cody Hochstenbach**, Amsterdam University
Mira Kopp, MCC Berlin
Socio-ecological Injustice in Housing Consumption in the Netherlands

16:45 – 17:30 **Philip Hubbard**, King's College London
Regulating the Shrinking Home: the Potential and Problems of Microliving in London

- 17:30 – 18:15 **Melanie Nowicki**, Oxford Brookes University
Tim White, London School of Economics and Political Science
Shrinking the American Dream? The Rise of Tiny Homes in Texas
- 18:15 - 18:30 Coffee break
- 18:30 - 19:30 Keynote by **Alexander von Hoffman**, Harvard University:
"Overcrowding: Concepts, Contexts, and Contingencies"

Conference Dinner

20:00

Tuesday, 18 February

Session 3: Overcrowding and beyond

Chair: Luca Stella

- 09:00 – 09:45 **Pekka Sagner**, Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft
Making the Most of Existing Living Space: Housing Efficiency and Aging Households in Germany
- 09:45 – 10:30 **Can Cui**, Shanghai Eastern University
Housing Wealth Differentiation in Urban China
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 11:45 **Lindsay Flynn**, University of Luxembourg
Giulia Buscicchio, Liser
Using Housing Surveys to Predict Political and Policy Behavior Among Low-income Households
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Giovanni Mariani**, Université Libre de Bruxelles – ECARES
Housing Inequality in the United States
- 12:30 Closing remarks and Farewell Lunch (at the JFKI)

End of workshop