

Urban Labor and Housing Markets

Syllabus
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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 and redistributive policies
 - b. The value of having access to an urban labor market
 - c. Segregation and neighborhood effects
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. Tax treatment of rental and owner-occupied housing
 - d. Real-world examples of institutional settings
 - i. Germany
 - ii. Switzerland
 - iii. England
 - iv. United States
4. Unintended consequences of housing policies
 - a. Housing benefits and housing vouchers: Negative labor supply effects, distorted location choices, price effects
 - b. Rent controls: Spillovers, lock-in effects, misallocation of housing
 - c. Homeownership subsidies: Price effects
 - d. Subsidized housing: Lock-in effects, crowding-out of private housing supply, segregation
5. Student presentations of selected papers