

# HSA Spring Conference 2006

## Housing Markets, Communities and Consumers

19 – 20 April 2006 at The University of York

### **Why this Conference?**

The role of housing markets is receiving increasing scrutiny both at a policy and academic level. The delivery of new housing, access to owner occupation, changing demand for social rented housing and homelessness, to name but a few issues are all influenced by various housing market effects. What does this mean for the way that we understand the contemporary housing system, and what does it mean for housing research and policy?

The purpose of this conference is to consider the role that housing markets play in the contemporary housing system. The conference is not just about the owner occupied housing market but will reflect the diversity of markets that exist within the housing system. Dynamics within and between all housing tenures are at the heart of this notion and the conference plenary sessions will reflect this. Keynote speeches will address:

- The experience of housing markets by communities and individuals
- The interaction between market and neighbourhood
- How housing markets can fail
- Interventions in housing markets
- The extent to which housing markets can operate without intervention

### **Keynote Speakers (confirmed)**

Craig Watkins (University of Sheffield) – Understanding Housing Market Development and Impacts

Peter Lee (University of Birmingham) – The role of housing markets and the neighbourhood

Steve Wilcox (University of York) – Affordability and the "failure" of the housing market

Further speakers will join this list in due course. A full list will be posted on the conference website in December.

### **HSA Debate**

This year we introduce for the first time a Housing Studies Association debate. The inaugural debate will be entitled "*Can a housing market operate effectively without intervention?*" Taking the "Yes" side will be Peter Williams, Deputy Director General of the Council for Mortgage Lenders. Taking the "No" side will be Ian Cole, Professor of Housing Studies and Director of the Centre for Regional, Economic and Social Research at Sheffield Hallam University. The debate should lead to a lively and informed discussion which we hope delegates will be keen to engage with.

The conference will be attractive to those in academic research, those involved in research for public and private sector housing bodies and housing practitioners in both the public and private sectors. We are very keen to encourage non-academics to attend and participate in the conference.





## Call for papers

Offers of papers are invited for this conference. Short abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent to Rob Rowlands (r.o.rowlands@bham.ac.uk) by Friday 3rd February with "HSA Spring Conference" in the subject line of the email. Offers of papers are particularly welcome in the following areas:

- The impact of housing markets on communities and individuals
- The role of housing in meeting wider policy objectives, e.g. regeneration, employment growth, reducing social exclusion
- The failure of housing markets – how, when and why?
- Intervention in housing markets
- The definition and function of housing markets
- Spatial scale of housing markets

### Timetable

Friday 3rd February: *Offers of papers and abstracts to the organiser*

Monday 6th March: *Draft conference programme published*

Friday 7th April: *Deadline for full papers*

## Registration & Conference Fee

Booking is now open for the conference at the following rates:

### HSA Members

	Early Booking	Normal Rate
Resident	£170	£200
Non-resident	£125	£145
One day	£90	£105

### Non-Members

	Early Booking	Normal Rate
Resident	£215	£250
Non-resident	£155	£180
One day	£110	£130

***To receive an early booking discount, registration must be received by Friday 10 March 2006***

Extra accommodation can be reserved for Tuesday night, 18th April 2006:  
Members/Non-members: £60  
(Early booking £50)

Further details can be obtained from Lynne Lonsdale at the Centre for Housing Policy, University of York, YORK YO10 5DD, 01904 321480. e-mail: [arl4@york.ac.uk](mailto:arl4@york.ac.uk) or from the CONFERENCE WEBSITE:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/hsa/spring06/>

