

Financialisation of financial and real estate markets

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Call for Papers

Intensive discussions are currently being conducted in the social sciences about whether changes in the global economy can be seen as a transition towards finance dominated capitalism (Altvater 2009: 197), finance market accumulation regime (Chesnais 2004) or as a form of financialisation (Krippner 2005). Up till now, in this context discussions have focused on analysing the deregulation and globalisation of financial markets, the transition from a bank-based to a market-oriented financial system, the emergence and influence of new financial actors and financial products as well as changes in the management of corporations and production systems. However, questions like how the winning, opening-up, preparation and structuring of (new) markets takes place have been subject to less examination up to now. The aim of the conference is to address these questions in respect to financial and real estate markets. In particular, we would like to ask:

- How does the integration of financial and real estate markets work?
- How can different actors become involved in opening-up possible markets?
- How important are norms, standards and calculative practices in the process of making markets visible and global?
- What are the territorialising practices which go along with the establishment of new investment markets and asset classes?
- What are the effects of these developments on land and property in specific and societies in general?

It is the specific goal of the conference to discuss structural reorientations, practices and mechanisms involved in real estate and financial markets. In addition, we will critically examine the input of theoretical concepts from different strands of cultural and political economy for the explanation of these developments.

Given the focus on real estate and financial markets, we would like to provide a platform for an exchange between different theoretical approaches which contribute to new perspectives in these fields. The conference is organized in two sessions with invited speakers and a workshop session. For the workshop on Saturday morning we would like to invite the submission of abstracts with a focus on the 'built environment and land'. Abstracts with a maximum of 250 words can be submitted until 2015-01-15 to Nadine Bitterer (bitterer@em.uni-frankfurt.de).

Conference fee

30 Euro / 10 Euro for students (accommodation is not included)

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