



UCD School of Geography Seminar Series

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From Corporate Subsidies to Social Housing:

Dispatches from the New York Housing Movement

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Abstract:

Housing markets and housing movements were both subject to severe shocks over the past two years of pandemic, recession, stimulus and rebellion. The current moment in urban life and urban politics remains highly volatile around the world, caught in the classic crisis wherein "the old is dying and the new cannot be born." In New York, this dynamic is expressed through the tension between the City's largest housing expense, a gigantic tax break for mostly luxury housing, and the needs of people and movement demands for universal housing rights and greater investment in social housing. In this talk, Samuel Stein will discuss these local dynamics in order to convey the contradictions and complexities of this moment, the damage done by neoliberal housing policy, and the alternative and transitional visions being put forward by organizers.

About the presenter:

Samuel Stein is a geographer, urban planner, author and advocate who researches and writes about the politics of urban planning in New York City, with an emphasis on housing, real estate, labour and gentrification. His work has been published in The Guardian, The Village Voice, Jacobin and many other newspapers, magazines, websites, edited volumes and scholarly journals, and has been reviewed in The New Yorker, Los Angeles Review of Books, Architectural Review, and more. In 2019, Verso published his book, *Capital City: Gentrification and the Real Estate State*. He is a member of the steering committee of the Planners Network, the organization of progressive planning, and works as a senior policy analyst for the Community Service Society of New York.