PLANNING AND HOUSING SUPPLY
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PLANNING SYSTEM IN SUPPORTING NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOMES

Upcoming events in the Urban Housing Lab@Sydney’s Spotlight on Affordable Housing Series:

**Tuesday, 22 March 2-4pm**
Planning for affordable housing: Evidence from the United Kingdom and implications for Australia, featuring **Prof. Glen Bramley** and **Wendy Hayhurst**

**Thursday, 28 April 6-8pm**
Planning for affordable housing inclusion: recent practice in the United States, featuring **Prof. John Landis**

**Wednesday, March 23 5.15-7pm**
Ideology, opportunism, nostalgia and housing policy incoherence in the United Kingdom, featuring **Prof. Glen Bramley**

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 March  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00pm  
**Location:** Eastern Avenue Lecture Theatre

Featuring three distinguished speakers:

Professor Nick Gallent, Head of the Bartlett School of Planning, University College London

With **England** facing a severe crisis in housing supply - producing around 100,000 new dwellings a year against a projected need of 230,000 homes, there are ongoing questions about the causes of supply constraints. Professor Gallent will examine these debates with reference to the phenomenon of ‘stuck sites’ and the impediments affecting major housing development schemes, drawing on three case study examples. Ultimately he argues that the impediments affecting development quagmire is only part of a crisis in the English housing system.

Professor Rebecca L.H. Chiu, Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, and Director of the Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning of the University of Hong Kong

Despite its reputation as the freest economy in the world, in 2011, nearly half of households in **Hong Kong** lived in subsidised high-rise housing (30% in public rental housing, and 16% in subsidised owner-occupier housing). Professor Chiu will discuss how the state-ownership of land, the planning system, the housing finance system, mixed land uses, and private housing market conditions enable and necessitate the operation and continued expansion of such a large subsidised housing sector. She will reflect on the opportunities, constraints and implications that this affordable housing strategy engenders to Hong Kong’s housing system in terms of housing equity, liveability and long-term household wealth.

Professor Nicole Gurran, Director Urban Housing Lab@Sydney, University of Sydney

In many ways **Australian** debates about housing supply, affordability, and the planning system resonate with the concerns expressed and issues faced in England and Hong Kong. Yet the planning system and the context for housing development differs significantly across the three countries. In this context, Professor Gurran asks whether fundamental characteristics of urban governance, development control, and housing provision, as well as deep seated and pernicious property politics, have operated to delimit policy solutions for more affordable housing in Australia.