

## **Seven Decades of National Housing Policy in Israel**

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### **Abstract**

Over the past decade, in the wake of the global housing crisis, many countries have again turned to public housing to increase the supply of affordable housing for disadvantaged residents. In this context, the Israeli case offers unique lessons. Israel's housing policy has changed fundamentally in the seven decades of the state's existence. While in the first two decades (1950s-1960s) Israel's governance in general was based on social-democratic and welfare ideology, since the 1980s it was gradually influenced by global neo-liberal trends. These global neo-liberal trends were mainly expressed by a shift toward neo-conservatism, a privatization processes, reduction in governmental involvement in housing, and greater reliance on the private sector. In the talk, I will review these changes and some of the ongoing attempts to find policy solutions to the intensifying housing crisis. These discussions are at the forefront of the current economic and political agenda in Israel.

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