

Call for Papers

HOUSING AND MORTGAGE MARKETS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

On September 23-24, 2011, the National Bureau of Economic Research will hold a Universities' Research Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Housing and Mortgage Markets in Historical Perspective

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

The program is being organized by Price Fishback of the University of Arizona and NBER, Kenneth Snowden of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and NBER, and Eugene White of Princeton University and NBER. There will be no published proceedings, but the conference will be summarized in the NBER *Reporter*.

CONFERENCE THEME

The recent disastrous expansion and collapse of mortgage markets in the United States has revealed a large gap in our knowledge of how these markets developed and reached such a fragile condition. The objective of this conference is to highlight new research on the evolution of housing and residential mortgages over the past two centuries with a special emphasis on the institutional background, responses and transformations associated with the residential market in the first half of the twentieth century in the U.S. Topics may include the development of the legal, financial and regulatory institutions within which mortgage contracts were written, funded and enforced, as well as key factors affecting the demand for and supply of housing. For vital comparisons, we invite papers on the history of housing and mortgage markets in other developed countries and non-residential mortgage and property markets in the U.S.

SELECTION PROCESS

In keeping with the Bureau's tradition, priority will be given to empirical research or theoretical work with direct empirical applications. We encourage submissions from researchers early in their careers and also from non-NBER affiliates.

Participants will be selected on the basis of papers or abstracts of about 500 words, with a strong preference for papers. Any research that will not be published at the time of the conference can be submitted. The deadline for submissions is June 10. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified by the beginning of July. Final drafts of the papers will be due at the NBER on August 26. The NBER will pay the domestic travel and hotel expenses for one author per paper as well as for discussants at the conference.

If you have a paper you would like to present, please upload the abstract and paper by June 10 to:

<http://www.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=URCf11>