



Second Homes in Ireland During and After the Housing Boom

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Abstract:

This seminar will present findings from research on second homes in Ireland in relation to wider debates about second homes and home ownership in affluent societies. The recent growth of second home ownership in Northern Ireland (NI) and the Republic of Ireland (ROI) has had dramatic social, economic and environmental impacts. NI and ROI share many social and cultural characteristics, policies and administrative arrangements, but different public policies have influenced the differing extent, characteristics and impacts of 2nd homes in the two jurisdictions. The seminar will review evidence from case studies of second homes 'hot spots' in NI and the ROI and consider wider census and survey evidence about second home ownership and the motivations and aspirations of second home buyers. It will consider the impact of the current recession, or so-called 'credit crunch', on second home ownership and owner occupation more generally in affluent societies.

About the Speaker:

Chris Paris is Emeritus Professor of Housing at the University of Ulster, where he was Professor of Housing Studies from 1992 to 2008. He has held research and teaching positions in UK and Australian universities, including the University of Birmingham, the Australian National University and the University of Canberra. He has held many visiting positions and is currently an Honorary Professor in the University of Hong Kong and a Visiting Professor in the RMIT University, Melbourne. Chris has wide international experience of scholarly research, teaching and examination in housing, planning and urban development. He also has extensive international experience of applied research for government, statutory agencies and private sector organisations. He is currently conducting research on social and economic aspects of second home ownership in affluent societies and participating in a programme of research on the housing needs and demands of older adults. Chris is author, co-author or editor of many books, monographs and research reports on housing, planning and urban policy as well as over 100 publications in refereed journals, professional journals and edited books.

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