

An very important call for proposals which relates to a very current and complex theme : Impacts of the new housing markets on social cohesion. The role and the « power » of housing and mortgage markets is quickly changing around the world especially by increasing influence these markets have on wider economy and sustainable development of many societies (social cohesion). While many conditions especially in economic and institutional spheres

stimulate certain convergence and integrations of housing markets, many locally specific conditions namely in social and cultural areas contribute to differences and segmentations within housing markets. Unification and differentiation go hand in hand.

This situation raises the following questions : do we need new paradigm to enable a better understanding of changing housing markets ? Have traditionally local housing markets become global ? Will record house price appreciations be followed by record price falls? How should we deal with the consequences of income polarization and housing market segmentation ? Deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 March 2009, and for submission of papers, 1 June 2009.

On <u>the conference webpages</u> you will find all other detailed information about its program, the list of workshops with short call for papers for each workshop, list of field trips and social events (including the opening reception at the medieval castle of Krivoklat close to Prague) as well as the possibilities for accomodation close to conference venue. We would like to aim your attention also to the Hypotecni Banka Award – the award for the best paper submitted to the special best paper competition (for detailed criteria see conference web pages)