

## OSKAR VON MILLER FORUM

Press Release

### Creating housing - now!

Discussion on June 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oskar von Miller Forum

How quickly can we create affordable housing in the near future? What prevents cost-effective construction in booming cities like Munich? What distinguishes liveable and mixed residential structures?

Experts in urban planning, construction and sociology discuss economic aspects of creating housing and potential solutions to housing for everyone at the Oskar von Miller Forum.

Panellists:

**ELISABETH MERK** | Head of Munich's Department of Urban Planning and Building Regulations

**CHRISTINE HANNEMANN** | University of Stuttgart, Institute of Architecture and Housing Sociology

**ANDREAS HOFER** | mehr als wohnen building cooperative, Zurich

**NORBERT PEINE** | Vice President of the Bavarian Construction Industry Association e.V.

Discussion chaired by:

**LAURA WEISSMÜLLER** | Süddeutsche Zeitung

**Elisabeth Merk** has been head of the Department of Urban Planning and Building Regulations of Bavaria's capital of Munich since 2007. She holds a doctorate degree in architecture and has been professor of urban development and planning at the Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences since 2005 and President of the German Academy for Urban Development and Regional Planning since 2015. She is a member of the advisory committee of the Federal Foundation for Building Culture and of the scientific commission of the German Foundation for Monument Protection.

**Christine Hannemann** is head of the Institute of Architecture and Housing Sociology of Stuttgart University. The sociologist is a member of the Hanover Academy for Spatial Research and Planning, the German Sociological Association and its Section for Urban and Regional Sociology, and the Society for Urban History and Urban Research.

**Andreas Hofer** is a managing partner of Archipel GmbH and a founding member of the *mehr als wohnen* building cooperative in Zurich. This cooperative was established as a platform for innovation and learning in non-profit housing construction in 2007. The architect has many years of experience in residential construction, affordable home construction and project development.

**Norbert Peine** is vice president of the Bavarian Construction Industry Association and managing director of the Munich branch of Bilfinger Hochbau GmbH.

**Laura Weißmüller** is a journalist in the culture section of *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, where she is responsible for architecture, urban planning and design.