CALL FOR PAPERS: LAND-USE REGULATION AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

The Saint Anselm College Center for Ethics in Business and Governance (CEBG) invites proposals for research papers on topics related to the ethics, politics, or economics of zoning and other regulations affecting the supply of homes, to be presented at a small conference for scholars at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire on Friday June 12, 2020 and Saturday June 13, 2020. We are particularly interested in proposals with policy relevance for states like New Hampshire, but we also welcome proposals on land-use regulation in other contexts, such as non-U.S. systems.

Examples of possible research questions include: “How does land-use regulation affect the availability of affordable housing?” “How does land-use regulation affect labor costs, business investment, and growth?” “Under what conditions can land-use regulation be morally justified?” “What are the political causes of downzoning and upzoning?” “What is the optimal division of planning authority between local and state governments?”

In addition to theoretical or hypothesis-testing papers, we also invite proposals for better measurement and description of zoning regimes.

All research papers will receive thorough commentary from at least two discussants. By submitting a proposal, you are also agreeing to serve as discussant on one other paper.

Authors of selected proposals from North America will receive an honorarium of $1,250, and authors of selected proposals from the rest of the world will receive an honorarium of $2,000. In addition, all conference meals and lodging will be provided. Presenters traveling to the conference will be responsible for booking their own travel.

Please submit a two-paragraph research proposal containing your research question, a sketch of the main thesis or hypothesis to be explored, and a brief description of the methods to be used to Jason Sorens at jsorens@anselm.edu by November 15, 2019. Authors of selected proposals will be notified promptly.