Demographic changes, urbanisation and lack of accommodations for refugees are current issues in all German cities, which has led to rent increases and resulted in reforms of the German residential rent control framework. Due to the trend towards urbanisation combined with rising construction costs and increased demand for investments in the residential sector from both domestic as well as non-domestic sources of capital, rents increased distinctly the last years. One answer of policy makers has been a stronger rent regulation. Latest developments in this field will be presented and discussed with renowned researchers and practitioners from Germany as well as other European countries.

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