



The Making of a Housing Crisis — And How to Solve It

PART 2: WHAT IS RENT?

FEATURING



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5:30 p.m. Refreshments and mingling
6:00 p.m. Program

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Building on the first discussion in the series, which focused on New York City's housing stock, we will take a deeper look at rent: Who pays it? How is it set? Where does it go? How does it fit into broader financial structures of property taxes and debt? How much control does city government have over rents in various types of housing? How do rent regulations affect both existing tenants and those searching for an apartment? What's the relationship between housing and rent?

SPEAKERS:

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