

## **Call for Papers**

### **Search in Housing Markets**

**June 5-6, 2024**

**Imperial College Business School, U.K.**

Imperial College Business School and the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET) are delighted to announce an upcoming conference; “Search in Housing Markets”. The conference will be held in London in June 5-6, 2024, and will take place in person.

The meeting aims to bring together researchers to discuss recent advances in using search and matching approaches to understand housing markets. Fluctuations in house prices and sales volume are closely monitored by policymakers and the financial market. Understanding the housing market has remained a top priority for researchers, particularly since the 2008 financial crisis. The significance of search frictions in housing markets is evident through the time and monetary costs for buyers and sellers, as well as the widespread presence of estate agents as intermediaries charging noticeable commission.

Recent advances in housing market research highlight the importance of flows within the ownership market and across ownership and rental markets. This includes determinants of sales volumes, listings, homeowner mobility, rental prices, and investments in addition to house prices. By bringing together researchers, the meeting aims to foster a deeper understanding of the role of search frictions in housing markets, their implications for market outcomes, and potential policy implications.

Selected papers for the conference will be considered for the special issue of Economic Theory entitled “Search in Housing Markets”, edited by Espen R. Moen and Rachel Ngai. Both empirical and theoretical papers are welcome. Please submit a paper draft or an extended abstract to [r.ngai@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:r.ngai@imperial.ac.uk) before 1st March 2024. The selected papers will be notified by March 10, 2024. The conference will provide hotel accommodation, lunch and dinner for speakers.