RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	Kristin Makszin
Title of clinic:	Housing policy research: Hungary
Number of students:	1-2
Major *(if applicable and approved by the Major Convener)*:	
(Pre)requisites *(if applicable)*:	• Hungarian language skills (spoken and written at C1 level) • Completed a research design course

Research context

The goal of this research project is to analyze housing policies in Hungary and place them in comparative frameworks from the housing and social policy literature. This research should provide an overview of existing policies and research that can be the basis for future field work of the supervisor. The literature on housing policy is spread across multiple disciplines and use quite different methodological approaches. Research clinic participant(s) will review the existing academic and policy research (mostly published in Hungarian language, but also in English). Based on the academic research and additional policy and legislative documents, participants will also make an overview of different housing policy tools used since 1990. This will also highlight any major changes to policy instruments over time. The parliamentary debates about housing policy will also be gathered and summarized, including an analysis of political party positions on housing since 2000. Media interviews will also be gathered and summarized. Finally, the research clinic will provide an overview of existing research and policy background to help identify interviewees for future research. Experience drafting and conducting some interviews may also be possible, if participants are interested.

Students' tasks and activities

Research clinic participants will be expected to carry out research independently, including finding sources and reading them in Hungarian language. The research clinic also requires understanding of legal texts and parliamentary debates.

Learning outcomes:
- Gain experience in research projects in practice
- Understand alternative disciplinary approaches to research for housing policy
- Improve policy analysis and text analysis skills
- Learn about housing policy tools in Hungary, in comparison to other countries

There will be 6-8 research meetings to report on intermediate progress and discuss future activities.

Deliverables:
- Structured annotated bibliography of academic research in Hungarian and English about housing in Hungary
- 3000 word summary of existing research, including academic and policy analysis research
- Research report on political party positions on housing policy based on parliamentary debates and media texts, using qualitative content analysis.
- List of contact with for housing policy interviews, including experts and policymakers.