

FES Discussion

**In the Shadow of the Capitol:
Social Challenges and Urban Renewal in Southeast Washington**

Tuesday, July 22, 2008 – 12:00-2:00 pm

Equality Forum, Human Rights Campaign
1640 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington DC

The event will mark the launch of a paper that Markus Franz (German Embassy) and Knut Panknin (Friedrich Ebert Foundation) have written on the situation of Ward 8 in Southeast Washington, DC. In numerous interviews with representatives from the DC government, civil society organizations, and with businesses and residents of Ward 8, they have looked into the political, social and economic factors that helped bring change into this neighborhood. What role did the different actors play in the recent developments? Why is the change coming now, after decades of neglect? What are the challenges that still exist? Who will benefit from the urban renewal?

Please join us on July 22, 2008, as we engage policy makers and representatives from different organizations in a discussion on these and other questions.

The program will start with a light lunch, followed by:

Opening Remarks	Knut Panknin <i>Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Washington, DC)</i>
Remarks	Markus Franz <i>Counselor for Labor and Social Affairs (German Embassy)</i>
Presentations	Drew Hubbard <i>DC Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs</i>
	Tyrone C. Parker <i>Executive Director, Alliance of Concerned Men</i>
	Eric F. Rieseberg <i>President, Specialty Hospitals of America</i>
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