Why are homes sold above the asking price?

International borders still limit local population growth in western EU

Crime and social interactions in Dutch neighbourhoods

News from the Department

Carolyn Fischer will join the department

The department welcomes Carolyn Fischer, who will join our department as Full Professor Environmental Economics as of January 1, 2018. Carolyn earned her PhD in economics from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1997. Previously, she has been a visiting professor at Gothenburg University; a Dahrendorf Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics; a UCE3 Senior Fellow at the University of California Santa Barbara; and a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. She has also taught at Johns Hopkins University, consulted for the World Bank Group, and was a staff economist for the Council of Economic Advisers. She is Senior Fellow of the RFF (Resources For the Future), of the CESifo Research Network and a member of
Environment Canada’s Environmental Economics and Policy Research Network. Her research focuses on policy mechanisms and modeling tools that cut across a variety of environmental and resource management issues. read more>

**New project: ‘Noord / Zuidlijn’**
The ‘Noord / Zuidlijn’ (subway line North-South) has a major influence on the accessibility of the city and region. What is the effect of the line on the choices of travelers and employees? What is the influence of the ‘Noord / Zuidlijn’ on area development, real estate prices and the functioning of the labour market? Our department is involved in an impact study to answer these questions. Read more >

**EduGIS officially registered as foundation**
On November 9, EduGIS, specializing in the geo-digitization of geography education, was officially registered as foundation. Henk Scholten, Mark Opmeer and Liesbeth Tangerman (SPINlab) were involved in the preparations. Read more >

**Award for STREEM graduate Jenny Montanus**
On November 7, STREEM graduate Jenny Montanus won the second-best thesis award, awarded by the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations for her thesis entitled: ‘Are home-owners better citizens?’. Read more >

**Erik Verhoef appointed Adjunct Professor at Beijing Jiaotong University**
To his great surprise, on October 27, Erik Verhoef was appointed Adjunct Professor at Beijing Jiaotong University, China. He received the official certificate from Guowei Hua, vice dean of the School of Economics and Management. Read more >

**Upcoming Events**

**PhD Defenses**
11 December, 2017, 13:45, Aula
Or Levkovich: ‘Economic Evaluation of Urban and Spatial Policies’
(Co-)Promotors: Jan Rouwendal and Erik Verhoef
19 January, 2018, 13:45, Aula
Maurice de Kleijn: ‘Innovating Landscape Research through Geographic Information Science’
(Co-)Promotors: Henk Scholten, Jan Kolen and Niels van Manen

Eureka Seminars
21 December, 12:15-13:15, 10A-36
Yann Delaprez & Paul Koster

18 January, 12:15-13:15, 10A-36
Or Levkovich & Martijn Smit

15 February, 12:15-13:15, 10A-36
Yiyun Wu

22 March, 12:15-13:15
Eric Kroes & Jan Rouwendal

Titles and locations, if not given: TBA
More information: G.C.vanderMeijden@vu.nl

Spatial Economics Seminar at the Tinbergen Institute
(held on Thursdays from 12:15-13:15. Location: Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, room 1.01)

14 December: Holger Sieg (University of Pennsylvania)

1 February: Xiwei Zhu (Zhejiang University)

8 February: Philippe Bracke (Bank of England)

22 February: Adam Storeygard (Tufts University, USA)

Titles, if not given: TBA
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**Congress**


**Staff**

**Welcome…**

**Stuart Donovan** is joining our department as a PhD student, supervised by Henri de Groot. He will be researching the dynamics of regional economic performance, the effects of commute costs on location choice, spatial competition between parking garages, and meta-analysis of agglomeration elasticities. Stuart completed an MPhil at the TI, an MSc STREEM degree, and an M.E. In addition, he has ten years' experience working in the transport and energy sectors in New Zealand and Australia. During his PhD, Stuart's time will be split between Australia and the Netherlands.

**Hongyi Gu** (Chengdu, China) is a STREEM graduate who joined our department as a research assistant after finishing her master study. She works with Jos van Ommeren on manufacturers’ strategic reaction to notched CO2 taxation on cars. Hongyi will leave for her home country.
Anne Faber is student-assistant at SPINlab, working within the fram EduGIS, she is partly responsible for the relationship with the geo-i the optimization of this platform. Besides her part-time job at the Vl her bachelor thesis at the University of Amsterdam on the differ adaptation in water management between the cities of Amsterdam a

Maria Dementieva will return to our department in order to finish l Maria works under supervision of Erik Verhoef and Paul Koster. developing analytic models of road safety, when insurance compar behaviour via insurance premiums.

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