

News from the Department



Since December, **Henri de Groot** is Crown-appointed member of the Social Economic Council of the Netherlands (SER). The SER is the main advisory body to the Dutch government and the parliament on national and international social and economic policy. [More information](#)



As per January 1, **Eveline van Leeuwen** was appointed Associate Professor at our department. Since 2001 she has been working at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam as a researcher on several European and national research projects, focusing on towns, tourism, rural development and sustainability. In addition, she has been an active member of the Dutch (as board member) and International Regional Science Association. Her current research interest lies in community satisfaction and social networks and how local facilities play a role in improving these.



Ceren Ozgen was granted the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (€ 200 000) for her research “Making Sense of Education and Skills in a World of Super-Mobility”. Her research assesses the price of skills mismatch of immigrant employees, and the subsequent incidence of this mismatch on workers in the labour market. She will spend most of the research time at the Department of Economics and IRiS of University of Birmingham in the UK.



On April 22 at 15.45hrs in the aula of Vrije Universiteit, **Cees Withagen**, professor of environmental economic at our department, will give his public valedictory lecture entitled "Green and Grey paradoxes". A reception will take place after the lecture.

Upcoming Events

Conference

“Combating Climate Change: Lessons from Macroeconomics, Political Economy, and Public Finance”

Date: April 21-22

Location: Tinbergen Institute

The conference covers a wide range of topics in the area of climate change and resource economics, and is also designed to mark the completion of the ERC Advanced Grant ‘Political Economics of Green Paradoxes’, directed by Rick van der Ploeg and Cees Withagen.

Keynote speakers: Geoffrey Heal (Columbia Business School) and Hans-Werner Sinn (CESifo)

If you are interested in attending, please visit: <http://www.tinbergen.nl/conference/combating-climate-change-lessons-macroeconomics-political-economy-public-finance/>

NB: conference is almost fully booked

PhD Defenses

- April 20, 11:45 hrs Karolina Ryszka
"Resource extraction and the Green Paradox: Accounting for political economy issues and climate policies in a heterogeneous world"
Promotors: Prof. dr. C.A.A.M. Withagen & Dr. G. van der Meijden
Location: Aula
- April 20, 13.45 hrs Mark Kagan
"Issues in Climate Change Economics: Uncertainty, Renewable Energy Innovation and Fossil Fuel Scarcity"
Promotors: Prof. dr. C.A.A.M. Withagen & Prof. dr. F. van der Ploeg
Location: Aula

Eureka Seminars

- March 17 Duco de Vos: "Highways"
Mikhail Andriyanov
Location: 14A-20
- April 28 Moutaz Altaghlibi
Paul Pelzl
Location: Room 14A-20
- May 26 Eveline van Leeuwen
Francis Ostermeijer
Location: 14A-20
- June 23 Ioulia Ossokina
Xinying Fu
Location: 14A-20

Time: 13.00-14.00 hrs, lunch included.

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Spatial Economics Seminars at the Tinbergen Institute

*Please note:
As of 2016, Spatial Economics Seminars at the TI will usually take place on Thursdays from 12.15-13.15 pm*

- March 10, 2016 Kyle Meng (UC Santa Barbara)
- May 9, 2016 Steve Gibbons (LSE)

Titles: TBA

Time: 12.15-13.15 hrs

Location: Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, Gustav Mahlerplein 117, 1082 MS Amsterdam

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TE-Lunch Seminars

March 31

Kees van Ommeren (Decisio): “Cost benefit analysis of cycling projects”

Time: 13.00-14.00 hrs, lunch included

Location: TBA

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Staff

Welcome...



Francis Ostermeijer comes from an international background (having lived in Australia, Azerbaijan, Portugal and Indonesia). Currently he is doing an MSc in STREEM and is working together with Eveline van Leeuwen on developing a dynamic micro simulation model to forecast demographic trends in the Netherlands. His economic interests are in the urban structure of cities and in his free time he likes to play team sports (particularly football and basketball) and go hiking. After graduation he is keen on doing a PhD.



Moutaz Altaghlibi is from Syria and working on a PhD degree in economics at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne as well as the Universiteit van Amsterdam. He will be working at our department on a part-time, visiting basis, until the end of August. The focus of Moutaz' research is on the relation between environmental damage, trade, and growth in developing and least developed countries. The orientation of his work is mainly theoretical, but he is anxious to broaden his outlook towards more data-based approaches.



Jenny Montanus is student assistant and helps Eveline van Leeuwen doing research on the determinants of community satisfaction in the Netherlands. Jenny completed the bachelor programme Earth and Economics last year, and is currently enrolled in the master programme STREEM.



Mohammadsaeed (short: **Saeed**) **Zabihidan** is a PhD student from Razi University, Iran. He will be staying at our department for six months, doing research on land use policies. Saeeds supervisors are Hans Koster and Jos van Ommeren. His fields of interest are spatial, urban and regional economics.

Journal Articles and Working Papers

(November 15, 2015-February 15, 2016)

Journal Articles

- Bernasco, W. & Jacques, S. (2015). [Where Do Dealers Solicit Customers and Sell Them Drugs? A Micro-Level Multiple Method Study](#). *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 31 (4), 376-408. doi: 10.1177/1043986215608535
- Bernasco, W., Van der Beek, K. & Lammers, M. (in press). [Cross-Border Crime Patterns Unveiled by International Exchange of DNA Profiles](#). *Security Journal*. doi: 10.1057/sj.2015.27
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- Bruinsma, G., Pauwels, L., Weerman, F. & Bernasco, W. (2015). [Situational Action Theory: Cross-Sectional and Cross-Lagged Tests of its Core Propositions](#). *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, 57 (3), 363-398. doi: 10.3138/cjccj.2013.E24
- Dekker, T., Hess, S., Brouwer, R. & Hofkes, M. (2016). [Decision uncertainty in multi-attribute stated preference studies](#). *Resource and Energy Economics*, 43 (February), 57-73. doi: 10.1016/j.reseneeco.2015.11.002
- Donselaar, P. & Koopmans, C.C. (2016). [The fruits of R&D: Meta-analyses of the effects of Research and Development on productivity](#). (Preprints, Research Memorandum, no 2016-1). Amsterdam: Faculty of Economics and Business Administration.
- Droes, M.I. & Rietveld, P. (2015). [Rail-based public transport and urban spatial structure: The interplay between network design, congestion and urban form](#). *Transportation Research. Part B: Methodological*, 81 (2), 421-439. doi: 10.1016/j.trb.2015.07.004
- Haan, J. de & Poelhekke, S. (2016). Het groeiperspectief van China op de lange termijn. *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 101 (4727), 102-105.
- Hwang, I.C., Tol, R.S.J. & Hofkes, M. (2016). [Fat-tailed risk about climate change and climate policy](#). *Energy Policy*, 89, 25-35. doi: 10.1016/j.enpol.2015.11.012
- Javorcik, B. & Poelhekke, S. (in press). Former Foreign Affiliates: Cast Out and Outperformed? *Journal of the European Economic Association*.
- Kangur, A., Bockarjova, M., Jager, W. & Verbrugge, R. (2016). An agent-based model for diffusion of electric vehicles. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*.
- Knockaert, J.S.A., Verhoef, E.T. & Rouwendal, J. (2016). [Bottleneck congestion: Differentiating the coarse charge](#). *Transportation Research. Part B: Methodological*, 83 (January), 59-73. doi: 10.1016/j.trb.2015.11.004
- Koster, H.R.A. & Ommeren, J.N. van (2015). [A Shaky Business: Natural Gas Extraction, Earthquakes and House Prices](#). *European Economic Review*, 80, 120-139. doi: 10.1016/j.euroecorev.2015.08.011
- Koster, P.R. & Koster, H.R.A. (2015). [Commuters' preferences for fast and reliable travel: A semi-parametric estimation approach](#). *Transportation Research. Part B: Methodological*, 81 (1), 289-301. doi: 10.1016/j.trb.2015.05.011
- Koster, P.R., Peer, S. & Dekker, T. (2015). [Memory, expectation formation and scheduling choices](#). *Economics of Transportation*, 4 (4), 256-265. doi: 10.1016/j.ecotra.2015.09.001
- Noppers, E. H., Keizer, K., Bockarjova, M. & Steg, L. (2015). [The adoption of sustainable innovations: The role of instrumental, environmental, and symbolic attributes for earlier and later adopters](#). *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 44 (December), 74-84. doi: 10.1016/j.jenvp.2015.09.002
- Othoniel, B., Rugani, B., Heijungs, R., Benetto, E. & Withagen, C.A.A.M. (2016). [Assessment of life cycle impacts on ecosystem services: promise, problems and prospects](#). *Environmental Science and Technology*, 50 (3), 1077-1092. doi: 10.1021/acs.est.5b03706
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- Zang, Z., Graaff, T. de & Nijkamp, P. (in press). [Cultural Diversity and Cultural Distance as Choice Determinants of Migration Destination](#). *Spatial Economic Analysis*. doi: 10.1080/17421772.2016.1102956

Working Papers

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Meijden, G.C. van der, Ryszka, K.A. & Withagen, C.A.A.M. (2015). [Double Limit Pricing](#). (Preprints, TI Discussion Paper, no 15-136/VIII). Amsterdam: Tinbergen Institute.

Mulalic, I., Pilegaard, N. & Rouwendal, J. (2015). [Does improving Public Transport decrease Car Ownership? Evidence from the Copenhagen Metropolitan Area](#). (Preprints, TI Discussion Paper, no 15-139/VIII). Amsterdam: Tinbergen Institute.

Tempelman, C., Koopmans, C.C., Marlet, G. & Zwart, R. (2015). [Opties voor verdere decentralisatie naar gemeenten](#). (Preprints, Discussion Paper, no 82). Amsterdam: SEO Economisch Onderzoek.

The next **Spatial Economics Newsletter** will appear in June 2016.

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