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New posts on spatialeconomics.nl

- It is worthwhile to keep investing in historic buildings
- Urban densification continues
- Parking: the optimal occupancy rate in residential areas

News from the Department

Again: 'Top Rated Programme' Distinction for our master Spatial, Transport and Environmental Economics (STREEM)!

As in 2017, STREEM was rated as top programme in the Keuzegids Masters: Students and education experts are particularly enthusiastic about the attainability, academic building and study guidance. Every year, the Netherlands Higher Education Information Centre (CHOI) published the Keuzegids Masters: the Netherlands' influential higher education guide for prospective students, which provides information to help students find the right Master's programme. The rankings are based on the opinions students expressed in the National Student Survey (NSE), the percentage of students that continue their studies in the second year and expert views. Read more.
Two journals – of which department members are editors – are to receive an impact factor

In the beginning of March, two journals managed by members of our department received the good news that these journals will receive an impact factor soon. Erik Verhoef is co-editor-in-chief of Economics of Transportation, Erik Ansink is managing editor of Water Resources and Economics. The Web of Science has accepted both journals for coverage in its Journal Citation Reports (SSCI). The journals’ official Web-of-Science Impact Factor and associated bibliometrics indicators will be computed and published for the year 2018 onwards.

Hans Koster appointed Fellow/Advisor of the CMSSE in St. Petersburg

Hans Koster was appointed Fellow / Advisor of the Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics in St. Petersburg. As per 2018, Hans will be visiting St. Petersburg for 20 days a year. The Center's activities focus on fundamental research on market structure theory with an emphasis on applying developed theories to international trade, industrial organization and urban economics. Papers by the Center’s staff on the above research have been published in renowned journals such as Econometrica, Journal of International Economics and Journal of Urban Economics.

Cooperation agreement between Spatial Economics VU and Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta

The Department of Spatial Economics – represented by Peter Mulder, Erik Verhoef, Henri de Groot and Gerard van der Meijden - recently signed a cooperation agreement with the Faculty of Economics and Business at the Universitas Indonesia in Jakarta. The long term goal of the collaboration is to develop joint teaching activities and to conduct joint research in the field of transport, urban and environmental economics. Read more.

Policy measure: Compensation for CO₂ emissions

As from 2017, the department compensates for the CO₂ emissions, caused by air trips made by its department members. Annually, per 1 tonne CO₂ emission, an amount of € 8,75 will be invested in replacing cookstoves in Uganda, neutralizing the CO₂ emissions caused by the travelling. This project is facilitated through Greenseat, a Goldstandard certified organization. In 2017, our department members made 72 air trips, with a distance of on average 3,500 kilometers (one way), emitting 93 tonnes CO₂. In order to compensate for the fact that we did not observe all flights, we multiplied this with 1.25, leading to a compensating amount of € 1023.80.
Upcoming Events

Eureka Seminars
(held on Thursdays from 12:15-13:15, location flexible)

22 March, room 9A-33: Eric Kroes & Jan Rouwendal

19 April, room 10A-36: Paul Verstraten (CPB) and Francis Ostermeijer

17 May, room 5A-37: Carl Koopmans & Huyen Tran ('Urban structure with endogenous green amenities')

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)

29 March: Radek Stefanski (St. Andrews)

12 April: Reyer Gerlagh (Tilburg)

19 April: Marc Hafstead (RFF)

8 May: Arik Levinson (Georgetown) – Note: this is a TUESDAY --

31 May: Nicholas Treich (Toulouse)

Titles, if not given: TBA
More information: S.Poelhekke@vu.nl

In the media (in Dutch)

Duitse tolheffing tot zeker 2020 uitgesteld. 'Dat had je kunnen zien aankomen' (interview with Erik Verhoef on BRN Nieuwsradio, 9 March, 2018)
Eerste experiment met filehandel veelbelovend (article on the results of research within the project U-SMILE, Algemeen Dagblad, 8 March, 2018)

Eerste experiment verhandelbare verkeersrechten veelbelovend (press release on the results of research within the project U-SMILE with factsheet attached, beginning of March, 2018)

Meedeinen op de spitsgolven (interview with Erik Verhoef, Het Financieele Dagblad, 10 February, 2018, p. 6-8)

Meer asfalt – de weg van de minste weerstand (interview with Erik Verhoef, Nederlands Dagblad, 6 January, 2018)

Publications (20 August, 2017 – 1 March, 2018)

Journal articles


Ploeg, F. van der & Rezai, A. (2018). The simple arithmetic of carbon pricing and stranded assets. In: Energy Efficiency (online first)


Working papers


More publications >