Spatial Economics Newsletter
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New blogs on spatialeconomics.nl

Air cargo: Identifying 'white spots' and 'grey spots'

Waterstaatskaart: Historical data source for the Dutch water system

Amsterdam Metropolitan Region: strong and resilient
News from the Department

Eveline van Leeuwen appointed full professor and head of the Urban Economics group at Wageningen University

15 years ago, Eveline started out as a researcher at our department. She worked on EU projects, and, at the same time, worked on her PhD thesis, which she finished in 2008. Although a consultancy company was keen on hiring her, late Piet Rietveld luckily persuaded her to stay at our department. However, the time has come for a new challenge: on October 1, Eveline will become full professor and head of the new Urban Economics group at Wageningen University. She and her group will work on the economics of urban-rural interactions, as well as on healthy and sustainable lifestyles in urban environments. We congratulate Eveline on the new job, and wish her all the best!

More news >

*** Please note that as of per September 1, FEWEB changed its name to the School of Business and Economics. Visit the SBE website and VUnet for news items on our name change, or do watch the short movie. Please do not forget to change your communication means. You have received an email on this topic by Jessica Brouwer (Head of Communications) on August, 25.

Upcoming Events

PhD Defenses
11 December, 13:45, Aula
Or Levkovich: ‘Economic Evaluation of Urban and Spatial Policies’
(Co-)Promotors: Jan Rouwendal and Erik Verhoef

Eureka Seminars
26 October, 12:15-13:15, room 10A-36
Gerben de Jong & Ting Zhou

16 November, 12:15-13:15, room 0H-53 (Bellevue)
Joris Klingen & Erik Ansink
21 December, 12:15-13:15, 10A-36
Yann Delaprez & Paul Koster

Titles: TBA
More information: G.C.van.der.Meijden@vu.nl

Spatial Economics Seminar at the Tinbergen Institute
28 September, 12:15-13:15. Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, room 1.01
Gabriel Pons Rotger (Danish National Centre for Social Research):
Neighbourhood Effects on Youth Crime: Natural Experimental Evidence

19 October, 12:15-13:15. Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, room 1.01
Costas Arlokakis (Yale University, New Haven)

23 November, 12:15-13:15. Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, room 1.01
Jon Bannister (Manchester Metropolitant University)

30 November, 12:15-13:15. Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, room 1.01
Beata Javorcik (University of Oxford, UK)

14 December, 12:15-13:15. Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, room 1.01
Holger Sieg (University of Pennsylvania).

Titles, if not given: TBA
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Congresses

Staff

Welcome…

Maaike van Aalst started working as a PhD candidate within the NWO project ‘Adaptation Pathways for socially inclusive development of urbanizing deltas’ under supervision of Henri de Groot and Eric Koomen. Her research focuses on developing a framework for ‘social inclusiveness’ in relation to water management (strategies), making use of the adaptation pathways approach, and with a specific focus on the Viet Nam Mekong delta. She also remains affiliated with Deltas, where she was involved in several Delta Plan projects and other related studies. She plans to introduce the experiences from real-life cases at Deltas in her PhD research.

Hyen Tran (originally from Viet Nam) is a visiting researcher from the University of Luxembourg. She obtained her master’s degree in Econometrics and Economic Theory at the Toulouse School of Economics. During her stay in Amsterdam, she will be supervised by Jos van Ommeren. Hyen’s research focuses on endogenous city structures with the presence of environmental amenities.

G. Cornelis ('Kees') van Kooten is a professor of Economics and Canada Research Chair in Environmental Studies and Climate in the Department of Economics at the University of Victoria in Canada. He does research in agricultural and forestry economics, and, most recently, on renewable energy and electricity grids. He will be a visitor at the VU for five weeks and would love to chat with researchers about wind, solar and biomass energy, among other topics. Details of his research are found at www.vkooten.net.
Adrian Nerja is a visiting PhD student from the University of Valencia, Spain. He will stay here until December, under supervision of Erik Verhoef. His thesis deals with airport competition and concession revenue sharing contracts. He is also interested in spatial econometrics to analyze the spatial relationship among airports. You can contact him at adrian.nerja@uv.es.

Xiaojuan Yu is a PhD student at the Huazhong University of Science & Technology, Wuhan, China. Her research focuses on public-private partnership transit technology investment. She will be staying at our department as a visiting researcher for one year, under the supervision of Erik Verhoef and Vincent van den Berg.

Janique Kroese is a PhD candidate, supervised by Wim Bernasco, Jan Rouwendal, and Aart Liefbroer. At the NSCR, she investigates the effects of being raised in a single-parent family on criminal involvement of adolescents. Before starting this PhD position, she obtained a research master's degree in Social Psychology and worked as a research assistant and junior teacher at the VU Amsterdam.

Ajay K. Katuri (New Delhi, India) is a part-time PhD candidate, supervised by Henk Scholten. His research relates to urban risk management for the Indian city of Ahmedabad. He explores the use of net-centric decision support systems as the backbone of risk management in urban areas. Ajay had been trained as an Architect and Urban planner.
Orkun Celik is a visiting researcher at our department under supervision of Jan Rouwendal. He will be staying in the Netherlands until 31 August 2018. Orkun works as a research assistant at Ege University (Izmir, Turkey). His research interests cover labor income share, wage, and wage differentials. His PhD thesis focuses on labor income share in EU countries.

Joris Klingen – already teaching assistant at our department for 3 years - completed the MPhil programme at the Tinbergen Institute and will join us as PhD student per 1 October under supervision of Jos van Ommeren, Erik Verhoef and Paul Koster. His research centres on urban transport with a specific focus on cycling.

Nicolas Volkhausen is a part-time PhD student at the Department of Spatial Economics. Supervised by Jos van Ommeren and Hans Koster, his research focuses on the spatial effects of the sharing economy, particularly short-term rental transactions. Nicolas obtained his Master’s in Economics of Public Policy from Barcelona GSE and currently works as a researcher in the transportation sector at the consultancy McKinsey.

Goodbye…

At the end of July 2017 Teodora Szep left the Department and now pursues a PhD at TU Delft. She is studying how moral decisions will affect the transport of the future. Her new email address is t.szep-1@tudelft.nl.
At the end of August Rixt Bijker has left our Department. In the past year she has worked as a postdoc researcher investigating the role of social interactions in local participation choices, in a project together with Eveline van Leeuwen en Paul Koster. Currently she is looking for a new research position. Rixt's email address is: rixtbijker@gmail.com.

After a six-month stay at our department, Hamid Fowri left for his home country Iran in order to finish his PhD at the section Transportation Planning at Tarbiat Modares University in Teheran. Hamid can be reached at h.fowri@modares.ac.ir.

New projects

**NWO Project Adaptation Pathways for socially inclusive development of urbanizing deltas**

*Henri de Groot, Eric Koomen, Maaike van Aalst (PhD)*

NWO awarded a project to the department in its 2016 Top Sector Water Call. This research project aims to develop an integrated approach for supporting the long-term inclusive sustainable economic development of urbanizing deltas under uncertain changing conditions. It will be carried out in cooperation with the Policy Analysis section of Delft University of technology and other partners including Deltares, PBL and Can Tho University (Viet Nam).

**Evaluation Opening Noord-Zuidlijn**

*Erik Verhoef, Paul Koster, Eric Koomen, Jan Rouwendal, Or Levkovich, Jasper Knockaert, Bo Andréé, Jip Claassens*

The Department will be involved in a large project on the evaluation of the opening of the Noord-Zuidlijn, jointly and in close collaboration with research groups at UvA, CWI, and AMS; and with Gemeente Amsterdam. Research here at the Department will focus on a number of themes: effects on traveller behaviour and valuations; on real estate values, on labour markets, and on accessibility.
Broken Homes and Crime: Differential Effects of Parental Divorce, Parental Decease, and Out-of-Wedlock Birth on Criminal Involvement in Offspring

Wim Bernasco, Aart Liebrouer, Jan Rouwendal, Janique Kroese (PhD)

This project investigates the effects of being raised in a single-parent family on criminal involvement of adolescents. It tests differential effects of parental divorce/separation, parental decease and out-of-wedlock birth on police-registered offending, and investigates the underlying mechanisms by exploring the duration of being raised in a single-parent family, and controls for characteristics of the parent(s), the children and the neighborhood of residence. The project exploits anonymized data of the complete Dutch population available through Statistics Netherlands.

Publications  (1 January-20 September 2017)

Journal articles


Working papers


All publications >>>
In the Media

Experiments with tradeable mobility permits in order to find a solution for congestion – within the framework of the U-SMILE research project – have received a lot of attention in the media recently. Project leader Erik Verhoef was interviewed on several occasions (all-in Dutch):

Experiment met spitsrechten om files tegen te gaan.. (RTL Nieuws, 4 September)
Nieuw experiment in strijd tegen files (BNR Nieuwsradio, 29 August)
Wat als je stadsbewoners een verzilverbaar parkeerrecht geeft (Trouw, 30 August)
Jij woensdag de parkeerplaats in ruil voor de donderdag (NOS News item, 30 August)
NOS Radio 1 journaal: VU start proef met verhandelbare parkeervergunning (NOS Radio 1 Journaal, 30 August)
Het Parool: VU onderzoekt verhandelbare parkeerrechten (Het Parool, 30 August)
NOS Nieuwsuur artikel: Growing congestion in the Netherlands (29 July)