New blogs on spatialeconomics.nl

High(er) wind turbines lower residential property pricing
About prostitution and sex buyers’ responsibility
China & Europe join forces to solve urban transport problems

News from the Department

Congratulations Steven Poelhekke! Steven became Research Fellow of CEPR, joining the programme on International Trade and Regional Economics. CEPR is a fully international network of approximately 1,300 research economists with a broad European base. The Centre’s goal is twofold: to promote world-class research, and to help get the policy-relevant results into the hands of public- and private-sector decision-makers. Research Fellows must demonstrate an outstanding record of scholarly publications in leading international journals, an overlap with the Centre’s current research activities and the potential for collaboration with members of the Centre’s various research networks. More information>>

Upcoming Events

PhD Defense
Ting Zhou: “Landscape Service Provisions and Preferences on the Urban-Rural Fringe”
22 January, 15:45-17:15, Aula

Spatial Economics Seminars at Tinbergen Institute
(Thursdays, 12:15-13:15, titles to be announced)
23 January: Coen Teulings
30 January: Gabriel Ahlfieldt
6 February: Hendrik Wolff
20 February: Ioulia Ossokina
27 February: Jens Wrona
19 March: Giordano Mion
26 March: Matt Cole
2 April: Dominic Rohner
16 April: Oliver Schenker

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Eureka Seminars
(held on Thursdays from 12:15-13:15, titles and locations TBA)
13 February: Menusch Khadjavi & Laila Ait Bihi Ouali
12 March: Thomas de Graaff & Trond Husby (PBL)
9 April: Anders Bondemark

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In the Media

- Onzekerheid rond Lelystad Airport blijft na stikstofadvies (expert opinion, Eric Pels, Financieel Dagblad, 16 January)
- Biologisch afbreekbaar? (column about research of Erik Ansink et al. On “No clue about bioplastics”, Financieel Dagblad, 11 January)
- Nederland geregeerd door politieke verkiezingsthema’s (column, Rick van der Ploeg & Willem Vermeend, Telegraaf, 11 January)
- Rekeningrijden en asfalt geen oplossing voor de files (Erik Verhoef, radio interview, BNR Nieuwsradio, 5 January)
- Over de zin van het verlagen van OV tarieven ter verlaging van het aantal files (Erik Verhoef, radio Fris!, 5 January, starting on 6:33)
- Windmolen slecht voor waarde omliggende woningen (Hans Koster, RTLZ, 18 December)
- Woningen rond windmolenparken Groningen en Drenthe ruim 50 miljoen minder waard (Hans Koster, VPRO-Argos, 17 December)
- Woningen 1,36 miljard minder waard door windmolens (Hans Koster, Financieel Dagblad, 17 December)
- Onderzoek: Hoge windmolens in de buurt verlaagt waardes van een woning (Hans Koster, nu.nl, 17 December)
- Hogere windmolens hebben negatiever effect op huizeprijzen (Hans Koster, VU.nl, 17 December)
- Huis bij grote windmolen daalt flink in waarde (Hans Koster, De Telegraaf, 17 December)
- Beteugel airbnb met toeristentax (Hans Koster and Jos van Ommeren, NRC, 12 December)
- Hoe airbnb toch weer aan het langste eind trekt (Hans Koster and Jos van Ommeren, NRC, 4 December)
Welcome…

Maciej Swiderski will join our department as PhD student within research project HERILAND, supervised by Jaap Boter and Niels van Manen. Maciej got his first master from the American Studies Center at the University of Warsaw in 2014 where he studied the influence of modernist planning policies on the emergence of grassroots movements in post-war New York City. His research topic led him to become one of the main initiators of the first Polish translation of Jane Jacobs’ *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. Apart from that, he was involved in various urban and architecture themed NGOs devising strategies to increase active public participation in Polish cities. Between 2016 and 2018, he took part in the 4Cities Master program in Urban Studies organized by six universities across Europe. Here, his research focus shifted towards discursive marginalization with Copenhagen’s Nørrebro neighbourhood serving as the main case study.

Sofia Oliveira is twenty years old and currently taking a degree in environmental engineering (3rd year) at Nova University in Lisbon. Sofia will do an internship from 24th January to 29th February, under supervision of Eduardo Dias. Her research interests cover urban and regional planning.

Goodbye…

Qing Li has left our department in January. She has been a visiting researcher at our department for one year. She will go back to China and work at Shandong University of Science and technology located in the beautiful coastal city of Qingdao. “I sincerely appreciates everyone’s patience and help during the past year. All of you are welcome to China and I hope we have a chance to meet again. I can be reached at l_lining@163.com.”

As per February 1, 2020, Peter Mulder will leave the Department of Spatial Economics at VU to start a new job as senior scientist at TNO Energy Transition Studies. Peter: “It has been a great privilege to work at the Spatial Economics group for many years. At TNO I will be engaged in applied research on the economic aspects of the transition to a low-carbon energy system. I can be reached at peter_mulder@tno.nl and www.petermulder.net.”