News from the Department

As of August 1, 2016, Erik Verhoef is Fellow of KiM (Kennisinstituut voor Mobiliteitsbeleid, the Netherlands Institute for Transport Policy Analysis). KiM provides knowledge inputs for the preparation of mobility policy at the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment. KiM carries out research and, in addition, collects the results of studies conducted elsewhere. KiM has attached professors from the Netherlands and abroad: the KiM fellows. These fellows provide scientific 'strengthening' for KiM's research activities. More information

‘Do Cities Make Us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier and Happier?’
This question, inspired by Edward Glaeser’s bestseller book ‘Triumph of the City’, was the central question at the symposium organized by the Department of Spatial Economics of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam on 9 September 2016. Read more

On September 15, The Development Economics and Spatial Economics research groups (Tinbergen Institute) presented ‘Climate, Growth and a Global Agenda’ by Professor Lord Nicholas Stern, Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (LSE), IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government (LSE) and President of the British Academy. Read the abstract.

In the Media

Erik Verhoef ‘s views on road pricing (‘rekeningrijden’): Listen to the Dutch BNR radio programmes Spitsuur (September 1) and Ask me anything (September 12).

Upcoming Events

Save the date: RE Away-day on 27-28 October
Location: Kontakt der Kontinenten in Soesterberg
http://www.kontaktderkontinenten.nl/nl/conferentiehotel/home.aspx

Organization: Thomas de Graaff, Gerard van der Meijden, Eveline van Leeuwen and Erik Verhoef. More information will follow soon.

PhD Defenses

November 3, 13.45 hrs  Alexandros Dimitropoulos
“Low emission vehicles: consumer demand and fiscal policy”
Promotor: Prof. dr. Jos van Ommeren
Location: Aula
**Eureka Seminars**

October 6  
Nicholas Gonzales-Pampillon  
Location: Room HG-11A24

November 3  
Jamie Chen & Jan Rouwendal  
Location: Room HG-11A37

December 1  
Speakers TBA  
Location: Room HG-10A33

Titles: TBA  
Time: 13.00-14.00 hrs, lunch included.

More information: [H.R.A.Koster@vu.nl](mailto:H.R.A.Koster@vu.nl) or [G.C.van.der.Meijden@vu.nl](mailto:G.C.van.der.Meijden@vu.nl)

**Spatial Economics Seminars at the Tinbergen Institute**

October 13  
Kay Axhausen (ETH Zurich)

November 24  
Julia Bird (Oxford University, UK)

December 8  
Stephane Straub (Toulouse 1 University Capitole, Paris)

December 15  
Antoine Dechezlepretre (LSE)

Title: TBA  
Time: 12.15-13.15 hrs  
Location: Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, Gustav Mahlerplein 117, 1082 MS Amsterdam

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**Staff**

**Welcome...**

**Francis Ostermeijer** just finished his MSc in STREEM, and now works as PhD at our department, together with Jos van Ommeren and Hans Koster, investigating the implications of driverless cars on the spatial structure of cities. His economic interests are in the urban structure of cities, development and sustainability. In his free time he likes to play team sports (particularly football and basketball) and go hiking.

**Rein van 't Veer** joined the GIS department. He investigates strategies for the integration and semantic enrichment of open spatial datasets published by the government, as an embedded researcher at the national cadastre. He has a background in archaeology, geospatial engineering and Linked Data.
Isadora Rebelo Salviano (Isa) is a Brazilian environmental management and planning expert. For five years, she worked for the government, and also as consultant. She started her PhD as external candidate, supervised by Eric Koomen. Her research involves land use modelling of ecosystem services in a landscape graph model for connectivity. Isa obtained a bachelor degree in biology and specialized during her master in civil engineering at UNICAMP in Brazil.

Lola Gulyamova is a guest researcher from Uzbekistan. She has been granted a postdoc scholarship within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 project ‘gSmart – Spatial ICT Infrastructures for Smart Places’. Lola works at SPINlab under the supervision of Henk Scholten.

Yann Delaprez started to work as PhD within the project BREATHE (Building Resilient Economic Agglomerations addressing Transportation and Health Effects) with Steven Poelhekke, Peter Mulder, Henri de Groot and Erik Verhoef. Yann holds a Master’s degree in Economics from the Toulouse School of Economics (TSE). Additionally, he obtained a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology from the Toulouse Jean Jaurès University. His research interests cover urban and environmental Economics.

Mieke van Nierop is a guest researcher from Rijkswaterstaat. Rijkswaterstaat is responsible for the design, construction, management and maintenance of the main infrastructure facilities in the Netherlands. This includes the main road network, the main waterway network and water systems. Together with the SPINLAB, Mieke explores the possibilities of datamining in the area of crisis management.

Loes Derikx is student assistant at UNIGIS. She is a bachelor student Human Geography and Planning at Utrecht University and works with Niels van Manen for one academic year. After the bachelor, Loes wants to specialize in Urban Geography or GIS.

Goodbye...

Jenny (Jingjing) Liu has left to her home school, Xiamen University in southeast China. The coming year, Jenny will finish her dissertation in order to receive her doctoral degree in the field of Tourism Management.
After successfully having defended her PhD dissertation, Zhiling Wang left for Guangzhou (China), where she will join the Institute for Economic and Social Research, Jinan University, as an assistant professor. "Three years of PhD in the department was a fabulous journey for me, and I truly appreciate everyone’s kindness and smart minds. Thank you and best wishes to all!”, she wanted to let you all know.

**Publications**  June 1 – September 29, 2016

**Journal Articles**


Berg, V.A.C. van den & Rouwendal, J. (2016). Tender auctions with existing operators bidding. *Economics of Transportation, 6* (June), 1-10. doi: 10.1016/j.ecotra.2016.05.001


Tol, R.S.J. (2016). *The impacts of climate change according to the IPCC*. *Climate Change Economics, 7* (1). doi: 10.1142/S2010007816400042


**Working Papers**


**Internet Articles**


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

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