On February 5, 2015, Henri de Groot presented the latest edition of the *Economische Verkenningen Metropoolregio Amsterdam* (EVMRA) in Amsterdam. The presentation and publication of the study was reported in several Dutch newspapers, such as *Het Financieele Dagblad*, *Het Parool*, *De Telegraaf* and *Noordhollands Dagblad*. Next to the usual developments in economic growth, labour market and sector structure, the 2015 edition focuses the attention on income- and wealth inequalities in the region. More information is available in Dutch.

In January, 2015, Hans Koster and Jos van Ommeren won the annual High-rise buildings and office rents" prize (£5,000), generous to the authors of the best paper published in the Journal of Economic Geography. The paper can be downloaded here: [http://joeg.oxfordjournals.org/content/14/1/125.short](http://joeg.oxfordjournals.org/content/14/1/125.short)

On October 1, 2014, Steven Poelhekke was appointed Associate Professor at our department. Steven Poelhekke works at our department since September 2012. Earlier, he worked at the research department of De Nederlandsche Bank and spent the academic year 2010-2011 as a visiting fellow at the Department of Economics in Oxford. He obtained his PhD from the European University Institute in Florence in 2008. He mainly works on the economics of non-renewable natural resources, foreign direct investment, and trade and development.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ERC-OPTION Conference on Industrial Organization in Transport Network Markets**

OPTION researchers from our department will present work carried out within the framework of the project. Another 24 foreign experts will present research related to the theme of the project: “Optimizing Policies for Transport: accounting for Industrial Organization in Network markets”.

Date: April 9 & 10, 2015  
Location: Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam
PhD Defenses

April, 8, 2015, 11.45 hrs, Aula – VU University
Harry van der Weijde: “The Industrial Organization of Transport Markets: Modeling Pricing, Investment and Regulation in Rail and Road Networks”
Promotors: Prof.dr. E.T. Verhoef & Dr. Vincent van den Berg

April 8, 2015, 13:45 hrs, Aula – VU University
Promotors: Prof.dr. E.T. Verhoef & Dr. Vincent van den Berg

Eureka Seminars

12 March, 2015
Mikhail Andriyanov & Mark Lijesen: Demand functions and price elasticity for airline travel
Location: 15A-02. Time: 13.00-14.00 hrs, lunch included

16 April, 2015
Maurice de Kleijn & Eric Pels : Land use scanner and archeology
Location: 7A-09 . Time: 13.00-14.00 hrs, lunch included

7 May, 2015
Vincent van den Berg & Henri de Groot
Location: 11A-24, Time: 12:00-13.00 hrs, lunch included

11 June, 2015
Raymond Florax & Rick van der Ploeg: Generalized Propensity Scores for Spatial Data
Location: 9A-10 . Time: 13.00-14.00 hrs, lunch included

Titles, if not given: TBA
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Spatial Economics Seminars at the Tinbergen Institute

(Location: Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, Gustav Mahlerplein 117, 1082 MS Amsterdam, Time: 12.00-13.00 hrs)

March 9, 2015
Harry Garretsen (University of Groningen)

March 30, 2015
Rob Hart (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)

May 11, 2015
George Filis (Bournemouth University)

May 18, 2015
Guy Michaels (London School of Economics)
June 1, 2015  
Ryan Kellogg (University of Michigan)

Titles: TBA  
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TE-Lunch Seminars

To be announced.  
More information: P.R.Koster@vu.nl

STAFF

Welcome...

In December, 2015, Tessa Eikelboom joined Department. She started her PhD at the IVM-VU, but will complete the final steps at the Department of Spatial Economics. Tessa’s PhD focuses on the development and evaluation of interactive geodesign tools to support decision making at the local level. The PhD is part of the Knowledge for Climate Programme.

J. Andres Dominguez is a visiting student at our department. He received his Bachelor degree in Economics (2009) from the Universidad del Valle (Colombia) and his Master degree in Applied Economics (2013) from the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (Spain). He is currently studying urban economics with a special focus on developing countries.

Ton van den Bremer’s research focusses on the role of resource price and climate uncertainty in macro-economic models for optimal policy, including climate policy and optimal design of resource sovereign wealth funds. In December Ton submitted his DPhil thesis in fluid mechanics at the University of Oxford, where he examined mean flows induced by gravity waves in geophysical applications. He will defend his thesis in March. Read more at Ton’s research website: https://sites.google.com/site/tonvandenbremer/

Yu Morimoto is a PhD student from Kyoto, Japan. Yu’s research topic is aviation industry with a focus on the growing demand for flight services. Yu will stay at our department for six weeks.
Goodbye…

In January, 2015, Ana Maria Barufi left our Department and returned to her hometown Sao Paolo in Brazil. She has been here as visiting PhD student for one semester. Ana Maria’s email address is ana.barufi@gmail.com.

JOURNAL ARTICLES & WORKING PAPERS December 1, 2014 - February 19, 2015

Journal articles

Berg, V.A.C. van den (2014). Coarse tolling under heterogeneous preference. Transportation Research. Part B: Methodological, 64(June), 1-23. 10.1016/j.trb.2014.03.001


Working papers / Preprints


The next Spatial Economics Newsletter will appear in June 2015.

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