



Urban Systems 2.0

A workshop on the spatial organization, structure, performance and planning of contemporary urban systems

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The aims of this intensive two-day workshop are to bring together an international group of researchers with an interest in the geography of contemporary urban systems; to present and discuss research findings on the spatial organization and structure of cities, metropolitan areas, countries and transnational areas; and, to explore opportunities for joint research by exploring a research agenda "Urban Systems 2.0". Presented papers will be considered for a **special issue** of **Regional Studies**.

Themes may include:

- City networks
- Polycentricity
- Linking spatial structure and performance
- Economics of spatial structure
- Economics of urban networks
- Central place versus network organisation
- Beyond agglomeration economies: regional externalities
- Integration and interaction between cities
- Geography of megaregions
- Intra-regional networks vis-à-vis extra-regional networks
- Challenges for spatial planning

We are happy to announce that one of the most prominent urban systems researchers, **Prof. John B. Parr** (Emeritus Professor of Regional and Urban Economics, Department of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow) will present the keynote lecture.

Places in the workshop are limited to allow ample time for presentation and discussion of papers. A discussant will be assigned to each paper.

The venue of the workshop is the OTB Research Institute for the Built Environment, which is part of Delft University of Technology. For more information on the charming historic city of Delft in the Netherlands, see <http://www.delft.nl/webEN/content.jsp?objectid=33500>.

You are warmly invited to participate in this workshop. To participate, simply send an e-mail with abstract to e.j.meijers@tudelft.nl before **July 31**. Also contact this e-mail address with any questions.

The workshop is organized by the RSA Research Network on Regional Urban Systems and their Performance. Organizers are Dr. Evert Meijers (TU Delft), Prof. Frank van Oort (Utrecht University) and Martijn Burger (Erasmus University Rotterdam).

Thanks to the support of the **Regional Studies Association**, participation in the workshop (including informal dinner) is free of charge. Moreover, we are able to offer some **travel bursaries** to assist eligible attendees with their travel and accommodation costs. The bursary is redeemable on presentation of receipts for eligible expenses. Bursaries will be offered preferentially using the following criteria:

- member of the Regional Studies Association (from band 'b' to 'd' country);
- PhD student or Early Career Researcher;
- no access to own research or travel funds.

Those wishing to apply for a travel bursary should indicate this when submitting their abstract.

