

Call for special session on The Impact of Earthquakes on Regional Housing Markets and Regional Economic Development

The ERSa congress in Groningen will be held 5 years after a noticeable earthquake occurred in the small village of Huizinge nearby the City of Groningen. This earthquake was one of a larger number of (smaller) earthquakes resulting from gas extraction in the region. These induced earthquakes, as 'natural' earthquakes, are likely to influence the local housing market as the demand for housing in the area declines (if for example people leave the area) and houses suffer from material damage. Moreover economic growth might be lower if firms lower their investments in the region or move away.

Although the possibility that these effects are indeed occurring is generally acknowledged, the estimation of the exact magnitude of the impact of earthquakes is still subject of debate. The aim of this special session is to further enhance this debate by bringing together different approaches to estimate the effect of earthquakes on housing markets and regional economic development in general. The session is open for research aimed at the impact of (both induced and natural) earthquakes on all regions and is not limited to the region of Groningen.

Moreover papers with different methodological backgrounds are welcomed: ranging from literature reviews to hedonic price analyses and from spatial-econometric analyses to more qualitative approaches. The special session will be chaired by Prof. Dr. Harry Garretsen (University of Groningen)

Please note the following important dates:

1. Deadline extended abstract or draft papers: **February 10th, 2017**. Submissions can be formed by an extended abstract (1500 words, including contribution, theoretical framework, empirical approach and / or first results) or a draft paper (5000 and 10,000 words).
2. Deadline full (draft) paper: **June 9th 2017**

Additional information:

Special Sessions have a minimum of 6 contributions. The extended abstracts or draft papers that are submitted before or at February 10th, 2017 will be reviewed. Notification of acceptance will be at March 31st 2017 latest.