

# 1st Transatlantic NECTAR Conference 2009

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## NECTAR Cluster 1: Thematic Session on “Networks and Infrastructure Investment”

### Call for Papers

The current global economic crisis has prompted much discussion and action on state-sponsored economic stimulus measures, including most notably investment in transport and communication infrastructure. Despite a growing consensus on the need for such an economic stimulus, vigorous debate continues to swirl concerning the efficacy and economic impacts of government investment in infrastructure. While some economists and policy researchers favor government investment in transport, communication, and other infrastructure, others express concerns over the wisdom of these expenditures, and whether they will generate significant economic returns on the large sums of capital invested.

This session welcomes papers that illustrate the important study of networks in the context of the current global economic crisis.

### Topics of special interest include:

- The economic impacts of investment in network development
- Prioritizing network development investments
- Funding and financing issues
- Network efficiency in transport and communication services
- Reliability of networks
- Environmental considerations
- Network management
- Case studies
- Policy making
- Public/Private partnerships

### The Scientific Committee:

- Piet Rietveld (VU University, Amsterdam)
- Bart Jourquin (FUCAM, Mons)
- Marina Van Geenhuizen (Delft University of Technology Delft)

- Andrew Goetz (University of Denver, USA)
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- Roger Stough (George Mason University, USA)

## **Abstract Deadline: 15 March, 2009.**

Abstracts of papers should be submitted electronically to [AbstractsNectar@feweb.vu.nl](mailto:AbstractsNectar@feweb.vu.nl) as well as to [Andrew Goetz](#) using the [abstract form](#).

## **Please, mention in the first Keyword**

Thematic Session on Networks and Infrastructure Investment

## **Conference Fee**

No conference fee will be charged to those who have been members of NECTAR for at least two years, including 2009. Details for NECTAR membership can be found at the NECTAR [website](#).

We would like to remind you that this is a special thematic session of the 1st Transatlantic NECTAR Conference 2009, so the common policy regarding accommodation prevails, that is, the primary author of the first 40 papers by NECTAR members of two years standing will enjoy free accommodation for the duration of the conference. Non-NECTAR members can participate at this Session, by paying the NECTAR membership fee plus an additional €50. This also gives them a two-year membership of NECTAR. Further information (accommodation, etc.) can be found at <http://nectar.gmu.edu/>

We look forward to your submissions.

Aura Reggiani (NECTAR Chair)  
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