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Education and Research at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences:
Economic Geography, Cultural Geography, Planning and Demography

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Country / the Netherlands

- ✓ 17 million residents (and 19.7 million bicycles)
- ✓ Bicycle used for 26% of all trips by all segments of the population
- ✓ Compact cities & towns = strong urban & regional planning



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City of Groningen

- ✓ City since 1040
- ✓ Cultural & economic capital of the North, two hours from Schiphol Airport
- ✓ University city:
 - 220.000 inhabitants, 60.000 students
 - 50% younger than 35
- ✓ Wide choice in student associations
- ✓ Lively and cosmopolitan
- ✓ **ERSA Congress 2017**




ERSA 37th Congress Groningen

Social Progress for Resilient Regions

29 august - 1 September 2017
Groningen
The Netherlands
groningen.ersa.org

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Groningen / University

- ✓ Founded in 1614
- ✓ Top 100 research university;
- ✓ Nobelprize 2016 Chemistry: Ben Feringa
- ✓ Student-oriented, 30.000 students
- ✓ International classroom: 5.000 student from abroad
- ✓ Recognize differences in talent and ambition
- ✓ Stimulate cross-border research and education




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University / 11 faculties (30.000 students)

- ✓ **Spatial Sciences**
- ✓ Economics and Business
- ✓ Behavioural and Social Sciences
- ✓ Arts
- ✓ Law
- ✓ Medical Sciences
- ✓ Philosophy
- ✓ Theology and Religious Studies
- ✓ Mathematical and Natural Sciences
- ✓ University College
- ✓ University of Groningen / Campus Fryslân

Faculty of Spatial Sciences

95 staff, 100+ PhDs 950 students

2 bachelors → Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning, Spatial Planning and Design

8 masters → 6 international

Making places better together!

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Faculty / International (100% English)

- ✓ 20% international staff, 65% international PhDs
- ✓ 2 International Bachelor programs
- ✓ 7 international Master programs
- ✓ 4 double degree programs in Bandung, Barcelona, Cologne, Oldenburg
- ✓ 80 international students a year
- ✓ 80 exchange students a year
- ✓ 4 short courses, 2 summer schools
- ✓ Relations with universities on all continents

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Faculty / Research

- ✓ Research program tWIST: *towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation*
- Economic Geography & Real Estate
- Cultural Geography
- Demography – Population studies
- Spatial Planning and Environment

URSIs overarching research theme: tWIST towards Wellbeing, Innovation & Spatial Transformation

overlapping TOPIC AREAS (dynamic)

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Connecting to the themes of the University of Groningen: healthy ageing, energy, and sustainable society

overlapping TOPIC AREAS (dynamic)

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Faculty / Centres

- > Groningen Research Centre for Southeast Asia and ASEAN
 - to further inter-disciplinary research on contemporary Southeast Asia and ASEAN
- > Population Research Centre
 - the consequences of population issues for wellbeing, against the background of the socio-cultural and spatial context
- > Real Estate Centre
 - focuses on the economic analysis of real estate, integrating economics and geography with knowledge on local institutions


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Faculty / **Education**

✓ **2 Bachelor programs**

- *Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning*
- *Spatial Planning and Design*






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Faculty / **Education 1 Year Master programs:**

- *Master Economic Geography*
- Track: *Regional Competitiveness and Trade*
- *Master Real Estate Studies (RICS accredited)*
- *Master Population Studies*
- *Master Cultural Geography*
- Track: *Tourism Geography and Planning*
- *Master Environmental & Infrastructure Planning*
- *Master Socio-Spatial Planning*


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Faculty / **Graduate School**

- ✓ Graduate School:
 - **Research master Spatial Sciences (2 year!)**
 - **PhD program (max 30 EC) embedded in tWIST**
- ✓ Academic skills:
 - Writing and presenting
 - Methodological, theoretical, analytical
- ✓ Admission criteria:
 - Master degree (Spatial / Social / Economic Sciences)
 - IELTS > 7.0 English proficiency
 - Research proposal / Funding
 - Website: <http://www.rug.nl/research/gradschool-spatial-sciences/>


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Department of Economic Geography

- ✓ **Master Economic Geography**
✓ Track: *Regional Competitiveness and Trade*
- ✓ **Master Real Estate Studies (RICS accredited)**
- ✓ Real Estate Research Center
- ✓ Topics: Regional labour markets, Entrepreneurship and regional development, Housing market sustainability, Commercial real estate investment




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Department of Spatial Planning

- ✓ **Master Environmental and Infrastructure Planning**
- ✓ **Master Socio-Spatial Planning**
- ✓ Groningen Research Center for SEA - ASEAN
- ✓ Topics: Sustainable energy landscapes, Flood risk management, Mobility and infrastructure, Delta and coastal zones, Metropolitan regions, Co-creation, Coalition building




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Department of Cultural Geography

- ✓ **Master Cultural Geography**
✓ Track: *Tourism Geography and Planning*
- ✓ Topics: Rural migration, Depopulation and quality of life, Social impact assessment & disaster studies, Wellbeing



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Department of Demography

- ✓ **Master Population Studies**
- ✓ Population Research Centre
- ✓ Topics: Healthy ageing, Child health, Migration, family issues and life course, Mortality forecasts; relation with smoking, nutrition



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Faculty / **Education** career

- ✓ Spatial Sciences Careers Company: training and advice
- ✓ CareerConNEXT: job opportunities and interns
- ✓ Yearly career day organised by Ibn Battuta and Pro Geo
- ✓ Company visits
- ✓ Meet-ups with alumni



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